

## Edited Easter Story Script:

“Today our story is from the Bible, (show the Bible) our book that tells the stories of God and God’s people... of Jesus, (show Jesus doll) God’s son...and of how much God loves us. (place hands over heart.)

When Jesus was alive he always tried to help people understand how much he loved them and wanted to help them. Lots of people had started to follow Jesus because they could sense there was something special about him. The way he spoke and what he spoke about captured everyone’s attention.... But there were others that did not understand Jesus and were afraid of the attention and the amount of people who were listening to him and following him. Today’s story begins with a celebration, it then has a very sad part but it has a very happy and exciting ending.

Our story begins when Jesus traveled to Jerusalem, the holy city for the Jewish people (remember Jesus was Jewish). It was the time of a great holiday for the Jewish people called Passover and Jesus and his disciples were on their way to celebrate. Many of the people who followed Jesus heard that he was on his way and began to gather just outside the city walls. They had cut down palm branches to wave to welcome Him. As he rode into the city on a donkey the people waved their palms and laid down their coats to honor him like they would a king. (hand out the #1 egg’s donkey coin) This was a happy time for those around Jesus but Jesus knew his time was short. Although there were many who loved him there were also many who were afraid of him and didn’t understand him.

On the holiday of Passover, Jesus led the Passover meal remembering the story of Moses and the people of God leaving Egypt. He told them that soon he would no longer be with them. Then he offered to his disciples the cup of wine and bread as a way

to remember him when they gathered. He told them that he would be with them when they shared this meal (hand out #3 egg's cup of wine).

After they finished their meal, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray (hand out #4 praying hands) and as he was leaving the soldiers arrested him. He was convicted of saying he was equal to God and sentenced to death. Jesus had to carry his cross to the hill where he was nailed to the cross (hand out #7 nails) and left to die. Jesus's friends took him down from the cross and wrapped his body in linen cloth (hand out #10 cloth). They placed his body in a cave and rolled a large rock in front of it to close it. (hand out #11 rock) His friends went home. They waited...

Pause

On the third day they went to the tomb and an amazing, wonderful, joyful thing had happened. When the women who had followed Jesus went back to the tomb the rock was rolled away and the tomb was empty. (hand out #12 empty tomb). God and Jesus had done the impossible. Jesus had risen from the dead!

Amen

Continue by explaining the activities