

The Easter Story

Dominika; Oh I'm so excited, I'm so excited!

Jack b; What on earth for?

Dominika; Well do you know what day it is in just ---- days time?

Jack B; Erm.....

Dominika; It's Easter!

Olivia; Aw yes, my favourite time of the year!

Dominika; Me too, I'm going to get the biggest egg in Hull!

Olivia; I always get a mountain of chocolate at Easter time! Even taller than you _____!

Jack B; Mmm, I can almost smell those hot cross buns

Dominika; Delicious!

Olivia; We always have an Easter egg hunt at our house. It's great fun!

Jack B; I hope I win the Easter quiz this year. More chocolate for me to gobble up!

Dominika; My brother Oskar got a visit from the Easter bunny last year. We got our pictures taken with it and everything.

Olivia; Aw bunnies, that reminds me, I got bought a new bunny last year as an easter present.

Jarrad; Excuse me guys,

Jack B; Oh Hi Jarrad

Jarrad; I couldn't help but overhear you. That's not what easter is all about!

Dominika; Yes it is, we have the same things at this time every year!

Jarrad; Yeah, these are the things we associate with Easter, but what about the true meaning of Easter... The Easter story?

Olivia; Ooh, ooh, I love stories. Can you tell it to us?

Jarrad; Well it's a story about Jesus, you must have heard of him.

Journey to Jerusalem

Luca D; There was once a man named Jesus. Jesus and his disciples were walking to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

Freya R; When they were nearly there, Jesus sent two of his friends for a donkey.

Ava; Right my friends. Can you go and fetch me a donkey please.

Freya R; He told them to tell the owner that he needed it.

Ava A; Tell the owner who I am and tell him that I need to ride into Jerusalem on it.

Ralph; The disciples did as they were asked and brought the donkey to Jesus.

Ava A; Ah, thank you, on with our journey.

James K; As he rode into Jerusalem, people saw Jesus coming and covered the path with their garments and palm leaves. They shouted 'Hosanna' and 'Jesus is the King.'

Villagers X3 Millie Keeley Adrita,. 'Hosanna', 'Jesus is the King.'

Judas Betrays Jesus

Miya; Most people were very happy, but this did not include some of the priests who were jealous of Jesus.

Adrian H; They did not like it that ordinary people liked him so much.

Louis; Look at that man swanning in here on his donkey. What's so special about him anyway?

Adrian H; They wanted an excuse to arrest Jesus and kill him.

Betsy; Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples went to them in secret and told them he would betray him.

Tilly J; The priests and elders gave Judas thirty pieces of silver. From then on he waited for his chance to get Jesus into trouble.

Prateek; Hi Judas, I hear that we can do business together?

Louis ; I'm sure we can come to some sort of an arrangement.

Prateek; Here, here's 30 pieces of silver. I want Jesus gone. Make sure he is arrested and killed for doing something?

Louis: What exactly?

Prateek; I don't know what, make something up but just get it done!

The Last Supper

Travis; Jesus sat down to a meal with his twelve friends. He looked very sad.

Imogen; His friends asked him 'What is the matter?'

Luca A; What's the matter mate?

Harrison; He told them he would have to go away the next day to be with his Father in heaven.

Ava A; I will be leaving you tomorrow my friends. I will soon be with my father in heaven!

Macey; Oh no, that's dreadful!

Kristian; Why? We don't want you to go!

Harrison; Jesus' friends were sad then too.

Alfie F; The disciples said they would not let anything happen to him.

Luca A; Don't worry my friend. We won't let you down or let anything happen to you. Friends look after each other!

Joe; Jesus told them that one of them had already taken money to betray him.

Ava A; Oh but one of you already has let me down! One of you is plotting against me! You know who you are. You know that you have taken money!

Ben; They all looked at each other.

Manal; Judas stood up and walked out.

The Last Supper

Adrian H; Jesus told his friends about the people in Jerusalem who did not like him and that the next day he would be arrested and nailed to a cross.

Keeley; So that they would remember him Jesus broke some bread and said

Ava A; 'This is my body. Take it and eat it and remember me.'

Keeley; Then he took a cup of wine and told them;

Ava ; This is my blood. Have it running through you. Drink it and remember me

Praying at Gethsemane

Freya R; Jesus and his friends walked to the garden of Gethsemane.

Betsy; Jesus was very sad and asked Peter, James and John to watch over him while he prayed.

(Jesus with 3 disciples Luca, Macey, Kristian)

Ava A; Keep a look out for danger boys!

Luca A; But as he prayed, we fell asleep because we were very tired.

Travis; Just then, Judas arrived with many men who carried swords. They had been sent by the priests to arrest Jesus.

Betrayed with a Kiss

Louis- Ah Jesus my very good friend, my special friend whom I love so dearly!

Hollie; Judas went up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek.

Miya; This was the deceitful Judas' way of picking out Jesus to the soldiers.

Ralph; Straight away two of the guards seized Jesus. Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of these men.

Aadrita; Jesus told him he should not have done that. He touched the man and his ear was healed.

Lucas; The disciples were afraid and ran for their lives.

Peter's Denial

Millia; Earlier Jesus had predicted that his disciples would betray him.

Ava A; I'm worried Peter. All of my friends are letting me down!

Oliver; Peter said this was not possible. Jesus explained

Ava A; 'Before the cock crows at dawn you will have disowned me three times.'

Luca A; (disciple) 'Never'.

Bella; Jesus, now under arrest, was being questioned by the Jewish council.

Dylan ; So, Jesus, you have been doing all of these things wrong. Haven't you, haven't you?

Ava; I have done no wrong. I am a good man.

Dylan; Rubbish, we will see.

Luca D; As Peter watched from a distance, people asked if he was a friend of Jesus. Three times he denied knowing him.

Luca A; I'm sorry, Jesus you say?

Luca A; Can't say I've ever heard of him!

Luca A; He's no friend of mine, nothing to do with me!

Zack; Suddenly the cock crowed and he cried as he recalled Jesus' words.

The Trial of Jesus

Lucia; The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be guilty.

Macey; They found it difficult to find anything that he had done wrong, even though they paid people to lie about him.

Charlie E; Eventually, they asked him if he was the Son of God.

Tye; Jesus replied

Ava A ; 'I am.'

Tye; This was enough. They said this was an insult to God.

Imogen; Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor.

Pilate Washes his Hands

James k; The chief priests, who wanted Jesus to die, persuaded the people to set free a murderer called Barabbas.

Kristian; Pilate asked what he should do with Jesus, known as the 'King of the Jews'.

Alfie F, Lucas X2 crucifiers; 'Crucify him!' 'Crucify him!'

Hollie; Pilate asked 'Why? What has he done?'

Manal :The people continued to shout.

Alfie F, Lucas: X2 crucifiers; 'Crucify him!' 'Crucify him!'

Betsy; Pilate called for a bowl of water and let everyone see him washing his hands of sending an innocent man to his death.

Oliver; He ordered that Barabbas be freed instead.

The Crown of Thorns

Tilly J; The soldiers took Jesus away, removed his clothes and dressed him in a purple robe.

Bella; On his head they placed a crown of thorns.

Aadrita; Mocking him they knelt down before him and said 'Hail, King of the Jews'.

Joe; As the blood ran down his forehead they made fun of him.

(Guards mocking)

Luca D; Jesus never said a word. Then they took him away and laid a heavy wooden cross on his back.

Carrying the Cross

Macey; Jesus was made to carry the cross out of the city gates and up a nearby hill.

Travis :Guard 1; Come on, carry it you liar!

Ralph – Guard 2: Hurry Up!

Manal; On the way some of the crowd cheered, others wept.

Millia; On top of the hill Jesus was put on the cross and nails were put through his hands and feet.

Miya; The cross was raised up. Two robbers were also put on crosses, one on either side of Jesus.

(X2 robber actors needed)

Tilly J; One of the robbers was feeling very afraid. Jesus spoke to him and comforted him.

Imogen :Robber 1; I'm scared.

James k Robber 2; What is going to happen to us?

Ava A; Don't worry my friends, everything will be alright.

Jesus is Crucified

Miya; Jesus' mother watched him on the cross.

Keeley; Oh, my son

Dominika; He called to one of his friends to look after her now.

Ava AJesus; Take care of my old ma for me please.

Olivia; Many people in the crowd were cruel. They said

Luca D + Zack (Cruel crowd X2) 'You saved other people, why don't you save yourself now?'

Jarrad; At noon darkness fell on the land. It lasted a few hours. Jesus cried out aloud,

Ava A Jesus; 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

Harrison; In the sadness and the dark, Jesus died.

Taken off the Cross

Joe; At the moment Jesus died, the earth shook.

Jack B; One of the soldiers who had been keeping guard said

Travis Guard 1; 'This man was the Son of God.'

Hollie ; Many people began to feel afraid.

Kristian; Some of the friends of Jesus and his mother waited for permission from Pontius Pilate to take Jesus down from the cross.

Prateek; They laid the body in a tomb cut in the rock. The tomb was sealed with a large stone.

Risen from the Dead

Dominika; Two days later a friend of Jesus known as Mary Magdalen went to the tomb. She was astonished to find that the huge stone had been moved and the body had gone.

(Mary actor)

Dylan; She ran to tell Peter and John who only found burial sheets in the tomb.

James k; Mary, weeping, was approached by a man she did not know, who asked her why she was crying.

Ava A - Unknown Man; My are you so upset my dear woman?

Freya R - Mary; He's gone, they have taken my Lord away.

Lucia; The man was Jesus risen from the dead.

Jesus is Alive

Aadrita; Believing him to be the gardener, Mary asked if he knew where Jesus body had been taken. Jesus said

Ava A Jesus; 'Mary, it's only me'. I'm back!

Aadrita; Mary was full of joy. Jesus told her to tell his friends that she had seen him and that he would soon be with his father in Heaven.

Adrian H; Mary ran back to tell all their friends the news. At first not everyone believed her.

The Disciples See Jesus

Betsy; Jesus appeared to the disciples several times. Once, when they had been fishing on the Sea of Galilee, he called to them from the shore.

Alfie F; He asked them if they had caught many fish. They replied

Luca A - Disciple 1; 'Nothing.'

Olivia; Jesus told them to drop their nets on the right side of the boat.

Jack B; They did this and when they pulled in their nets, they were full of fish. It was a miracle!

Jarrad; It was only then that they realised that the man was Jesus. They came ashore and had a meal of fish with him.

The Ascension

Prateek; Later Jesus spoke to all of the disciples telling them that once he had left them they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

Oliver; He wanted them to spread the word of God throughout the world.

Dylan; Jesus was then taken up into heaven. Two angels appeared and told his friends not to be sad because one day Jesus would return.

Dominika - Fact person 1; The word Easter actually comes from the phrase 'Feast of Christ' celebrating the time in Jesus' life from the feast of the last supper through to his resurrection.

Ben - Fact person 2; It is thought that the original few days known as Feaster Days became just one known as Easter Day.

Luca D - Fact person 3; It is believed the Easter Egg originated when eggs were brightly coloured to represent the first sunlight of spring.

Louis - Fact person 4; The Easter Bunny was invented by Walter Curtis who bred rabbits in Lavenham, Suffolk. A devout Christian, Walter always gave away the first batch of rabbits he bred each year at Easter time.

Kristian - Fact person 5; The Easter Bunny first appeared in the 1500s made of pastry and sugar.

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1.

Tilly J – Poet 1; In Jerusalem city at Passover time

Tilly J – Poet 1; Some men were plotting a hideous crime.

Keeley – Poet 2; They didn't need motives and reasons why,

Keeley – Poet 2; They were jealous; they decided that Jesus must die.

Dominika – Poet 3; 'We must wait,' said a soldier. 'We won't kill him yet.

Dominika – Poet 3; His friends might become just a little upset.'

2.

James K – Poet 4; Now, nasty Judas – a friend he was *not*,

James K – Poet 4; Decided to help with the murderous plot.

Prateek – Poet 5 He said to the soldier, 'Tell me what will you do

Prateek – Poet 5 If I point out Jesus of Nazareth to you?'

Alfie F – Poet 6; Then Judas's eyes went all glittery with greed.

Alfie F – Poet 6; 'Well,' whispered the soldier, 'we'd be grateful indeed.

Ralph – Poet 7 – ; Thirty pieces of silver are heading your way.

Ralph – Poet 7 – ; Have we got a deal? Now what do you say?'

Joe – Poet 8; That evening the disciples were going to meet

Joe – Poet 8; For they would be joining with Jesus, to eat.

Millie – Poet 9; Jesus prayed, then broke and blessed the bread.

Millie – Poet 9; He handed it out, then solemnly said,

Ava A – Jesus; 'When you eat and drink this, remember me.

Ava A – Jesus; For certain things are meant to be.

Ava A – Jesus; We've taught together and healed and prayed,

Ava A – Jesus; But soon I am certain to be betrayed.'

Olivia – Poet 10; ‘Oh no!’ cried one. ‘That couldn’t possibly be.’
Olivia – Poet 10; ‘I agree,’ said another, ‘so don’t look at me!’

Ben – Poet 11; Then, later on, at the end of the day,
Ben – Poet 11; They went to a peaceful garden to pray.

Manal – Poet 12; But who should appear to banish the calm,
Manal – Poet 12; But Judas and armed men who meant Jesus harm.

Prateek – Poet 13; ‘Look,’ whispered Judas, ‘and take note of this,
Prateek – Poet 13; For the man that you want I shall greet with a kiss.’

Bella – Poet 14; Jesus was kind, he didn’t try to fight,
Bella – Poet 14; So they carried him off like a thief in the night.

Betsy – Poet 15; Then they asked him questions and brought out their spies
Betsy – Poet 15; To make accusations and tell terrible lies.

Freya R – Poet 16; Herod said, do you have anything to say.
Freya – Poet 16; Jesus just smiled so they locked him away.

Imogen – Poet 17; Jesus was tortured – he was nearly dead,
Imogen – Poet 17; But they still put a crown of thorns on his head.

Travis – Poet 18; Having caused such pain, were they satisfied?
Travis – Poet 18; No, they took him away to be crucified.

Harrison – Poet 19; Jesus didn’t have much – some clothes, not a lot,
Harrison – Poet 19; But the soldiers drew lots to see who would get what.
Adrian – Poet 20; And the people mocked him and gave out the news,
Adrian – Poet 20; ‘Here he is, everybody – this King of the Jews.’

Jarrad – Poet 21; Next to Jesus a criminal hung either side.
Jarrad – Poet 21 ‘Get down, why don’t you?’ one of them cried.

Luca D – Poet 22;But the other was sad to see Jesus there
Luca D – Poet 22;And Jesus could feel his utter despair.

Louis – Poet 23When he said, 'We are guilty! We're paying the price.'
Louis – Poet 23;Jesus said, 'Today you'll be with me in paradise.'

Charlie E – Poet 24What a horrible death to be crucified,
Charlie E – Poet 24But at last came the hour when poor Jesus died.

Macey – Poet 25;When he did die, the temple veil tore clean in two.
Macey – Poet 25;He said, 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they do.'

Jack B – Poet 26;It went dark, the earth shook and when it was done,
Jack B – Poet 26;One soldier cried out, 'Truly this was God's Son.'

Tye – Poet 27;Later, a man came to where Jesus lay
Tye – Poet 27;And wrapped him in linen and took him away.

Aadrita – Poet 28;When Mary Magdalene visited after two days
Aadrita – Poet 28;She found the guard gone and the stone rolled away!

Dylan – Poet 29;Then she saw another astonishing sight:
Dylan – Poet 29;A stranger – a young man who was dressed all in white.

Ava A – Poet 30;'Mary,' he said, 'Praise to God now be given,
Ava A – Poet 30;For Love's conquered Death. The Master has risen.'

15.

Miya – Poet 31;The disciples met with him. This time he said,
Miya – Poet 31;'My destiny was to return from the dead.

Kristian – Poet 32;As yours is to go bravely into the world,
Kristian – Poet 32;To teach people forgiveness and pass on God's word.'

Lucia : We hope that everyone has a fantastic Easter

Charlie E: Enjoy the fun and games

Zack: And enjoy the chocolate, but...

Dominika:Narrator 51;Whilst you're receiving all of your delicious treats this Easter, do have a great time but please think about the true meaning of Easter.