

Puppet Lesson: Story of Easter Narration with Puppets

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a Donkey, (**Donkey and Jesus, Person with palm leaf**) everyone cheered and shouted “Hosanna to the King.” Jesus’ disciples may have thought that they were going to be leaders in Jesus’ new Kingdom. (**Disciple 1 -look proud, Disciple 2 -cheer and bow**) They had been told for a long time that the Messiah was coming to set people free. Since Israel was captured by the Romans, the Israelites that lived now, thought Jesus would set them free from the Romans. The Roman soldiers would tell them what to do and the Roman Leaders would make the Israelites give them lots of money (**Disciple 1- grab dollars, Disciple 2 -grab dollars**), and if you couldn’t pay, they would make your children slaves. The Romans were mean and God’s people all wanted to be set free from them, but Jesus wanted to set them free from something bigger.

(**Priest-coins in bag, Judas**) When Judas Iscariot saw that Jesus wasn’t fighting the Romans, he decided to betray Jesus. Judas went to the High Priest to give him information about Jesus for money. Judas was given 30 pieces of silver to take the Priest’s guards to Jesus. The High Priest and his friends didn’t like Jesus because the people were starting to like Jesus more than them. They were jealous! Proverbs 13:40 says, “A peaceful heart gives life to the body. But jealousy rots the bones.” Does that sound good? --no. While Judas was looking for a good time to betray Jesus, Jesus was preparing to set His people free. He wanted to set them free from an enemy they couldn’t see. He was going to release them from the Devil. The Bible says that we all have sinned and the penalty is to die apart from God. Jesus wants us to be close to God.

(**Disciple 1 -lamb, Dirty sandals walking under Disciple**) It was the time of the year that the Israelites remembered being set free from slavery in Egypt. This is called Passover. Jesus had the disciples prepare a Passover meal so that He could share the meal with His friends. When Jesus’ friends came to the meal their feet were all dirty, so Jesus got on His knees and cleaned each of His friend’s feet. What a dirty job! But Jesus wanted them to see that no one is too important to serve others. He even washed Judas’ feet. (**Disciple-put up foot?, Dirty sandals Throw down sandals and Get Jesus with a towel**)

As they were eating the Passover meal, Jesus did something different. (**Disciple eats, Jesus, bread**) He took the bread and when He broke it, He said, “This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me.” (1Corinthians 11:24). (**Disciple 1 drinks, Jesus, glass cup of wine**) Then He took the last cup of wine and said to His friends, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me.”(1Corinthians 11:25)

(**Disciple 1 walking/praying/sleeping, Jesus walking/praying**) After dinner, Jesus and His friends went to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was very sad because all the sins of the world were being given to Jesus. (**Soldier take Jesus, Jesus walking/beaten**) While Jesus was at Gethsemane, Judas brought the Priest’s guards to arrest Jesus. Jesus was whipped with leather straps. The guards

put an ouchie crown of thorns on his head to make fun of Him. And then, the Romans nailed him to a cross between two criminals. **(Soldier give cross, Jesus carry cross)** The guards even rolled dice for His clothes. Jesus friends were scare and sad. It all happened so fast.

(Soldier watch/make fun/scared, Jesus hold on cross) When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished," and there was an earth quake and the curtain between the Holy place and the Most Holy place tore from top to bottom. Even the guards around Jesus said, "He was surely the Son of God!" After He was dead the guards took Him down and jabbed a speared in His side to be sure He was dead. **(Disciple 1 hold TP and wrap, Jesus wrapped in TP)** Jesus friends wrapped His body in cloth and laid Him in a tomb. **(Disciple 1 put in shoebox tomb, Jesus wrapped in tomb)**

(hold tomb, Put a rock on top of the shoebox)

And the guards rolled a heavy rock over the tomb and watched over it. His friends were sad and they had to wait until the sabbath was over to go back to the tomb.

Sunday morning another earth quake shook the ground and an Angel came and rolled the stone back. Jesus wasn't there. Jesus was Alive! And all who believe and follow Him are set free from sin. **(Angel take off rock, Jesus un-wrapped and happy)**

Puppets and Props:

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| 1. Donkey | 1. Person (Palm leaf) |
| 2. Disciple 1 | 2. Disciple 2 (1 dollars) |
| 3. Priest (coins in bag) | 3. Judas |
| 4. Disciple 1 (with lamb) | 4. Dirty Sandals (walking under disciple) |
| 5. Disciple 1 (put up foot?) | 5. Throw sandals--get Jesus (with towel) |
| 6. Disciple 1 (eats) | 6. Jesus (bread) |
| 7. Disciple 1 (drinks) | 7. Jesus (wine in glass cup) |
| 8. Disciple 1 (walk/ pray/ sleep) | 8. Jesus (walk/pray) |
| 9. Soldier (take Jesus/ beat Him) | 9. Jesus walk/beaten |
| 10. Soldier (give cross) | 10. Jesus carry cross |
| 11. Soldier (watch/make fun/scared) | 11. Jesus hold on cross |
| 12. Disciple 1 (wrap Jesus in TP put in shoebox tomb) | 12. Jesus (wrapped in TP put in shoebox tomb) |
| 13. Hold shoebox | 13. Put a rock on top of shoebox |
| 14. Angel take away rock | 14. Jesus unwrapped and happy |

List and Props

Puppet Materials:

Puppets:

A person
Donkey
2 Disciples
Jesus
Judas
Soldier
Angel

Props:

Palm branch
Dollar Bills
coins in bag
small lamb
foot sandals
small towel
bread
wine in glass cup
small cross
TP
shoe box tomb with hole on bottom
Rock

