



“Got Easter? CHOKLAT-E Breaks It Down”

A Puppet Show for Thinker’s Theater in One Act

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Characters

PAX: A boy of the Modern Age
QUINTUS: A boy of the Modern Age
CHOKLAT-E aka EB*: A brown velveteen rabbit
MARY MAGDALENE: A woman from Biblical times
JOANNA: A woman from Biblical times
AN ANGEL: An angel puppet

*He is wearing sunglasses and a straw hat

Scene 1

PAX: Hey Quintus, how’s it goin’?

QUINTUS: Pretty good, how about you?

PAX: Great! Hey, I was wondering if you’d like to come to the Easter Egg Hunt at our church.

QUINTUS: I guess so, I don’t really know too much about Easter- my family does Easter baskets and candy, but that’s about it.

CHOKLAT-E enters

CHOKLAT-E: Hello there! Did I just hear someone speaking about Easter?

**PAX
& QUINTUS:** Who are you?

CHOKLAT-E: Gentlemen, let me introduce myself. I am Choklat-E, one of the original hip hoppers. You can call me EB if you want. I should tell you right off that I am an *UNOFFICIAL* Easter representative. There is actually nothing in the Bible about bunnies, baskets or bonnets- they are merely charming customs. The **REAL** story of Easter is far more important: It all started with the birth of Jesus. God sent his only Son to earth to save the people of the world from sin. Jesus became a man and spoke about his mission. That got some folks VER-RY upset.

CHOKLAT-E and the 2 boys disappear or move to the side of the puppet stage

MARY MAGDALENE and JOANNA appear



MARY

MAGDALENE: Oh Joanna, Friday was the most terrible day of my entire life. To watch as Jesus was suffering and then die- I just never thought that would really happen, even though He told us it would.

JOANNA: Yes, it was horrible. What can we do now?

MARY M: We should remember all of the things He taught us and try to live as He would want us to.

JOANNA: You mean to love God and love each other like He loved us?

MARY M: Yes.

As they are walking, an empty tomb with a large rock rolled to the side appears

An ANGEL is standing by the tomb.

MARY M: Please sir, we are looking for the body of Jesus of Nazareth. We want to put precious oils on His body.

ANGEL: He is not here.

JOANNA: Where is He?

ANGEL: He is RISEN!

MARY M: But He was DEAD! How could that be, that He is alive?

ANGEL: He is the Son of God, as He told you. God can do ANYTHING!

MARY M: This is hard to believe, but I DO believe it.

JOANNA: What should we do now?

ANGEL: Go and tell Peter and the others that Jesus is not dead. He is risen!

**MARY M
& JOANNA:** We will! Let's go!

MARY M, JOANNA and ANGEL leave

CHOKLAT-E and the 2 boys reappear

CHOKLAT-E: Well gentlemen, that is the story of Easter in an eggshell, so to speak.



QUINTUS: It's a pretty amazing story.

PAX: You can hear even more at church tomorrow. You want to come?

QUINTUS: Yes, and I'm going to ask my Mom and Dad to come too.

CHOKLAT-E: A pleasure to meet you both. Just remember, bunnies, baskets and bonnets are fun, but the REAL Easter story is about how Jesus conquered death so that all people who believe in Him can have Eternal Life.

PAX: Thanks, EB. You're pretty cool.

QUINTUS: See you on Sunday!

THE END

Discussion Questions

1. Choklat-E is a character who symbolizes the Easter Bunny. In this show, he wants to make sure everyone remembers the real Easter story. What are some other Easter traditions that help you remember the Easter story and Jesus' death and resurrection?
2. Have you ever asked a friend to come to church with you? What are some ways to ask your friends to join you for Sunday School and worship?
3. Mary M and Joanna were frightened when they saw the empty tomb, yet they were given the strength to believe in what the Angel said by relying on their faith. Read Luke 24:1-9 and listen to how Mary and Joanna are reminded of Jesus' promise to them and to all of us and how their faith gives them the courage to go and tell the other disciples that Jesus has risen.

Director's Notes

1. Many puppets can be found on eBay including the Learning Resource puppets and the angel puppet is available by Folkmanis.
2. Ministry puppets can be adapted for this script. Be creative, a variety of puppet styles can work very well.