

Easter Play for Tone Chimes and Students

Easter Season 1
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Students playing the characters may be of varying ages. A play written with tone chime musical interludes.

Characters

Shepherd 1 - _____

Shepherd 2 - _____

Shepherd 3 - _____

Mary - _____

Martha - _____

Mary Magdalene - _____

Peter - _____

Andrew - _____

Lazarus - _____

Man let down through a roof - _____

Boy who shared his lunch with Jesus - _____

Scene 1

Shepherd 1 (_____) - Excuse me, you are the mother of Jesus, aren't you?

Mary (_____) - Yes. Why do you ask?

Shepherd 2 (_____) - We visited you many years ago. It was the night Jesus was born. The angels came and sang to us while we were watching our sheep.

Mary (_____) - Oh, yes. I remember. Why are you in Jerusalem now?

Shepherd 2 (_____) - We have brought our lambs to sell in the market place for the Passover. We make a lot of money during Passover week.

Mary (_____) - Many things have happened since then. We have celebrated many Passovers together since the night the angels sang.



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Shepherd 1 (_____) - The Passover weekends are always special events. So many people are in Jerusalem!

Shepherd 3 (_____) It reminds me of when Jesus was born and everyone had to go to their birth city to be registered. It's hard to believe that was 33 years ago.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - We have heard many stories over the years of what Jesus has done--how He has healed people--raised people from the dead--fed thousands and thousands of people--and even had dinner with sinners.

Shepherd 3 (_____) - We thought for sure last weekend that Jesus would show Himself to be the Messiah when He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. We have wondered all week what would happen next.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Do you think it will be soon?

Mary (_____) - He has shown love to everyone He has met, but the Pharisees don't like Him very much.

Shepherd 1 (_____) - What do you think is next?

Mary (_____) - I don't know, but I do know that I want to be with Jesus and to make sure that He knows that I love Him.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - We must be on our way to the market place. May God be with you, Mary.

Tone Chimes "More About Jesus"

Scene 2

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Martha, Jesus is coming to town again. I can't wait to see Him.

Martha (_____) - He is going to have dinner at Simon's house tonight. Oh, there is so much I need to do to get everything ready.

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Why Simon's house?

Martha (_____) - I heard that Simon is going to give Him a feast to thank Him for healing his leprosy. I am going to help serve the dinner. Do you want to come?



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Mary Magdalene (_____) - I love Jesus so much! I love to hear Him talk. It seems as if He speaks right to my heart.

Martha (_____) - So, do you want to come?

Mary Magdalene (_____) - He has cast demons from me so many times--7 times, to be exact. You would think He would get tired of me, but I always see love in His eyes. I can feel His love for all of us. Martha, do you feel it, too?

Martha (_____) - I have been too busy to listen to what He has said. It does seem, though, as I look back, that He has always talked so lovingly about His Father! He must want us to know His Father, too. Yes, Mary, I feel His love for us. After all, He raised Lazarus from the dead. Why would He do that if He didn't love us?

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Maybe tonight's the night--I will take the alabaster box with me.

Martha (_____) - Did you say something?

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Oh, nothing, nothing. I was just thinking out loud.

Tone Chimes - "I Will Early Seek the Savior"

Scene 3

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Hi

Little Boy (_____) - Hi

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Have you heard of a man named Jesus?

Little Boy (_____) - Yes, I shared my lunch with Jesus, and He shared it with 5,000 men and their families!

Shepherd 1 (_____) - That's a lot of people! Are you sure He used just your lunch?

Little Boy (_____) - Yes, I'm sure. I watched it all happen. It was amazing!

Shepherd 3 (_____) - Please tell us how it happened.



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Little Boy (_____) - We had been listening to Jesus all day, and we were all hungry.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Didn't people bring their own food to eat?

Little Boy (_____) - All I know is that a man named Andrew came and asked me if I would share my lunch with Jesus, and of course I said, "Yes."

Shepherd 1 (_____) - How did your small lunch feed 5,000 men and their families?

Little Boy (_____) - Jesus took my basket, said a prayer, and then kept bringing out more bread and fish than my Mom had put in it.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Sounds like a miracle to me.

Little Boy (_____) - I know I will always remember Jesus and know that He loves me.

Tone Chimes "Jesus Loves Me"

Scene 4

Shepherd 1 (_____) - Have you ever heard of Jesus?

Man let down through the roof (_____) - Yes, He changed my life.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - How did He do that?

Man (_____) - I had been paralyzed for a very long time. I had heard stories about how Jesus had healed people and forgiven their sins.

Shepherd 3 (_____) - He forgives sin?

Man (_____) - Yes, and so much more. I knew I had to see Jesus. So I asked some friends to take me to the house where Jesus was visiting.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Were you invited?

Man (_____) - No, but I had heard so much I knew I had to see Jesus.

Shepherd 1 (_____) - If you were paralyzed, how did you get there?



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Man (_____) - My friends carried me. When we got to the house, there were so many people there we could not get in the door.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Did you leave and go home?

Man (_____) - No, my friends went up on the rooftop and took out enough parts of the roof to let me down through the roof.

Shepherd 3 (_____) - They took apart the roof of someone else's house just so you could see Jesus?

Man (_____) - Yes, and Jesus wasn't even upset about it. He forgave my sins and told me to get up, pick up my bed, and go home. It was totally amazing! I will always trust Jesus with my life.

"Man let down through the roof" leaves.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - Another person whose life was changed by Jesus. I am beginning to see why people follow Him around and want to be with Him.

Lazarus enters.

Shepherd 3 (_____) - Have you ever heard of Jesus?

Lazarus (_____) - Yes, He raised me from the dead.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - You were dead?

Shepherd 1 (_____) - I thought dead people stayed dead.

Lazarus (_____) - Well, I thought so, too. I was very sick. My sisters had been taking care of me. One day I went to sleep, and the next thing I knew I was standing in the dark all wrapped up in cloths. I had heard Jesus call my name, and I woke up.

Shepherd 2 (_____) - This is not the first story we have heard about Jesus raising people from the dead. Did you know Jesus before you died?

Lazarus (_____) - Yes, He often came to visit our home whenever He was traveling through Bethany. My sisters and I loved to have Him visit us and stay with us. He was a very special friend.



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Shepherd 3 (_____) - Was He a Friend who could be trusted?

Lazarus (_____) - I trust Jesus with all of my heart, and I always will.

Tone Chimes - "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Scene 5

Mary Magdalene (_____) to Martha (_____) - Can you believe He's dead? It is hard to believe that He let them hurt Him so much! It was so hard to watch! I can still hardly believe it.

Martha - (_____) - He said it would happen. He tried to tell us. Maybe we were just too busy to really listen to Him. He tried to prepare us for yesterday--it was still so hard.

Mary Magdalene (_____) - What now? Do you think we will be able to go and anoint His body?

Martha (_____) - I plan to go first thing tomorrow morning. I have all of the spices I need, and everything is ready.

Mary Magdalene (_____) - I heard that Roman soldiers are guarding the tomb. How will we ever be able to get to Him?

Martha (_____) - I don't have all of the answers yet. I just know that we need to take care of Him. It is our privilege and our duty. I trusted Him. He was such a good friend! It was so nice to know that whenever He was in town, He would stop by and visit us. I will miss that so much!

Mary Magdalene (_____) - I will never forget the day He called Lazarus from the grave! What a day that was! He turned a horrible day into a day that I will never forget. Friends are like that.

Martha (_____) - No matter what He had to do, He seemed to have time for us. He shared our grief--remember when He cried just before He raised Lazarus from the dead?

Mary Magdalene (_____) - He forgave me so many times! The people were ready to stone me, and He just had love in His eyes. He was such a friend! I will never forget Him or stop loving Him.

Tone Chimes - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



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Scene 6

Peter (_____) - I can't believe it. What have I done? I promised Jesus I would stay with Him, no matter what. I promised Him that I would always be true to Him. Now just look--

Andrew (_____) - Peter, what happened?

Peter (_____) - First I went to sleep when I told Him I would pray for Him. Three times I went to sleep! Then when the crowd came to arrest Him, I cut off the High Priest's servant's ear. Then I just ran away. I was so scared--

Andrew (_____) - We all went to sleep, and we all ran away; but Peter, I know He still loves us.

Peter (_____) - How can He? (Pause) I just had to see Him again. I had to see what they were doing. I sure didn't want to be recognized, though. What a fool I was again! Three times denying I knew Him. Why couldn't I just admit He was my friend? They were so cruel to Him!

Andrew (_____) - It was awful to watch, but He seemed to have peace through it all. Do you remember the time we were in a storm on the sea?

Peter (_____) - I remember. We had never been in such a storm. We could not believe that He was sleeping through the storm. We knew He was tired, but this was a **real** storm.

Andrew (_____) - I will never forget when He stood up in the boat and told the winds and the waves to be still and they obeyed Him. I think that was when I began to get the picture.

Peter (_____) - But how can He still love me after I said that I didn't even know Him?

Andrew (_____) - Remember when you wanted to walk on the water and He invited you to join Him?

Peter (_____) - I remember how arrogant I was that I was walking on the water. I wanted to make sure the rest of you in the boat were watching me.

Andrew (_____) - Remember what happened next?



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Peter (_____) – I remember how He reached down and pulled me out of the waves with a look of love in His eyes--just like the look I saw yesterday! Maybe—yes—yes! He came to give us peace! I do feel His peace.

Andrew (_____) – Peace. Yes, that is what He showed us. His peace fills our hearts and will carry us through this day.

Tone Chimes “It is Well with My Soul”

Scene 7

Shepherd 1 (_____) – What a week this has been! All the stories that we have heard about Jesus are true. We met so many people that were healed.

Shepherd 2 (_____) – We saw Lazarus. It is hard to believe that he was really dead for 4 days. We talked to the widow of Nain. She is so happy to have her son alive again, and Jairus could not stop talking about how Jesus raised his daughter from the dead.

Shepherd 3 (_____) – Don’t forget the little boy who shared his lunch with Jesus, and the man whose friends took apart the roof to get him to Jesus. Everywhere Jesus has been, people’s lives have been changed.

Shepherd 1 (_____) – We also made money from selling our sheep. The only people who were not very happy that Jesus was here are the priests. I wonder why their lives weren’t changed?

Shepherd 2 (_____) – We also watched Jesus die. Yesterday was the longest day of my life. I will never forget the awful way in which Jesus was killed.

Shepherd 3 (_____) – I heard that when the High Priest was sacrificing the Passover lamb yesterday, the curtain between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place was torn from the top to the bottom.

Shepherd 2 (_____) – They said it happened right when Jesus died! I wonder . . .

Tone Chimes “Worthy, Worthy is the Lamb”

Scene 8

Mary Magdalene (_____) – He’s alive! I saw Him. He talked to me. Jesus is alive!



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Peter (_____) - Where?

Mary Magdalene (_____) - In the garden where the tomb is!

Peter (Jesus) - I didn't see Him. I was at the tomb earlier, and the only thing I saw was an empty tomb and the burial cloths. Jesus wasn't there.

Mary Magdalene (_____) - After you left, I was crying, and then a man was right beside me. I thought it was the gardener. He asked me why I was crying. I asked him where he had taken the body--and then He said my name. I knew immediately it was Jesus!

Peter (_____) - Are you sure?

Mary Magdalene (_____) Yes, I'm sure. He's alive! Peter, He told me to tell you that He is on the way to Galilee and that we will see Him there. Let's go.

Mary Magdalene (_____) and Peter (_____) turn to leave and meet Andrew (_____,) Jonathan (_____,) and the Man let down through the roof (_____).

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Have you heard? Jesus is alive!

Man (_____) - I knew He could be trusted.

Lazarus (_____) - He is the Savior for all of us!

Andrew (_____) - He really does love us.

Shepherd 1 (_____,) Shepherd 2 (_____,) Shepherd 3 (_____,) Martha (_____) Mary (_____,) and Andrew (_____) enter.

Mary Magdalene (_____) - Have you heard? Jesus is alive!

Martha (_____) - Jesus has the power over sin and the grave. What a blessing to have Him for a Friend!

Shepherd 1 (_____) - God loved us so much that He really did send His Son to die for us. We must give Him the glory.



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Shepherd 3 (_____) - God has done great things!

Peter (_____) - What an incredible thing the Father has done. He does love us! I guess He always has.

Andrew (_____) - This is truly a week to remember--so many lives touched by one Man.

Shepherd 2 (_____ to audience) - He's alive! Jesus is alive. Jesus was the worthy sacrifice required to pay the penalty for sin. He paid the price for you and for me. Won't you accept Him as your Savior today?

All in unison - He's alive! Jesus is alive! To God be the Glory! Great Things He Has Done!

Tone Chimes "To God Be the Glory"

Closing Song - "Face to Face"

** This play was written by Deborah Wasmer for her students at Warren SDA Elementary School in Warren, Massachusetts. It is a one room school. It was written so that each child in the school would have a part. All students were also involved in the tone chime musical interludes.

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