

EASTER ASSEMBLY 1b:

Easter Charity (Play Script Version)

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THEMES: Easter eggs / Giving to charity / Famine and starvation

AIM: To remember those in the world who are starving this Easter

STRUCTURE: This assembly is designed to be performed by a class of children. It consists of an introduction, a play, summary and prayer. A story version of the same assembly, which is designed to be delivered by an adult, is also included above.

TEXT KEY: Normal text = notes / ideas / staging. *Italic text = text that can be read straight out.*

SONG 1: We Can't Wait For Easter

INTRO:

CHILD 1: *Thank you for coming to our assembly which is all about Easter. Very soon we'll be opening and eating all our wonderful Easter eggs. We can't wait!*

CHILD 2: *What's the very best Easter egg you've ever received? The very best Easter egg I've ever received was...* (Please ask CHILD 1 to add his/her own words here)

CHILD 3: *What's the biggest Easter egg you've ever received? The biggest Easter egg I've ever received was...* (Please ask CHILD 2 to add his/her own words here)

CHILD 4: *Do you give Easter eggs to others? I do! I give Easter eggs to...* (Please ask CHILD 3 to add his/her own words here)

CHILD 5: *Why do you give Easter eggs to other people? Is it so that they'll give you an Easter egg in return, or do you give it out of love and friendship?*

CHILD 6: *How do you feel when you give Easter eggs to others? Do you feel sad because you'd liked to have eaten it yourself? Or do you feel glad inside that you're giving a gift that will make someone else feel happy? Here's a short play that might help us to think about how to answer that question.*

PLAY: The Unexpected Gift

CHILD 7: [Enter Jodie] *It was a few days before Easter and Jodie was very excited. School had just finished for the holidays; the weather was lovely, and the flowers were starting to bloom in the garden. Life was great.* [Jodie smiles a big smile, stretches her arms and shouts 'YIPPEE!']

CHILD 8: *But the thing Jodie was most excited about was the visits which would soon start.* [Jodie nods] *At this time of year all her relations came to call. Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas, Grandads, old friends, neighbours and so on.*

CHILD 9: *Sure, it got a little boring sometimes with all the grown-up talking and she especially hated the sloppy kisses from her Great Aunt.* [Jodie pulls a face and

says 'Yuck!'] *But in the end, it was always worth it because of the gorgeous Easter eggs that she received in return.* [Jodie smiles and says, 'Yum Yum!']

CHILD 10: *The previous year Jodie had ended up with fifteen eggs and she was hoping to beat that number this year! But then, in a moment, Jodie's bubble of happiness was cruelly burst as her Mum delivered some devastating news.* [Jodie looks worried as her mum enters]

MUM: *Jodie, do you remember how last year you ended up with enough Easter eggs to sink a ship?*

JODIE: *Definitely! It was brilliant!*

MUM: *Well, that was far too unhealthy. So many Easter eggs for just one little girl is not a good thing. They're very fattening and extremely bad for your teeth!*

CHILD 11: *Jodie was starting to get a bad feeling. She didn't like where this conversation was heading.*

MUM: *So anyway, I've phoned all our friends and relatives who are coming to visit us over Easter, and I've asked them not to bring you any Easter eggs. If they still want to bring you a gift, then I suggested that they should just give you money instead.*

JODIE: *NOOOOOOO!* [Jodie starts to sob]

MUM: *Calm down. Don't worry. I've not said you can't have any Easter eggs at all. Once you get your Easter money you can choose to buy some Easter eggs if you want? Or you could get some new clothes or buy a game or just put the money in the bank. Just as long as you don't end up with so many Easter eggs, that you're still eating them at Christmas!*

CHILD 11: *But Jodie didn't like the sound of this. Jodie cried and cried and continued to stay in a grumpy mood for the next few days.*

CHILD 12: *The grown-ups came and went.* [Enter 'visitors' one or two at a time who hand cards / envelopes to Jodie and her mum] *She suffered all the yucky hugging and sloppy kissing and all the boring grown-up chatting, but it wasn't the same without a yummy Easter egg to pass the time with.*

JODIE: *I'm so bored!* [Exit all the visitors. Jodie starts looking in the envelopes at all the money']

CHILD 13: *However, by the time Easter Saturday came, Jodie found she had somehow managed to harvest £32.50 from all her family's visitors. So as soon as the last visitor had vanished out of the door, she made her mum take her straight away to the closest supermarket in order to get some Easter eggs.* [Jodie and her mum start to walk across the stage. Enter a 'bank assistant'.]

CHILD 14: *On the way there, they firstly passed the bank and after some nudging from her Mum, Jodie, reluctantly went inside and put £10 into her bank account.* [Jodie walks up to the bank assistant and gives him/her some money in a grumpy way. They then begin walking again as the bank assistant exits] *Jodie knew that it was the right thing to do, but she didn't like admitting it.*

CHILD 15: *Then just as they were about to go into the supermarket, they were stopped by an old lady who was waving a collecting bucket in front of them. [Enter an 'old lady' with a collecting bucket]*

OLD LADY: *Feed the hungry, ten pence a meal.*

CHILD 16: *A picture on the bucket showed a child about Jodie's age who clearly hadn't had any food in a very long time. The poster read...*

CHILD 17: *"How much to feed a starving child? 10p for one meal, 20p for one day, £1.40 for one week, £6 for one month. So little can mean so much!"*

CHILD 18: *Jodie noticed that most people passing by didn't even notice the old lady with her charity bucket. And those who did notice were just throwing in tiny coins without giving a second glance.*

WHAT'S IN THE REST OF THIS ASSEMBLY?

1. The remainder of this story (around another page and a half in length)
2. It suggests then singing a further song: 'Ho-San-Ho' (An African Palm Sunday Song)
3. It then concludes with a summary and a prayer.