**Easter Puppet Show Poem**

**Narrator Welcome to our show everybody, hope you are sitting comfortably and have your listening ears, and you’re watching eyes ready. If so let’s begin our story…**

**Scene 1: Every day Jesus (Characters: Picture of Baby Jesus, Grown up Jesus, 2 sets of crowd)**

**Narrator Come on a journey back in time**

 **To a place called Israel**

* **Two thousand years before.**

 **Come and hear the story**

 **Of God’s Boy Jesus**

* **A magnificent gift, born for us all.**

**Jesus, no longer a baby**

**But grown up now**

**Big, strong, and tall.**

 **God was His Dad,**

 **And He was His boy.**

 **Jesus gave up His life in His home,**

 **Waved goodbye to His mum,**

 **And went on a journey**

 **To show everyone the love**

 **Of His Dad.**

 **Jesus made the sick well**

 **By giving them health.**

 **He reached out and touched them**

 **And gave them His love**

**Crowd 1 I was blind but now I see!**

**Crowd 2 I was deaf but now I hear!**

**Crowd 1 I was lame but now I can walk!**

**Crowd 2 Jesus has given this to me!**

**Crowd 1 & 2 Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Narrator All together: Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

 **Jesus looked at the sad, the forgotten**

 **And the bad;**

 **He reached into their hearts**

 **And gave them God’s love**

**Crowd 1 What me?**

**Crowd 2 And me?**

**Crowd 1 & 2 Even me?**

**Narrator Jesus gave Himself to the miserable and lost,**

 **To the smelly and sore,**

 **To the tired and dirty,**

 **And to the rotten and poor.**

**Crowd 1 What me?**

**Crowd 2 And me?**

**Crowd 1 & 2 Even me?**

**Jesus Yes you!**

 **I’ll come to your party!**

 **I’ll come to your house!**

 **I’ll come and have tea**

* **And give you… myself!**

**Crowd 1 Why would he do that?**

**Crowd 2 Spend time with you and me?**

**Crowd 1 Give to the poor**

**Crowd 2 And come to me?**

**Jesus Because I’m the doctor**

* **The medicine and cure!**

**I come for the sick**

**I come for the raw**

**I come for the ill**

**And I come for the poor.**

**I give you myself**

**So that you can be well.**

**I give you myself**

* **The medicine and cure.**

**Narrator: The people loved Jesus**

 **Because of His love**

 **They shouted His name**

 **Which means …**

 **‘God saves’!**

**Because God’s Love!**

**Crowd 1 Jesus – He’s my doctor**

**Crowd 2 Jesus – He’s my friend**

**Crowd 1 Jesus gives me healing**

**Crowd 2 Jesus is everything!**

**Crowd 1 & 2 Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Narrator All together: Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Scene 2: The Last Supper (Characters: Jesus and friends)**

**Narrator The Journey continues, let’s take a look!**

**It’s Festival time in Israel, everyone CHEERS!**

**God’s Boy Jesus is near.**

**He gives to us all.**

**He gives and He gives**

**And His love never ends.**

**He calls his best friends**

**All 12 to share tea,**

**let’s journey there**

**Come and see!**

**Disciple 1 What me?**

**Disciple 2 Yes you!**

**Disciple 1 And you!**

**Disciple 2 Even me!**

**Jesus Yes you!**

 **And you!**

 **All 12**

 **To share my dinner**

 **A special tea**

 **For you and for me**

 **Let’s share this meal**

 **And hear how I delight**

 **In giving some more.**

 **This time – it’s my food,**

 **It’s my drink**

 **That’ll never run out!**

**Narrator So what’s on the menu?**

 **Cake?**

 **Biscuits?**

 **Ice-cream?**

 **And cheese?**

 **Come and see**

 **What was their tea?**

 **His friends sit down**

 **And eat a feast.**

 **But at the end of eating**

 **Jesus picks up some bread**

 **And thanks God for its taste.**

 **He looks into the faces**

**Of the friends that He loves,**

**Then tears it in pieces**

**To share it around**

**Jesus This is my body,**

 **I give it to you.**

 **Receive it and eat it**

 **And swallow it down.**

 **I give you this bread**

 **To remind you each day**

 **That I love you and rescue**

 **Every single day.**

**Disciple 1 What me?**

**Disciple 2 Yes you!**

**Disciple 1 And you!**

**Disciple 2 And me!**

**Jesus Yes you!**

 **And you!**

 **All 12!**

 **And you!**

 **Every single one**

 **… Of you!**

**Crowd 1 I eat this bread and remember His giving!**

**Crowd 2 I eat this bread and remember His loving!**

**Narrator Next Jesus picks up his cup,**

 **Thanks God for red wine.**

 **He looks into the faces**

 **Of the friends that He loves,**

 **Then offers it around**

 **For them to drink and to sip.**

**Jesus Drink this,**

 **Taste this,**

 **Gulp it right down.**

 **I give you my life,**

 **My blood and my all.**

 **It’ll replace all your sadness,**

 **Your darkness and sin.**

 **With my life and my love**

 **You’ll find forgiveness within.**

**Disciple 1 What me?**

**Disciple 2 Yes you!**

**Disciple 1 And you!**

**Disciple 2 And me!**

**Jesus Yes you!**

 **And you!**

 **All 12!**

 **And you!**

 **Every single one**

 **… Of you!**

**Crowd 1 I drink this wine and remember His giving!**

**Crowd 2 I drink this wine and remember His loving!**

**Crowd 1 & 2 Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Narrator All together: Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Scene 3: At the Cross (Characters: Jesus on cross, crowd of haters & a Centurion)**

**Narrator The journey continues, let’s take a look!**

 **The bad men in charge of the festival are angry!**

 **They don’t like Jesus because he is happy!**

**But don’t worry Jesus is there,**

**Jesus, Who gives to US all.**

**Who loves and gives,**

**And gives and loves.**

**Lovely Jesus**

* **His love – it never runs out.**

**But Jesus’ 12 friends**

**Are scared of the bad men**

**They want to run away,**

**And hide.**

**Let’s journey now to the place,**

**Deep inside!**

 **Disciple 1 I’m off!**

**Disciple 2 I’m gone!**

**Disciple 1 Can’t stay**

**Disciple 2 You’re on your own!**

**Disciple 1 & 2 We’re gone!**

**Narrator But Jesus stayed put**

 **Stood in that place**

 **To give to the haters**

 **More love – that never runs out.**

 **You see everyone loved Jesus,**

 **Who gave and gave,**

 **Apart from a few haters**

 **Who wanted Him dead!**

 **In secret they schemed**

 **To stop Jesus giving**

**Hater 1 Whisper, whisper**

**Hater 2 Grrr, grrr**

**Narrator In secret they whispered**

 **To stop Jesus living**

**Hater 1 Whisper, whisper**

**Hater 2 Grrr, grrr**

**Hater 1 No more Jesus who everyone loves!**

**Hater 2 Stop Him, kill Him, we want Him dead!**

**Narrator But Jesus the Giver**

 **Knew He was their cure.**

 **Even though they hated**

 **And wanted Him dead**

 **He would give His body,**

 **His life blood and breath’**

 **As a gift to those haters**

 **To the greedy and fools**

 **And a gift for His loving ones**

 **His good friends –**

 **For me, and for you.**

**Hater 1 What for me?**

**Hater 2 What for you?**

**Hater 1 A gift for us all?**

**Hater 2 Yes – for me and for you!**

**Narrator How lovely Jesus did it,**

 **I do not know**

 **But on a cross**

 **He gave His body**

 **As a sponge for us.**

 **He soaked up the hate**

 **And silently took it.**

 **Everyone’s badness and pain**

**He swallowed it down.**

**And in its place He offered a cure**

**Giving us love and forgiveness**

**Cleaning us up and making us pure.**

**As He hung on the cross,**

**The skies turned dark.**

**He called out to God,**

**His Father, His Dad.**

**Jesus Father, forgive them,**

 **They are so lost.**

 **Father I trust you**

 **As I soak up the badness.**

 **I give you my spirit**

 **And my last breath.**

 **Use my body**

 **To be love’s cure and kiss.**

**Narrator A soldier was guarding**

 **And watched Jesus die.**

 **He saw this lovely man dying**

 **On the cross**

 **For you and for I.**

 **Never before had he seen such a giver**

 **And declared out aloud**

 **What he just saw:**

**Centurion God’s Son!**

 **That’s who He is!**

 **There can be no other!**

 **Jesus gave everything**

 **His love and His life.**

 **God gave everything in His Son**

 **… so God loves us, both you and me.**

**Narrator Jesus gives everything because God Loves Us!**

**Scene 4: The Garden Tomb (Characters: Jesus, cloth, friends, angel, soldier)**

**Narrator The last place we see on this journey is wonderful!**

 **A magical garden full of hope and surprise!**

 **Let’s take a peek and look inside!**

**Down from the cross**

**Jesus body’s now wrapped**

**In sheets and a cloth**

**Is carried by friends weeping**

**Away from the cross.**

**Wrapped like a present**

**He’s carried to a cave**

**It’s a tomb in a garden**

**That will be His grave.**

**They lay Him inside**

**On a shelf for His new bed**

**Then a stone’s rolled across**

**To cover the door way.**

**No longer a way**

**For anyone to go in**

**No longer a way**

**For Jesus to get out.**

**His friends are crying**

**As they think this is the end…**

**But do you remember**

**God’s love has no end?**

**Friend 1 How can it be? Jesus is dead!**

**Friend 2 How can it be? This is the end!**

**Friend 1 It is over and ended, Jesus is no more.**

**Friend 1 The stone rolled shut, locked forever more.**

**Narrator The clock ticked on as that Friday passed.**

 **The friends slept 2 nights**

 **And thought it was the end.**

 **But the story was still running**

 **And the best about to come.**

**On third day the sun rose,**

**Easter Sunday to be precise,**

 **They returned to the garden**

 **And to the tomb**

 **And to their surprise,**

 **An angel from heaven**

**Had been at work,**

 **And shaken the land with a heavenly stamp,**

* **that caused the soldiers who were guarding**

 **To fall in fear to the ground**

 **And tomb’s door rolled back –**

 **A way in has been found.**

 **The door is wide open**

 **And friends peered into the gloom**

 **But no body of Jesus was found in the tomb**

* **Only the cloths**

**That had wrapped Jesus up…**

 **And a hankie for his face**

 **All folded up**

**And lying on the shelf**

**Without a dead body**

**Without Jesus their friend**

**Where had he been taken?**

**What could it mean?**

 **More angels arrived**

 **To the friend’s surprise**

 **Announcing good news,**

**Angel: “Jesus is alive! He’s alive!**

 **He’s alive and well!**

 **Go and tell everyone**

 **He’s gone ahead**

 **To meet you all**

 **He’s really alive**

**And definitely, not dead!”**

 **The friends jumped and danced**

 **And started to run!**

 **Ready to tell angels’ news**

* **Oh what fun!**

**Friend 1 Jesus is alive!? He’s alive?**

**Friend 2: He’s alive and well!”**

**Friend 2 Angels told us as the tomb is open**

**Friend 3 Let’s tell the world, as the angels have spoken.**

**Narrator Friends jumped and danced**

 **And started to run**

 **Ready to share in the heavenly fun**

 **When all of a sudden,**

 **A shadow in their path**

* **The lovely man Jesus**

**Stood with a smile and a laugh**

**Arms open wide**

**And not dead, but alive!**

**Friend 1 Who is this? Can it be true?**

**Friend 2 Is this Jesus? Is it really you?**

**Friend 1 Look you’re alive and smiling**

**Friend 2 Standing here, all love and shining!**

**Jesus: “Greetings and hello’s to you, my friends,**

**My loved ones**

**I died for -**

**So we could meet again.**

**Don’t be afraid**

**I’m alive and breathing!**

**Go tell my friends**

 **Wherever you go,**

 **And they will see me**

 **Because I’m on the way**

**Friend 1 Jesus it’s you – We know this to be true**

**Friend 2 Jesus you love us – And God loves us too**

**Friend 1 Let us not stop telling Jesus’ story of love**

**Friend 2 How He comes to meet us on Easter day**

**Friend 2 How Jesus is alive! He’s alive!**

**Friend 2: Ready to meet us and fill us with love**

**Close**

**As with the angel’s work done,**

**The tomb is open,**

**And here we are with the doors wide open**

 **Ready for home**

 **Full of the story**

 **Of Jesus’ love and giving.**

 **What can we do to thank Him for Him living?**

 **What can we do to thank Him for Him giving?**

 **Tell His story with kindness and love**

 **With puppets and voices**

 **How the lovely man Jesus**

 **Never stopped giving and giving.**

 **What can we do to thank Him for loving?**

**What can we do to thank Him for giving?**

**Help your friends, your family**

**Your neighbours**

* **A hug for your Granny**
* **A card for the sick**
* **A gift for the forgotten**
* **And love for the sad**
* **A smile to a friend**
* **A welcome of Jesus,**

**Our friend and our life**

 **What can we do to thank Him for loving?**

 **What can we do thank Him for giving?**

 **A prayer and a thank you**

 **And to ask Him in**

 **To love and live in us**

 **And fill us with…**

**Him.**