

## THE LONELY BUNNY

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A little girl explains the true origin of Easter to the Easter Bunny.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The timing of the three characters (particularly the Bunny and Ernie) is crucial to making this scene work, so you might try some exercises to keep the banter moving fast and tight. "Zoom" is an age-old acting exercise in which the actors stand in a circle facing each other, and take turns pointing a finger at another actor and saying "zoom." The "receiving" actor is then to pass along the "zoom" as fast as possible to someone else. If you make sure the actors use strong eye contact and keep the pace moving at a breakneck speed, this exercise can ensure that your players are picking up cues, maintaining energy, and staying connected with each other while on stage.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3

**TOPIC:** Easter, Youth

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 28:1-7

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Easter

**SUGGESTED USE:** Children's Worship Service, Easter Service

**CHARACTERS:**

THE EASTER BUNNY

ERNIE—the bunny's photographer and goofy sidekick

TARA— a little girl

**PROPS:** Pocket change, McDonald's money

**COSTUMES:** Bunny suit for the bunny, a gaudy suit for Ernie, little girl's dress for Tara

**SOUND:** Three wireless mics

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A neighborhood sidewalk

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*EASTER BUNNY and ERNIE enter, starving.*

**BUNNY:** Man, Ernie, I am so hungry. You got any money?

**ERNIE:** Let me see ... *(Checks his pockets)* I've got 23 cents, and two dollars McDonald's money.

**BUNNY:** You've got McDonald's money?

**ERNIE:** Yeah. My mom gave it to me.

**BUNNY:** *(Grabs the money)* Give it here!

**ERNIE:** No! That's my money!

*They pull; the McDonald's money rips, and they both fall.*

**ERNIE:** Aw, man, you broke it.

**BUNNY:** Hey, if I don't get to eat, neither do you. After all, I'm the Easter Bunny.

**ERNIE:** Sure doesn't feel like it's Easter.

**BUNNY:** I know. We've been in this lousy mall for a month, and no kids have come to get their picture taken with me.

**ERNIE:** I hear ya.

**BUNNY:** I'm the Easter Bunny. Who do the kids wanna see at Easter?

**ERNIE:** The Bunny!

**BUNNY:** Who do the parents shell out \$10 a piece for pictures with?

**ERNIE:** The Bunny!

**BUNNY:** Who do the kids love?

**ERNIE:** The Bunny!

**BUNNY:** Who am I?

**ERNIE:** You're the Bunny!

**BUNNY:** What do the kids all say?

**ERNIE:** Show me the Bunny!