**Toddler Puppet Show March 2024**

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| **Puppeteer instructions** | **Narrator** | **Voice** |
| Table is set with scene, include the empty tomb, plants, rocks, etc, backdropPuppeteer can be sitting behind the table seen or unseenThrough out the story, if you have enough hands(!) show the heart when love is mentionedOn set Baby JesusOff set Baby Jesus. On set adult JesusOnset happy/sad crowd and hating crowdWiggles the crowds as they speakWiggles Jesus as he speaksHeart on setSad crowd faces forward, and turn around as they talk about being made well, so happy faces are facing forward.Heart on setWiggle hatersOnset bread and wineHeart on setWiggle JesusWiggle sad crowdSad crowd off setJesus off set and replaced by Jesus on the crossAdd 2 other crossesWiggle the Jesus CrossSoldier onsetSoldier off setSad friends on setJesus cross taken down, empty cross put upWrapped up Jesus on setWrapped up Jesus off setTurn dial on tomb so Jesus is on shelfRock on set to cover entranceSoldier on setAngel on setWiggle angelTomb door off setSoldier falls to the ground and off setMove sad crowd towards the tombWiggle AngelAngel off setTurn from sad to happy crowdJesus on setHeart on set | **Here is Baby Jesus****He is God’s Boy****He is Mary and Joseph’s boy****Born on Christmas Day****Baby Jesus grew into a boy and then into a grown up man. Here is grown up Jesus. Let’s say ‘Hello to Baby Jesus’** *(Narrator and children wave to Jesus with ‘Hello Jesus’)***Here are all the people who have come to see Jesus. Some of the people are happy****Some of the people are sad****Some of the people are good****Some of them are bad***(Narrator points to the different crowds and as does so encourages children to join in:)*Jesus loved the happy, the sad, the good and the bad *(Narrator can repeat and get the children to draw with their fingers happy faces, sad faces, thumbs up for good, thumbs down for bad – Do several times!)***How did Jesus show them that he loved them? Jesus said****The people said:****Jesus said that he loved them and told them about God’s love..****Jesus showed his love by making people well and filling their tummies when they had nothing to eat. Hear the people speaking as they felt Jesus’ love****Everyone loved Jesus, apart from some people who were not kind. They were jealous of Jesus and did not want his love. But Jesus still loved them because he is God’s boy and kind. The haters said,****Jesus still loved them, and loved everyone. He loved the happy, the sad, the good and the bad. So he had a special meal of bread and wine, where he said he would give himself to be our friend forever.****Jesus’ friends were scared of the people who hated, and ran away, and left Jesus alone.** **Jesus may have been alone but Jesus loved everyone, the happy, the sad, the good and the bad.** **Even when the haters took him away, and hung him on a cross, on a dark Friday. Jesus did not stop loving them or caring. He kept loving and loving and soaking up their hate. He loves everyone, the happy, the sad, the good, the bad, both you and me. Jesus said,****A soldier was guarding and looked at Jesus there. He knew he was special because of all his love. The solder watched Jesus and this is what he said,****Jesus died on the cross, and his friends took him down, sad because they loved him.** **They wrapped him in cloths****They took him to the tomb. Here it is, a cave in a garden.** **There’s a shelf where they laid him. Can you see him lying there?****A huge heavy rock was rolled across the cave front, like a locked door - so there’s no way in and no way out.** **There were soldiers are guarding****And three days pass,** *(Narrator uses finger like a pendulum to encourage children to do the tick tock with her, to denote the passing of time)***Friday – Tick tock, tick tock****Saturday – Tick tock, tick tock****And then early Sunday morning – Tick tock, tick tock, - it’s Easter Day****An angel from heaven – a messenger from God arrived at the tomb. Let’s say ‘hello to the angel. (***Narrator and children wave to the angel with ‘Hello Angel’)***The angel stamped on the ground and the tomb’s door opened wide. The soldiers were scared and fell to the ground – Can you hear them?** **Here come the friends. Let’s say ‘Hello’ to the Friends (***Narrator and children wave to the friends with ‘Hello Friendsl’)***They are sad because they miss Jesus. They had got up early to visit the tomb, and when they got there they looked inside. What did they see? Jesus wasn’t there.** **All they could find were the cloths that had wrapped around Jesus. But Jesus wasn’t in them. He wasn’t there** *(Narrator can have bandages up sleeve, and seem to pick them up from the ground and show the children that there is no body inside them)***The angel spoke to the friends and told them the good news that Jesus wasn’t there but had come to life. Listen to the Angel:****Look at the friends, all smiling with surprise – They turn around to go and tell their friends that Jesus is not dead but alive. But as they go, they see someone standing in the path. Who do you think it is? It’s…. JESUS! Hear what He said:****The friends went and told everyone they met, and Jesus came and said his hello’s. Even today Jesus is with us, we can breathe Him in as He’s here by His Spirit. Let’s thank him with love and love one another as He loved us. Let’s thank him now and breathe him in, remembering He loves us forever and ever.**  | [Jesus] Hello boys and girls, and grown ups[Jesus] I love you all. The happy, the sad, the good and the bad. I love you all[Crowds] Wow! Does Jesus love me? And me? Even me?[Jesus] Yes I love you like God loves you. God loves the happy, the sad, the good and the bad. Let me tell you stories about sheep, about camels, about people who got lost, let me tell you stories of how God loves you all[Sad crowd] I was sick, and I couldn’t see. I was lame and I couldn’t walk. I was deaf and I couldn’t hear. But Jesus met me so that I can see, and I can walk and I can hear! Jesus loves me![Hating crowd] Grrr! Grrr! We don’t want you to be loving and kind. We don’t want you to be love all around. We want you gone. So we will make you go away.[Jesus] This is bread, and when you eat it, remember me. I am the one who fills your tummy. Ask me in and I will love you forever. This is wine, red juice made of grapes – drink it down and remember my life. It is for you to go in your tummy, and fill your body with my life and love.[Sad crowd] Run away quickly! The haters are coming for Jesus! Let’s go.[Jesus] I forgive them, God forgive them, God make them new. They are my loved ones. I long that they would be my friends.[Centurion] Jesus is lovely, he’s God’s boy, He’s love[Sad Crowd] Let’s wrap him in cloths like a precious present. Let us take him to lie in a tomb.[Could sing ‘The Grand Old Duke of York’ with the children?][Angel] Hello boys and girls, hello grown ups! Watch me shake the ground and open up the tomb![Soldiers] Aaaah[Sad Crowd] Hello boys and girls. Hello grown ups[Friends] What has happened? The tomb door is open. Let’s look inside. Where is Jesus? He isn’t in here? All we can find are his cloths? [Angel] Are you looking for Jesus. He is not here. He is not dead but has come alive. He’s set off already to meet his friends. Go and tell them the good news – off you go![Jesus] Hello my friends! I’m alive and well. I died but came back to life. I soaked up the bad and am here alive, ready to love everyone, to give them a new start and to come and live in you forever. Go tell my friends, tell them the good news.  |