

Another New Birth

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Theme:

This play tells the story of the rebirth of a couple's faith during the Easter season.

Biblical Reference:

The Easter Story

Approximate Running Time:

45-60 minutes (depending on the music used)

Props:

Microphones, mic stands, and music stands.

Scene:

The stage is set as the inside of a radio station. There is a semi-circle of microphones and stands set up for the cast to stand behind and perform the radio drama. A sound effect guy (or girl) stands to the side.

Note:

The sound effects listed are just background music that help set the scene and remind the audience that they're listening to an old-school radio program. The person in charge of the sound effects can add to that with sound effects that further set the scenes or add to the presentation - at the director's discretion. Please feel free to edit the script to include any other directions for the sound effects guy (or girl).

Musical numbers are spread throughout the production. You can choose what songs you'd like to place in them, depending on the musical talent you have available to you.

There is room for some actors to take a part as a character in Scene 1 and another part in Scene 2.

Fill in the blanks with the names of those participating and the parts they're playing.

Actors can come and go on the stage as necessary.

Cast of Characters:

- Narrator 1 and Narrator 2: The narrators should have a "radio show host" voice and do a good job of accentuating the puns and plays on words that are found in their lines. The two work as a team and help give this a "radio show" feel. Their timing is crucial for selling this as an old-time radio show.
- Mayor: Mayor needs to have a respectable, important-sounding voice.
- Dad: Dad is a tough-guy dad. He needs to have a masculine voice.
- Bobby: Bobby is a bully of a kid. He needs to have a tough kid voice.
- Sally: Sally is a young girl.
- Mom: Mom is a kind, loving, soft-spoken mother.
- Ally: Ally is a whiney young girl.
- Grandma: Grandma has a kind, elderly voice.
- Sammy: Sammy is a young boy that has a voice like Larry's from Veggie Tales.
- Freddy: Freddy is a young boy who sounds a lot like Sammy.
- Mrs. D: [Name can be replaced by the actual name] is a woman who is singing a special music number. She's introduced as the children's Sunday school teacher before she sings.
- Host 1: A person who is welcoming new people at church. This part can be consolidated with another actor, if necessary.
- Host 2: A person who is welcoming new people at church. This part can be consolidated with another actor, if necessary.
- Edna: A woman down on her luck. She is very bitter about life and suspicious of anyone trying to help her out.
- Sam: A man down on his luck. He doesn't want to be at church and is suspicious of anyone trying to help him out.
- Allan: A teenager from the church who is serving Edna and Sam their Easter breakfast.
- Zack: Another teenager who is helping to serve Easter breakfast.
- Rachel: Another teenager who is helping to serve Easter breakfast.
- Bob: Bob is a man in his 30's. Bob used to be a believer, but has allowed the cares of the world to cut off his relationship with God.
- Beth: Beth is a woman in her 30's. She's married to Bob. She too used to be a believer but has allowed the cares of the world to cut off her relationship with Christ.
- SL: Song Leader. This is the person who leads the congregations in a song or two - at the director's discretion.

Scene One:

[*Music Intro and voice over.*]

Narrator 1: Welcome to WRAC's live Easter presentation of Another New Birth - an original live Easter dramatic presentation presented to you tonight by the following amazing sponsors: Acts of Light, Cindy's Cellular, Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique, the United Samaritan Appeal, Michael and Friends Stone Movers, the Believers Trust and Saving Association, and by the new and improved Etzel - the Etzel, the only car you'll regret buying for the rest of your life.

Narrator 2: The cast and crew of WRAC's recent live Christmas presentation of A New Birth would like to thank you for the kind comments, cards, and gifts of appreciation that we've received since the airing of A New Birth. Your kindness was overwhelming and much appreciated. We trust you'll enjoy this live special Easter presentation just as much as you enjoyed A New Birth at Christmas this year.

You're listening to WRAC's live presentation of Another New Birth, starring,

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Tonight our musical guests include:

Special thanks to _____ for leading us in music and
to _____ on the keyboard.

I'm _____ along with _____. We're your
hosts for this exciting evening of live drama as we experience Another
New Birth here on WRAC radio.

*[Special little music ditty here. Then a somber sounding note as we begin our
first advertising message.]*

Narrator 1: Before we begin tonight's production let's take a minute to thank one
of our long-time faithful sponsors: the United Samaritan Appeal. A
man who has been robbed, beaten and left for dead isn't choosy. He
doesn't care if help comes from a man who goes to the same church,
what his new Easter outfit looks like, what he does for a living,
whether he lives on the right side of town or the other side of the
tracks. To him it doesn't make any kind of difference - he's just
looking for help. Help to get out of the difficult situation he's
found himself in. He doesn't need someone to tell him how he screwed
up, he needs someone to offer a hand and help him up. That's what we
do - offer a helping hand to those in their times of need. Give to
the United Samaritan Appeal. Help the needy in their time of need.

[Music changes to theme music.]

Narrator 2: And now we present Another New Birth - an original Acts of Light live
radio production here on WRAC.

[Outdoor sounds of traffic and children playing.]

Narrator1: Our story opens at the local town park. It's the Saturday before
Easter and the town mayor is hosting the annual children's Easter egg
hunt. There are dozens of children running around the playground and
dozens of parents trying to keep tabs on their children as they play
while trying to catch up with the latest news with their closest
friends.

Narrator 2: And if you'd like to keep in touch with your closest friends the
easiest way possible, then you need to get a new cell phone. While
you're out chasing the Easter bunny don't forget to hop on over to
Cindy's cellular store for the latest and greatest ways to keep in
touch during Spring Break. Cindy's cellular - now featuring cell
phones that play phone tag without any effort on your part at all.

Narrator 1: And now back to our program. The mayor has just finished schmoozing with other city officials and is now ready to begin the days' festivities.

Mayor: Good morning everyone - and happy Easter. We are gathered here today on the steps of this great city park, which wouldn't be possible without the taxpayers in this great city of ours, to honor a great tradition of this great city of ours - the annual Easter egg hunt.

[There is a cheer from the kids in attendance.]

Mayor: As you know, candy and Easter eggs have been scattered throughout this park by many hard working volunteers. Inside each of those special Easter eggs you will find a small tag with a number on it. Each number corresponds to prizes that have been graciously donated by a number of fine local businesses in this great city of ours. Parents, when your child finds an egg with a number in it, and children, you're only allowed to find one egg with a number on it, they are to take it to the table over there and they will receive their prize. Let this be a day of great joy. Spring has finally arrived and it's the season for children to run about and play in fine parks like this one once again. Are we ready? Are we set? Then Go...find the Easter eggs and Happy Easter everyone.

[There is a cheer from the kids in attendance and general commotion ensues.]

Bobby: Hey, I found one! I found one over here. Hey Dad, I found one.

Dad: Great job Bobby. That was fast. I think you're the first to find an egg. Good job. I'm gonna go to the table over there to see if this is a good prize or not. We might want to throw this one back and look for another one. You just keep looking for other eggs.

Bobby: Okay! I see another one over there!

Sally: Mom, I found one! I found one of the special Easter eggs.

Mom: That's great Sally. What number does it have inside?

Sally: 24. Are you going to find out what I won?

Mom: Yeah, sure. Let's go over and find out which prize is yours.

Sally: Why don't you go see what I won and I'll look for more.

Mom: No Sally. You're only supposed to find one. Didn't you hear what the mayor said?

Sally: Yeah, but Bobby's dad said he should keep looking while his dad found out if he got a good prize or not.

Mom: I don't think that's a fair way for us to play.

Sally: Uh, Mom. But that's not what Bobby is doing?

Bobby: Hey dad, I already found four more.

Dad: Great job. You don't want this one - it's some whimpy book.

Bobby: Okay, I'll throw it over there. Some girl can find it. Books are for girls anyway. So, what's the good prize numbers?

Dad: It looks like the lower the number the better the prize.

Bobby: Okay, you check out these numbers and I'll go look for more.

Sally: See???

Mom: That's not a fair way for us to play. Come on. Let's go see what we won.

Ally: Hey Grandma, look what I got.

Grandma: What did you get Ally?

Ally: I got an egg with the number one in it. Is that a good prize?

Grandma: Ohhh, I think that's the best prize. The lower the number the better the prize - that's how they always do it.

Bobby: Thanks - I've been looking for that egg.

Ally: Hey, give that back to me.

Bobby: Hey dad, I found number one.

Dad: Way to go Bobby-o! Let's go cash that one in! Throw the other eggs you have under that bush over there.

Ally: Grandma, he just took my egg. He just took the egg that I found with the number one in it. He stole it from me.

Bobby: No I didn't. I found it and I took it. That's how an Easter egg hunt is supposed to work. Everybody knows that.

Ally: But he took my egg right out of my hand.

Grandma: That's not a fair way to play. You give that back to her.

Bobby: No way. Finders keepers, losers weepers. I'm a finder and you're definitely a loser and I bet you're gonna start weeping right about now.

Ally: Hey! [*She starts to cry.*]

Bobby: Told ya.

Grandma: Oh, now look what you've done. Now why don't you give the egg back to her.

Bobby: No way.

Grandma: I said, why don't you give that egg back to her.

Bobby: No way!

Grandma: Come one now, she found it first. She's just a little girl. Why don't you give it back to her.

Bobby: Leave me alone. I'm getting my dad. Dad!!!

Dad: What's the matter Bobby? What did this little girl do to you?

Grandma: Ally didn't do anything to your son. Your son is the one who needs to be scolded.

Dad: Don't talk to me about discipline. I'll be the one to judge how that's done in my home. What happened?

Grandma: Your son took Ally's egg right out of her hand. I saw the whole thing myself.

Dad: What happened, Bobby?

Bobby: I saw the egg so I took it. This is an Easter egg hunt, right?

Dad: That's right son. So, it looks like everything's okay to me. This is just how Easter egg hunts go. The winners get the good stuff and the losers get the books. Ok Bobby, let me see your eggs. It looks like the better prizes are the lower numbers, so... oh, you got the number one egg - way to go Bobby-o. Here lady, you can have any of these, they're higher numbers. Now quit crying. That should make you happy. Come on Bobby, let's go trade this one in and head for home.

Grandma: Excuse me. I said, excuse me.

Dad: What?

Grandma: I think you're mistaken. Bobby here had these eggs numbered close to a hundred and Ally found the egg that was number one. You can't take that egg.

Dad: Look lady, I don't know what your problem is, but my son found this egg and we're going to get his prize. You're just all jealous 'cause he got the best prize. Come on Bobby.

Ally: That's not fair!

Grandma: Let them go Ally.

Ally: Grandma, he's got my egg. Don't let him go.

Grandma: Just let him go. If the number one egg is that important to them, if they're willing to steal, lie, and cheat to get it, then we'll let them have it. God sees what is happening and we know that He will do what is right and true.

Ally: But I want it the one he took from me.

Grandma: Ally, let's not be like them. Let's be thankful for what we do have.

Ally: All we have is a bunch of eggs with high numbers.

Grandma: That's alright. Come on, we're only supposed to have one egg, you pick one out of the bunch and we'll go look for other kids who don't have any and let them pick one of the rest. Okay?

Ally: But Grandma - he took the best prize.

Grandma: No buts about it. We're playing by the rules. Come on, you'll see.

Narrator: Ally and her grandmother make their way over to a bunch of younger kids who are still looking for eggs.

Ally: Are you guys still looking for eggs?

Sammy: Yeah. So, what's your name?

Ally: My name is Ally.

Freddy: I'm Freddy and this is Sammy. This is my first Easter egg hunt, how about you?

Ally: I did it last year too.

Sammy: Anyway. We don't have any eggs. We did, but then this Bobby kid came over and took them.

Freddy: Yeah, and we can't find any others. Do you know where there are more?

Sammy: That kid shouldn't have taken ours. We were only supposed to take one egg and then get our prize - then we were supposed to be done.

Freddy: That's what the big man said.

Sammy: But we can't find any. We looked over there by the swing set...

Freddy: And over there by the sandbox...

Sammy: And over there by the monkey bars...

Freddy: And over there by the mayor...

Sammy: And over there by the bus station...

Freddy: And over there...

Ally: Okay, okay, I get it. You looked everywhere.

Freddy: Yeah, and all we got is these black jelly beans.

Ally: Aw, I didn't find any jelly beans. Where did you find those?

Sammy: They could have been over there by the swing set...

Freddy: Or over there by the sandbox...

Sammy: Or over there by the monkey bars...

Freddy: Or over there by the mayor...

Sammy: Or over there by the bus station...

Ally: Okay, I get it. So you don't remember. That's okay. You wanna trade? I'll give you an Easter egg if you give me some jelly beans.

Sammy: Cool!

Freddy: I'll give you some of mine too.

Sammy: What number did you get?

Freddy: Oh man, I got number two! No way!

Ally: What? You got number two?

Freddy: Yeah, thanks.

Sammy: I think that means you get a really nice prize.

Ally: Grandma, I wanted number two. I didn't know I had number two. Did you know I had number two? How come I had to give my number 2 to Freddy?

Grandma: He picked it. Don't worry God knows best. Now why don't you just be glad that Freddy here got a nice prize and let Sammy pick one too?

Sammy: Okay. Let's see... I'll take this one. Oh yeah, I got number three.

Freddy: No way!

Sammy: Yes way!

Ally: No way!

Sammy: Yes way!

Ally: No way!

Freddy: Didn't you hear him, he said..

Sammy: Yes way!

Freddy: Oh, man, let's go see what prizes we got.

Sammy: Come on Ally, we're gonna see what prizes we got!

Ally: That's not fair grandma! I picked number 50 and they have number 2 and 3 and Bobby took number 1 from me. It's not fair Grandma. It's not fair.

Grandma: Settle down Ally. Nobody said it was gonna be fair. It's just the way it works. I'm sure your prize will be nice too. Let's not be greedy about this.

Ally: But they said that the lower the number the better the prize - you heard Bobby's dad say that, didn't ya?

Grandma: I heard Bobby's dad say that, but I didn't hear the lady at the table say that. And besides, there are a lot of kids here who won't be getting any kinda prize at all. I think we should be thankful for what we do have - not wishing we had something else. Now, come on, let's go see what your prize is.

Narrator 1: Ally reluctantly followed the others over to the prize table where she found out that Bobby's dad was wrong. As she got her prize from the lady at the prize table she turned to show her grandma what she won. She noticed that her friends were all over by the swing set so she ran over to show them her new doll.

Ally: Hey you guys, look at this great doll I just got from the prize table.

Sally: Aw, she's beautiful.

Freddy: I don't care about no doll. I got this truck. Now this is a great prize.

Sammy: Yeah, and I got this awesome baseball glove and look it came with a baseball too!

Bobby: Anybody want to trade with me? I got these this stupid Easter bunny pajamas. Look, they have big feet and a hood that has big floppy ears on it.

Sally: That's kinda cute.

Bobby: You think so? You want it - 'cuase I'm not gonna wear it.

Freddy: I can't believe you got stuck with that prize.

Bobby: My dad tried to get another prize for me, but the lady at the table said she had to stick with the number in the egg. So, I tried to find another egg, but they were all gone. I guess I'm just stuck with this stupid prize.

Ally: That's funny.

Bobby: I don't see what's so funny.

Sally: I think it's funny.

Freddy: Me too.

Sammy: Me too. Are you gonna wear that thing on pajama day at school?

Bobby: Very funny.

Ally: You know, I was all worried that I was gonna get a bad prize because Bobby had number one and you had number two and you had number three and I had number 50, but I'm glad I got number 50 and not number one or two or three.

Sally: I think it turned out just the way that God wanted it to turn out.

Ally: That's what my grandmother said.

Freddy: What do you mean?

Sammy: Yeah, the Easter Bunny put the eggs there. God didn't have nothing to do with it.

Sally: Well, God's in charge of everything - even what the Easter Bunny does.

Bobby: God is not in charge of the Easter Bunny.

Freddy: Yeah.

Sally: Sure He is. He's in charge of everything.

Ally: That's what we learned in Sunday School.

Sammy: Yeah, but He doesn't have anything to do with Easter. Christmas is God's holiday.

Sally: It's not just Christmas. Easter is all about how Jesus died on the cross and rose again and how we can go to heaven if we ask God to forgive us for the bad stuff we did and ask Jesus to come and be in our hearts and all.

Bobby: I never heard that before.

Ally: It's true. Easter Sunday is when we celebrate how Jesus rose from the dead.

Freddy: When did He do that?

Sally: On Easter morning.

Sammy: How can someone rise from the dead?

Ally: It was a miracle. Nobody else ever rose from the dead.

Sally: Except for Lazarus - and it was Jesus that brought him back to life.

Ally: On Good Friday he was crucified and laid in this tomb and a big stone was rolled in front of it.

Sally: Yeah, then on Sunday, early in the morning, two ladies named Mary went to the tomb and they saw that it was open so they went inside and found that it was empty.

Bobby: Big deal, so someone took his body.

Ally: That's not what happened.

Sally: Yeah, there was a bunch of army guys that were right outside of his tomb to make sure nobody messed with him.

Freddy: Where they there when Mary and Mary went to see the tomb?

Ally: Yeah, but they couldn't talk to them.

Sammy: Why not?

Ally: They passed out from fear when they saw the angel roll the stone away.

Bobby: Cool.

Freddy: Yeah, I wish I could'a seen that!

Sammy: Me too.

Sally: When Mary and Mary got there they found this angel sitting on the stone and he told them that Jesus had raised from the dead.

Ally: They went into the tomb to see that Jesus' clothes were still there but his body was gone.

Bobby: I still say someone just scared the army guys away and took his body and left some clothes lying around. Big deal.

Sally: That's what other people thought too, but then Jesus showed up again and told them what really happened.

Ally: Yeah, they knew that he really raised from the dead after they talked to him.

Freddy: I don't get it. Why would he want to come back from the dead?

Sammy: Yeah, if He died and went to heaven, why would He want to come back to earth? Isn't heaven supposed to be a lot better than it is here?

Sally: Yeah it is. He did it so we can all go to heaven and be with Him when we die too?

Bobby: I thought everyone goes to heaven when they die.

Ally: That's not true. Look, the Bible says we all sin and we all need someone to pay the penalty for our sin so Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin.

Sally: And then He rose again to prove that He was God.

Freddy: I still don't get it.

Ally: Ugg - boys. Maybe you guys should come to Sunday School with us so our teacher can explain it to you.

Sally: Hey, look, there's Mrs. Dawes now. Let's go ask her right now.

Mrs. D: Hello Ally, Sally, how did you do in the Easter egg hunt?

Ally: Great.

Sally: I got this great new doll.

Mrs. D: That's beautiful.

Ally: Mrs. Dawes, can you tell Freddy, Sammy, and Bobby more about Jesus dying on the cross and rising again?

Sally: We were trying to tell them about it but they just weren't getting it.

Mrs. D: As a matter of fact, I'm going to sing a song at church on Sunday that tells the story really well. Do you want me to sing it for you right now?

Bobby: I don't want to hear no boring song.

Mrs. D: Oh, it's not a boring song. I think you'd like it.

Ally: Oh, I think you should sing it.

Sally: Yeah, that would be great.

Mrs. D: Okay, it tells the story of Jesus death and resurrection from the perspective of Peter. Here goes...

[Music begins.]

Freddy: Hey, where's the music coming from?

Ally: I don't care. Just listen.

Bobby: This is freaky.

Sally: Shhhh.

[Song ends.]

Bobby: Wow! That was really cool.

Sally: See, we told you it wasn't going to be boring.

Mrs. D: If you want to know more about the story I'll be telling it tomorrow morning in Sunday School.

Sammy: Can I come with you guys to church?

Freddy: Me too?

Bobby: I want to come too.

Ally: Sure, let's go check with Grandma to find out if we can give you a ride tomorrow.

Narrator 2: They found their grandmother and Ally made arrangements to bring her new friends with her to Sunday school the next day - which happened to be Easter morning. Ally was really looking forward to showing off her new Easter outfit.

[Music changes to something light and lively.]

Narrator 1: And if you're still looking for a new Easter outfit, you need to stop by Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique. They have everything you need to make a lasting impression with your new Easter outfit. They have smashing outfits for boys and girls, men and women young and old. And ladies as a special offer that lasts just this week, if you buy a new Easter dress you get a free Easter bonnet. Gentlemen, when you purchase a new suit coat and tie you can choose from a wide selections of new hats or choose to have your shoes shined for free - but this special offer is only for this week. Go to church Easter morning in style. Stop by Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique for all your clothing needs.

[Music changes to a more somber tone.]

Narrator2: This portion of the program is also brought to you by the International Harvest Society. Look across a grain field and try to imagine how many individual kernels there are. Each one is very precious to its maker. You'll see a field that is rich with potential. The world is a lot like that. It is filled with a rich harvest of individuals. Each one precious to its maker. Each one was uniquely created to serve the Maker's purpose. Each one is rich with potential. And, just like a grain field, the harvest can't await the laborer's convenience. It's clear that help is wanting. Want to help with the harvest? Call the international harvest society and help bring in the harvest of a lifetime. Harvest all you can now, you'll have all of eternity to rest.

[Theme music starts again for intro to story.]

Narrator 1: And now back to Another New Birth - a live radio presentation here on WRAC radio. The setting of our story changes to that of Easter Sunday morning. The sunrise service has just ended at the _____ Church and the Easter morning breakfast is about to be served. There are plenty in attendance who are looking just great in their new Easter outfits..

Grandma: They must have shopped at Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique. I know I shop there all the time. My new Easter outfit has gotten me plenty of compliments. I was more than happy to tell everyone I got it at Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique. They have more than just coats. They have everything a fashionable young lady needs to dress for any occasion. They really are amazing!

Narrator 2: You can find Joseph's Amazing Coat Boutique on the third level of our local mall.

Narrator 1: Just be sure to watch your step on the escalator!

Narrator2: Yes, thank you for that important safety tip.

[Special little music ditty here. Then a light tune as we lead into our next advertising message.]

Narrator 1: And speaking of safety tip, here's another important safety tip from our newest sponsor - the Michael and Friends Moving Company. Don't strain your back when you have a heavy object you have to get out of your way. Don't risk experiencing a life threatening do-it-yourself injury. When there's a heavy load that needs to be moved you need to depend on the professionals. Call the Michael and Friends Moving Company. They'll show up on the spot at just the right moment and help you move that heavy burden right out of the way. They've been moving heavy objects since they paved the way for the resurrection of Jesus. Your heavy burdens are nothing in comparison to that heavy job. You can contact them through their boss - he schedules all of their assignments. The Michael and Friends Moving Company - also available for security work.

Scene 2:

[Theme music is played.]

Narrator 2: And now back to our story. You're listening to Another New Birth - an original dramatic Easter presentation produced live for your listening pleasure here on WRAC radio by RAC's own Acts of Light Christian drama troupe. Well it's Easter Sunday morning. We're at the Easter breakfast at the _____ Church. Most of the families attending the Easter Sunrise Service have made their way downstairs into the Fellowship Hall with big appetites. Suddenly two new figures emerge at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Their appearance is a stark contrast to the others. It's obvious they haven't had a shower in a while and it looks like they might not have had a good meal in just as long. Two of the teens from the church move to greet the visitors.

Host1: Good morning and Happy Easter.

Host2: Welcome to our church. Are you new here?

Sam: I don't think we've been here before.

Host1: Well, we're glad you came this morning. It's a special day. It's Easter morning!

Host2: Did you come for our breakfast?

Edna: Yeah, can we eat for free or do we have to pay something?

Host1: Ah, you're in luck. There's no cost for visitors today.

Host2: The two of you can eat all you want for free!

Sam: We're in luck.

Host1: Do you like pancakes?

Edna: Oh yeah!

Host2: Do you like sausage?

Sam: You bet!

Host1: Do you like coffee?

Edna: Are we gonna stand here talking about food or do we actually get to eat it?

Host2: I'm sorry. My friend and I tend to be overly dramatic. Let's find you a seat. Here you go, how's this?

Sam: Great. Where's the food?

Host1: The youth of the church will be serving you. Someone will be with you in a moment.

Host2: Ah, here comes Allan now.

Allan: Good morning - and Happy Easter. My name is Allan and I'm going to be serving you this morning. We have Pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, English Muffins, and some homemade breads. What would you like to start with?

Sam: I'll take one of everything. I feel like I haven't eaten in a week.

Edna: Me too.

Allan: One of everything?

Sam: Is that okay?

Allan: Sure. No problem. It's Easter. I'll be back in a minute.

Zack: Good morning and Happy Easter! Would you like something to drink? There is milk, juice, or coffee.

Sam: I'll take one of everything.

Edna: Me too.

Zack: One of everything?

Sam: Is that okay?

Zack: Sure. No problem. It's Easter. I'll be back in a minute.

Rachel: I've got homemade bread and muffins. Let's see, as far as bread goes, I've got cinnamon raisin, just plain white, banana, and something else we haven't been able to identify. As far as muffins go, we have blueberry, bran, cornbread, and Mrs. Bo's world famous poppy seed muffins. What would you like to start with?

Sam: I'll take one of each.

Edna: Me too.

Rachel: One of each?

Sam: Is that okay?

Rachel: Sure. No problem. It's Easter. Here you go.

Sam: Thanks.

Edna: Yeah, thanks.

[*They audibly munch on their food.*]

Allan: Here's your breakfast.

Sam: Thanks.

Edna: Yeah, thanks.

[*They audibly munch on their food.*]

Zack: Here's your beverages.

Sam: Thanks.

Edna: Yeah, thanks.

[*They audibly munch on their food.*]

Zack: Let us know if you need anything else.

Host1: Do you mind if Bob and Beth join you for breakfast?

Bob: No.

[*They audibly munch on their food.*]

Sam: Thanks.

Beth: Happy Easter, I'm Beth. I don't think I've seen you two here at church before. Are you new here?

Sam: Yeah, we've never been here before.

Edna: But I think you'll see us again. This food's great!

Sam: [*In a secretive tone.*] And they'll let you eat as much as you want if you ask.

Bob: Yeah, that's one of my favorite parts of church meals too!

Beth: So, are you two planning on staying for our Easter morning service?

Edna: I don't know.

Beth: Aw, why not?

Bob: We'd love to have you stay. It's Easter morning. Just about everyone goes to church on Easter morning.

Sam: I don't know if we're really dressed for it.

Beth: Don't worry about it.

Sam: But everyone else here looks really nice and we don't have clothes like that.

Edna: Yeah, it looks like everyone went shopping at that Amazing coat place.

Sam: There's no way we could get clothes there.

Bob: That's okay. You don't have to dress a certain way to come to this church.

Beth: Most people don't look this nice on a regular Sunday. They're all decked out for Easter.

Bob: I'd be willing to take my coat and tie off if it would make you feel more comfortable.

Sam: No. You don't have to do that.

Bob: It's okay. [*In a secretive tone.*] I don't really like wearing them anyway. I'm happy to have the excuse.

Sam: Okay. Then go to town.

Bob: Great.

Allan: Good morning Bob and Beth - and Happy Easter. I'm going to be serving you this morning. We have Pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, English Muffins, and some homemade breads. What would you like to start with?

Beth: Happy Easter Allan. You could get me a few pancakes and one of those homemade breads.

Bob: Same for me.

Allan: Rachel will tell you what kinds of breads we have while I go get your pancakes.

Rachel: Okay, we've got homemade bread and muffins. Let's see, as far as bread goes, I've got cinnamon raisin, just plain white, banana, and something else we haven't been able to identify. As far as muffins go, we have blueberry, bran, cornbread, and Mrs. Bo's world famous poppy seed muffins. What would you like to start with?

Beth: I'll have some banana bread.

Bob: I'll have some of Mrs. Bo's world famous poppy seed muffins.

Rachel: Great. How are you guys doing on your first serving?

Sam: I'm about out. Everything was great. Can I have one of everything again?

Rachel: Sure. And how about you?

Edna: Me too.

Rachel: Okay. Here ya go. Happy Easter.

Zack: Good morning and Happy Easter! Would you like something to drink? There is milk, juice, or coffee.

Bob: Wow, what great service. You guys are doing a great job! I'll have some coffee.

Zack: Great. And how about you Beth?

Beth: I'd like some ORANGE juice, okay?

Zack: Why am I not surprised.

Beth: Thanks. You're amazing!

Zack: I'll be right back.

Narrator 1: If all this talk about food is making your hungry then you need to pick up some Heavenly bread! Some bread satisfies an immediate hunger but the fullness does not last. Some bread may be tasty but lacking in total nourishment. Why not get it all? Heavenly bread satisfies today, tomorrow, for an eternity. Heavenly bread - available in your closest available copy of the Holy Scripture.

Narrator 2: This might be a good time to remind you that there will be a refreshment time immediately following tonight's presentation downstairs in the fellowship hall. We might not be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, English Muffins, cinnamon raisin bread, just plain white bread, banana bread, blueberry muffins, bran muffins, cornbread muffins, and Mrs. Bo's world famous poppy seed muffins, and something else we haven't been able to identify - but there will be plenty of good things to eat. Just be sure to seek out Zack, Rachel, and Allan and they'll be sure to set you up with the best that's available.

Narrator 1: And now back to our program. When we left our story, Beth and Bob joined Sam and Edna for Easter breakfast. They had gotten through the menu options, Bob had gladly taken off his suit coat and tie, and they were about to get past the small talk and talk about something more lasting.

Bob: So, what brings the two of you to our church this morning?

Sam: I could say a bunch of nice things, but I'd be lying.

Edna: It was the free breakfast.

Beth: Has it been a while since you've had a good breakfast?

Sam: You could say that.

Edna: This food is really good.

Sam: But it wasn't always like this. I used to have a great job and we used to live in a really nice house and had great meals all the time.

Beth: So, what happened?

Edna: Sam lost his job and he couldn't find another one. We were living paycheck to paycheck. We didn't have any money in the bank and there was no hope for the future.

Sam: We didn't have enough money to pay our bills. Our stuff started to get re-possessed, our utilities started to get shut off...

Edna: And then we were evicted from our home. They auctioned all of our stuff and what they made from the auction went to pay off our loan. It wasn't enough so we were evicted.

Sam: All our stuff was gone and we had nowhere to live. We went to a homeless shelter and stayed there for a while, but it just didn't feel right and we hit the streets. I wanted to find another job, but once I was homeless it seemed like nobody wanted to give me an interview.

Edna: We got stuck in a downward spiral. We're still stuck in a downward spiral.

Sam: I can't tell you the last time we had a meal this good.

Beth: I am so glad that you decided to stop at our church this morning. We can understand what you're going through.

Sam: Yeah, right.

Edna: How can you understand what we're going through?

Bob: Oh, man you're telling my story. I was in the same position about a year ago.

Sam: You were homeless a year ago?

Beth: No, we didn't lose our house.

Bob: But we would have if I didn't find a job the week I found one.

Beth: It was really scary situation.

Bob: I was a mess. I felt like a failure because I wasn't able to provide for my family. I felt like a fool because I never saw it coming. I blamed God for letting us down and nobody wanted to be anywhere near me.

Beth: I can attest to that.

Sam: Wow. I guess you do know what we're going through.

Bob: Yeah. Look, can I tell you that it gets better. I was so bitter at God and so mad at myself and so down in the dumps that I never thought things were going to get better, but they do get better.

Edna: How? I mean, we've been like this for months now. How does it get better?

Beth: I don't know. I wish I did know and I could tell you exactly what you had to do to make things get better. I don't know, but I do know someone who does.

Sam: Who - who do you know that knows how things are going to get better? I really wanna know.

Bob: God.

Edna: God - give me a break. How can we believe in God when all this bad stuff is happening to us? I thought God was a loving God who does great things for His children.

Beth: He is.

Sam: And I thought if you go to church and do what you're supposed to do then He was going to take care of you and stuff like that. Right - at least that's what I learned in Sunday school when I was a kid.

Bob: Yeah, that's right.

Edna: Then how do you explain the situation we're in now. Where's God now? Where's His blessing? Where's His goodness? Where's Him taking care of us now?

Bob: Look, I know what you're saying. I was there. I said all those things myself. I don't blame you at all. I really don't. And I can't really tell you what it was that changed my thinking, well, I know what started it. Look, I ran into a friend at the mall just before Christmas and he listened to my story and invited me to come to church on Christmas Eve. I didn't want to go, but the more I didn't want to go the more something inside of me told me that I needed to be there.

Beth: That very same day I was at the mall and I ran into an old friend too. She listened to my story and invited me to come to church. I was just like Bob, I didn't want to come and the more I told myself I didn't want to come the more I knew I had to come to church.

Bob: It was as if God was speaking right to us during that service on Christmas Eve. That night Beth and I went forward and got right with God and all of the burdens were gone. I know it sounds corny but all of my worries and all my fears were suddenly gone.

Sam: But you still didn't have a job.

Edna: And you didn't have food to eat.

Beth: But we had this great sense of peace that no matter what happened God was in control and that He would take care for us and that He would give us what we needed and that we didn't have to worry about it.

Bob: And I found a job later that week.

Sam: Ah, that's just a coincidence.

Beth: Maybe, but I believe God let us both run into our old friends on the same day for a purpose. And I believe that we went to that church service for a purpose. And I believe that we went forward for a purpose. And I believe that God really removed our burdens that night.

Edna: Okay, let's just say that God did all that for you, what's He gonna do for us?

Bob: Do you think you just happened to come to our church this morning? Do you think you just happened to sit next to us at this breakfast? Do you think we just happened to have similar experiences?

Beth: Or do you think that God has planned for this and that He's trying to call you back to Him just like He did for us?

Sam: Yeah, even if that was the case, it's been years since I've been in a church. It's been years since I prayed or did anything godly. Why would He want me now - when my life is a mess?

Bob: That's one of the awesome things about God. He doesn't care what our lives are like - He still loves us. David talked about God lifting us out of the miry pit in the book of Psalms. He loves to rescue us when we think there's no more hope for us.

SL: Sorry to interrupt, but I couldn't help but hear your conversation. Our quartet is singing a song about just that in the morning service. Would you like us to sing it for you now?

Beth: Sure. I love to hear you guys sing.

[*They sing.*]

Beth: Thanks.

SL: Thanks for the warm-up. We'll see you guys upstairs.

Narrator 1: _____, and _____ made their way to the sanctuary to prepare for the Easter Morning service. By the way, if you enjoyed their music on this program you'll be glad to know that you can purchase a special volume of their favorites exclusively through this radio offer. Just contact WRAC and sign up to become part of their tape of the month club. You'll receive one of their favorite new 8 track tapes every month and each week you'll be billed for \$19.99. You'll continue to receive one of their old 8-track tapes until they don't have any more. Contact WRAC if you're interested in this amazing offer.

[Theme music again.]

Narrator 2: And now back to our program. Once again, I'm proud to remind you that you're listening to Another New Birth - a live special Easter radio presentation here on WAC.

Narrator 1: We return to the fellowship hall at the _____ Church where Bob, Beth, Sam, and Edna finish the last of Mrs. B's world famous poppy seed muffins. The conversation continues...

Bob: You know Sam, I didn't really want to hear what my friend was telling me when he told me I needed God. I thought I needed a job and I wasn't going to believe in God unless I got that job. But he was right. I needed to lay my burdens before God and let Him carry them for me.

Beth: I think this might be a great chance for the two of you to get to know God.

Edna: I hear what you're saying, but I just wonder what good it'll do. I used to go to church when I was younger. I used to go to Sunday school too.

Bob: But we're talking about knowing God in a personal way. A lot of people know about God, but it's different to know Him personally.

Sam: What's the difference?

Beth: To know about God is to know the basics. Just like if I was to know about our president I would know his name, how long he's been in office, what his family is like - you know, that kinda stuff. But that doesn't mean he and I can sit down and have lunch together. I don't know him personally.

Bob: To know God personally means that I want to spend time with Him in His Word and in prayer. I'm going to be around others who know Him so we can learn from each other. I'm going to be telling others what He's done for me so they can know Him personally too.

Beth: It's to ask Him to forgive you of your sin and fill your life with His presence. To give you that peace that passes all understanding so that you know He's in control of your life even if you think your life is out of control.

Sam: But my life is out of control.

Edna: And we have like no hope for the future.

Bob: I know. I was there. I can also tell you that it's better here with God than it was being there without him.

Beth: Look, this is Easter. What does Easter mean to you?

Edna: Spring's a coming.

Beth: Yeah. What else?

Sam: Temperatures going up.

Bob: Yeah.

Edna: Kids get to hunt for Easter eggs.

Beth: Do you remember what God did on Easter?

Sam: Not really.

Bob: Let me tell you. Easter is when God raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead. Jesus was God's Son. He lived a perfect life. He never did anything wrong and He did everything right. When He died on the cross He offered himself as a Holy Sacrifice. He did it for you and for me and for everyone who's ever lived. His sacrifice paid the penalty for our sin so we can spend all of eternity in Heaven.

Beth: And so we can have peace and contentment in our hearts. No matter how bad things get here we know that God's in control because of what He's done for us. Christ gives us comfort in our times of need and a purpose in our life that nothing else can give us.

Bob: I don't know how we would have gotten through what we were going through without Christ. I know He'll get you through your situation too. You just have to trust Him.

[We begin to hear the music playing in the sanctuary.]

Bob: It sounds like they're about to start the Easter morning service. Would you like to join us upstairs?

Edna: Do we get to hear more about what Christ did for us?

Beth: I'm sure you will.

Sam: I think it might be just what we need right now.

Beth: Great. Come on.

[Special Music.]

Narrator 1: The pastor did talk more about what Christ did for us when He died on the cross and rose again on the third day. At the end of the service Tim and Beth had the privilege of praying with Sam and Edna at the same altar they had prayed at just a few months earlier. God worked miracles in their lives, forgiving them of their sins, giving them peace for their situation, and providing a job for Sam later that week. The two became an integral part of the church and great friends of Tim and Beth's.

Narrator 2: So, how about you? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever asked God to forgive your sins and secure a place in Heaven for all of eternity just for you? Have you accepted the gift Christ gave us when he was born in a lowly manger? When he lived a life without sin? When he died on the cross as a sacrifice for your sin and mine? It's not too hard. All you have to do is tell him that you're a sinner and you want to be forgiven. You accept what Christ did on the cross and you want to have a personal relationship with Him. John 3:16 says that God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him will not perish but will be given eternal life. You can do that tonight.

Narrator 1: And how about those of you who have fallen away from the Lord? This is a chance for you to experience Another New Birth, just as Sam and Edna did tonight. No matter how many steps you've taken away from God, you're only one step away from Him. Turn to Him for He will meet you there and give you grace and forgiveness and the peace that passes all understanding.

Narrator 2: If you'd like to more information about the program you've heard tonight, find a pastor or an elder. They'd be more than happy to talk with you. Or you can call the station 24/7. We'd love to speak with you.

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[*Music Intro and voice over.*]

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Narrator 1: This is _____

Narrator 2: And I'm _____.

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Narrator 2: Good night everyone. And Happy Easter!

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