



# **The Walking Running Marching Easter**

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## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing “The Walking Running Marching Easter.” This play may be utilized by various-sized preschools and church groups. You are highly encouraged to use your imagination to adapt this Easter play to fit the needs of your children and/or school.

There are five songs that your children will practice and learn. It is recommended that all the children who will be performing sing each of the songs together. However, if you are directing a large school or children’s ministry, you may wish to have individual classes learn and sing only individual songs. Because this play celebrates body movement, it is also highly recommended that you create and teach hand and body motions for each of the songs that are appropriate for the age of the children performing the play.

“The Walking Running Marching Easter” is written in such a way that the story of Easter is told by a narrator. This narrator may be a school director or children’s ministry director, a teacher, or another adult. The narration may also be broken into parts and read by several different people.

As a part of the play, there is an option for having children act out the parts. Roles include Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, an angel, guards, Peter and John, the two men on the road to Emmaus, a group of disciples, and Jesus. It is recommended that you create Bible-time costumes and a colorful set in order to fit with the overall theme of the play. Ideally, the set will have a cave or tomb (which can be made out of drop cloths spray-painted splotchy gray and brown) as well as a large stone (which can be made, for instance, out of a sheet of plywood cut in a large circle and also painted gray).

Have fun! Use your imagination! And may God bless your efforts as you tell the important story of Jesus’ resurrection.

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Narrator: "At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of the body. Jesus rose bodily from the grave. Because of Easter, we have the promise that death cannot hold us down now either. Our bodies will also be resurrected (1 Corinthians 15). Our human bodies are a great gift from God. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We can walk, run, jump, skip, dance, eat, laugh, and talk all because God gave us our amazing bodies. Most importantly, we use our bodies to praise God."

*Play and sing the Theme Song: "Walking Running Marching Easter"*

*Walking Running Jumping and Skipping  
Marching Forward Jesus is Alive (Repeat)*

*Jesus is alive now. Jesus is alive forevermore.  
Jesus is alive now. Jesus is alive forevermore.  
I will run to Him, I will walk with Him  
I will shout and dance for joy  
He's alive, and He's my Savior, forevermore, forevermore.*

*Walking Running Jumping and Skipping  
Marching Forward Jesus is Alive (Repeat)*

*Jesus is my friend now. Jesus is my friend forevermore.  
Jesus is my friend now. Jesus is my friend forevermore.  
I will run to Him, I will walk with Him  
I will shout and dance for joy  
He's alive, and He's my Savior, forevermore, forevermore.*

*Walking Running Jumping and Skipping  
Marching Forward Jesus is Alive (Repeat)*

*I will live for Him now. I will live for Him forevermore.  
I will live for Him now. I will live for Him forevermore.  
I will run to Him, I will walk with Him  
I will shout and dance for joy  
He's alive, and He's my Savior, forevermore, forevermore.*

## Scene 1

(Guards stand at the tomb. The stone should be placed covering the entrance.)

Narrator: "After Jesus had died, on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb."

(Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approach the tomb)

Narrator: "There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone."

(Angel approaches and rolls the stone away from the entrance.)

Narrator: "When the guards saw the angel they were afraid. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen from the dead.' Go and tell His disciples."

*Play and Sing Song #2: "Roll That Stone Away"*

*Roll that stone away, Roll that stone away  
The angel came down to roll the stone away  
You promised you'd rise, Lord, on the third day  
So the angel came down to roll the stone away*

*The first day of the week, the women came  
To look at the place where Jesus lay  
What a surprise their eyes did see  
He's risen from the grave!*

*Roll that stone away, Roll that stone away  
The angel came down to roll the stone away  
You promised you'd rise, Lord, on the third day  
So the angel came down to roll the stone away*