

Easter Assembly

John 3:16

Props: Sleeping bag
Old newspapers
Nice blanket and pillow
Policeman's hat
Old lady's shawl
2 Chairs
Boy's dressing gown
Boy's pyjamas
Towel
Soap
Wash cloth
Breakfast food/plates/utensils
Dinner food/plates/utensils
Foldaway table
Bible
Poster with the verse John 3:16 written out

Scene 1 opens with a little boy sleeping rough in his sleeping bag. He is approached by a policeman (symbolized by the policeman's hat).

Policeman: Son, are you alright? (Boy awakes)

Boy: Sir, do you know where I can find a warm place to sleep tonight?

Policeman: You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say John 3:16 and they will let you in.

Scene 2 opens with the boy knock on an imaginary door. A lady answers the door.

Boy: John 3:16

Lady: Come on in, Son.

(Lady takes boy into home and sits him down in a comfortable chair. She puts a blanket around his shoulders and kisses his head.)

Boy: John 3:16...I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.

(The lady returns and says)

Lady: Are you hungry, son?

Boy: Well yes, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days.

(Lady takes boy to a 'kitchen' where a table is set for him to eat dinner. The boy sits down to the table and begins to eat. After a few bites he says...)

Boy: John 3:16...Boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

(The lady returns with a towel, soap, and a dressing gown to take him an 'imaginary' bath. She says...)

Lady: Come on, son, it's time for your lovely hot bath.

(Boy follows her, pretends to take off clothes, get into bath and starts to wash himself.)

Boy: John 3:16... You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean.

(Lady enters the 'bathroom', gets him out of the bath and begins to dry him off. She puts the dressing gown on him and takes him to a bed. She pulls the covers up to his neck, kisses his head goodnight and says...)

Lady: Sleep well, son and God bless your sleep. I'll see you in the morning.

Boy: (boy stretches and yawns and says...) John 3:16...I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rested.

Scene 3 The next morning the lady comes to the boy's room and wakes him up. He puts on his dressing gown and goes downstairs with her to the kitchen. There waiting for him is breakfast. After he finishes, they go and sit in the chairs and the lady begins to speak.)

Lady: Son, do you know what John 3:16 means?

Boy: No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it.

Lady: (she picks up a bible and says...) John 3:16 'For God loved the world so much, he gave his only son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' You see, son, at Easter we Christians celebrate the death of Jesus on the cross. When Christians think of the cross, we realize that something in our lives is so wrong that Jesus had to die for us to set it right. By dying for us, Jesus says he loves us very much and that love is a very valuable treasure to us Christians. By making a choice to love Jesus, we believe we can be with Him now and forever. You might think we would be sad that Jesus had to die. However, we are happy because He came back alive and is now in Heaven and we believe we too will one day be in heaven with him.

Boy: John 3:16 – I don't fully understand why HE would die for ME, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe and very loved. John 3:16. I will NEVER forget it.