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EASTER LABS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Two researchers introduce items to make Easter better, but they admit there is no way to improve on the story and message of Easter.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The skit should start fast, furious and funny – and immediately downshift when the message comes in.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Easter

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 5:8

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

DOC - an inventor
LAB ASSISTANT

PROPS: A “tracking device”, “homing beacons”, Easter eggs, an Easter basket with grass, a picture of the empty tomb

COSTUMES: Lab coats

SOUND: Two wireless

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A lab

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DOC speaks in a fast, salesman-type banter. Think Dan Aykroyd doing his Bass-OMatic commercials on SNL.

DOC: Well, folks, it's Easter time again. Time for hiding eggs, chasing bunnies, overdosing on chocolate, and the one day a year when a real man can get away with wearing pastels.

Of course, Easter has fallen on hard times in recent years. It's no longer the number two holiday when it comes to spending. That's Halloween now. In fact, Easter's been steadily losing ground a long time to Valentines Day, Thanksgiving, and its friendly new next door neighbor Earth Day. But here at Easter Labs, we know that Easter is still number two in many a heart, right up there next to Christmas, which is why we've dedicated our lives to making Easter more fun and more practical for everyone. That's right. The researchers here at Easter labs are working hard, night and day, to find new innovations to improve on our age old holiday traditions.

The LAB ASSISTANT carries in a tracking device, tiny homing beacons, and a dozen colored eggs. (Use your creativity for these devices.) The LAB ASSISTANT stoically plays Vanna as DOC explains the items.

Let's look at one of the more popular Easter traditions, the Easter egg hunt. Parents go to a lot of trouble hiding hard-boiled, multi-colored eggs all around the house for the little nippers to find. Trouble is, they don't always find all the eggs, and round about August, that long lost egg really makes its smelly presence known. You could go to the trouble of making a list of hiding locations, but why bother with that when you can use the Egg Beacon? This handy, dandy device comes with our wireless Egg Tracker 3000 and thirty homing beacons, much like the ones biologists use to tag penguins. Simply attach a tracking beacon to each egg, and when the kids are too pooped to hunt, use the Egg Tracker 3000 to find the remaining quarry. If all else fails, you can also use the patented self-destruct mechanism.

The LAB ASSISTANT crushes the egg in hand. He wipes his hands and gets the Easter basket with grass.

Another popular tradition in need of improvements is of course, the Easter basket. This handy carrying unit is the ideal transport for eggs, candy, soft bunnies and the like, thanks to the soft Easter grass that lies on the bottom. But what happens as soon as Easter afternoon rolls around? The Easter grass goes everywhere. It's quite a mess, and it'll jam up that vacuum cleaner. Meanwhile, outside, the beautiful lawn you want to have more of is prone to brown spots and dead patches. A real eye sore! So here at Easter Labs, we have created a new hybrid Easter grass. Combining traditional Easter grass with Kentucky bluegrass and South Florida crab grass, this new, patented breed