## **Celebration Station**



















#### **SCENE 1** Welcome to the Good News Loop!

(As the kids start arriving, we see a train in the background, the platform, and an engineer working out front. The words "Good News Loop" are posted in the arch above the train. In the background, the kids notice mountains, trees, and all kinds of things that get them excited for the adventure to come.)

MR. E (wearing overalls, a plaid shirt, and an engineer hat with "Mr. E" on it): "Alright everyone . . . ten minutes . . . tennnn minutes!" (Checking watch)

(Everyone waving, LEO shakes his head and walks over, NOAH is bouncing a basketball)

JACK & JOELLE (both waving): Hey guys!

OTHERS: Hey, it's Jack & Joelle!

(JACK blows train whistle)

JOELLE: Jack, stop that! I can't believe you bought that whistle! (*Tries to grab it*)

JACK: What? (Holds it away from her) I saw it in the gift shop. How could I not buy it!

JOELLE: It's so weird to be seeing each other outside of school!

LEO (sarcastically): Yeah, because this would have been the first choice of something to do during summer break . . . ride a train in a circle (trying to manage holding his emotional support animal).

JOELLE: It's not just a *train* and it's not just a *circle*, Leo! I've heard it's super fun. It's like a tour of the Bible . . . and each place we stop brings a different Bible story to life . . . and there's . . . (*interrupted*)

LEO (sarcastically): OK, yeah . . . whatever Jill.

(JOELLE looking annoyed)

JACK: Leo, you KNOW how much Joelle hates being called Jill!

JOELLE: Anyway . . . we heard the conductor is awesome! And he even has this cool name! MR. E!!!

NOAH: Yeah, well, I don't know about E. I'm just hoping we get to play a little B-ball along the way.

SOPHIA (sarcastically): Yes, Noah. Because train stations are always known for having great basketball courts.

(Everyone rolls their eyes and groans)

NOAH: Cool!

SOPHIA: I'm more concerned about the *turtles* being harmed by this steam engine.

JOELLE: Sophia, how does that have *anything* to do with turtles?

SOPHIA: Because smoke goes into the atmosphere, interfering with the weather, which then interferes with the tides, which then interferes with the ocean's habitat . . . therefore, HURTING THE TURTLES!

LEO: See, Sophia, this is the danger of people, and plants, and animals, and the earth, and . . . (gets interrupted)

JACK (*interrupts*): Uhh . . . Leo . . . What's with the stuffed animal? (*Pig animal can be substituted for another stuffed animal*)

(Everyone laughs)

LEO: What do you mean, "stuffed"? My parents thought it was important that I have an emotional support animal. So, yes, I have an exception for Mr. Bacon.

(Everyone laughs again)

JACK: Looks like a stuffed pig to me.

(Everyone laughs once more)

SOPHIA: Mr. BACON?!?!? That is offensive on so many levels.

LEO: What? He likes bacon! Followed by a very close second with pork chops!

JACK: In that case . . . I promise you and Mr. Bacon (or insert substitute name) are going to have fun!

JOELLE: Oh hey! Here comes Mia!!!

LEO: What a shock. She's posting online again.

MIA (going live on her phone): Hey everyone! It's meeee, Mia. I'm here at the train station, about to take a ride on the "Good News Loop". Say hello to some other "besties" from school. OK, signing off . . . I'll let you know how it goes! Until then, don't forget to subscribe and read your "Bibe"!

NOAH: Ummm, "Bibe"?

MIA: Yeah, Noah. It's short for "Bible".

KIDS (collectively): Ohhhhh . . .

LEO: So, literally NO one says that Mia . . .

MIA: No one says it YET. I've just sent it trending through my 2.8 hundred followers. That's a LOT!!! And then you can all thank ME when it goes viral. Annund you were the first to hear it.

(Everyone groans or laughs)

MR. E: AllIll aboard! (JACK blows his train whistle) First stop . . . Garden of Eden! (Music begins) Story of Creation! Listen closely as my friends share where it all began . . . (JACK blows his whistle [again] and JOELLE punches his shoulder)

## Welcome to Day One

















**SCENE 2 - Your Life Has a Purpose** 

JOELLE: Wow! Eden was beautiful!

NOAH: Yeah, it sure was Jill!

JOELLE: Ugh! Noah . . . Jill is STILL not my name! For someone who knows so much, you'd think you could remember . . . JOELLLEE.

(Everyone laughs)

SOPHIA (*looking annoyed at JOELLE and NOAH*): Moving on . . . Mr. E, wasn't there a problem with the tree or something? That poor tree got such a bad rap.

MR. E: Well, yes, Sophia. One bad choice changed everything and they had to leave Eden forever.

KIDS (in unison): Nooooo!

MIA: That's so sad . . . downward trending for sure!

(The KIDS laugh and groan.)

MR. E: Wait, Mia. There's more! God had a plan! God's *always* had a plan. He can take *any* situation and turn it for good.

JACK: That makes me think of King David! He made huge mistakes, but didn't God still call him a "man after His own heart"?

MR. E: That's exactly right, Jack!

MIA: Wait! Did someone say KING? So, a "royal" who messed up "royally"? I need a post about this. That will definitely trend.

(Everyone laughs)

NOAH: OK, OK. So, maybe this David guy ended up as a king, but what does that have to do with me?

MIA: I wonder what it would be like to wear a crown every day of the week! (Makes pretend motion of putting on a crown)

MR. E: Well, you're about to find out! (Music begins) Our next stop . . . King David's Palace!

(JACK blows his whistle. JOELLE covers her ears and groans.)

## A God like That























#### **SCENE 3 - Who Jesus Is**

JACK: Ooh! Count me in! I'm totally on board if you're talkin' about a God like THAT.

SOPHIA: As long as He also wants to help me with the turtles . . .

LEO: Hmm...I suppose I could use some help. Because, to be honest, there are days when (snuggling his emotional support animal close and covering its ears)... even Mr. Bacon isn't enough.

MIA: Not me! I'm good.

MR. E: Are you sure, Mia? (MIA looks at him questioningly as everyone laughs.)

JOELLE: Well, to be honest, I would just be happy if people could get my name right! Seriously though! How IS God gonna help us with turtles and . . .

MR. E: Well, God had a plan for everything and part of that plan was God sending His Son, Jesus.

SOPHIA: Oh yeah! I've heard about Jesus! Wasn't He a prophet?

LEO: Yeah, that's what I thought Jesus was.

MIA: Oooh oooh. Prophets can tell the future! I could really use Him on my social media team as an influencer!

(Everyone laughs)

NOAH: Well, I heard the Bible is full of nice stories and Jesus was just a nice man.

MR. E. Well, yes, Jesus was nice . . . and Jesus was a prophet . . . and He does know the future . . . but Jesus was and is much more than that! The moment Jesus was born changed everything. Next stop . . . Bethlehem!

(Music begins. JACK blows his whistle.)

JOELLE: Jack! Good grief! Enough with the whistle.

(Everyone laughs)

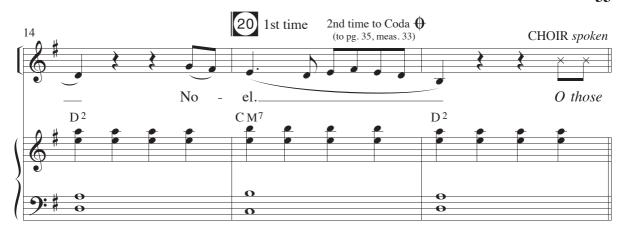
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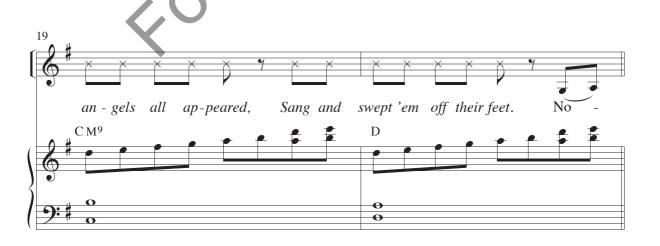
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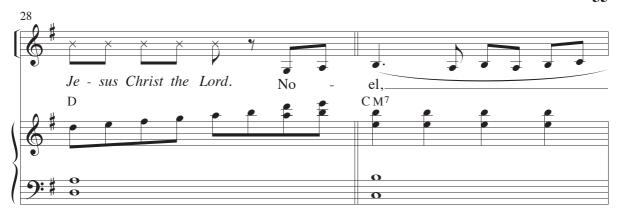


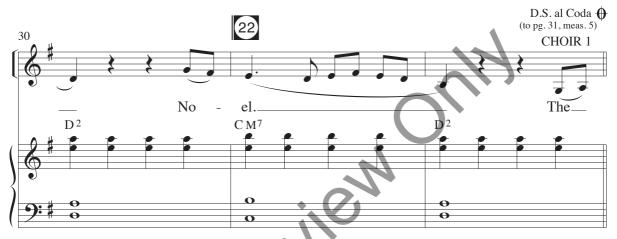


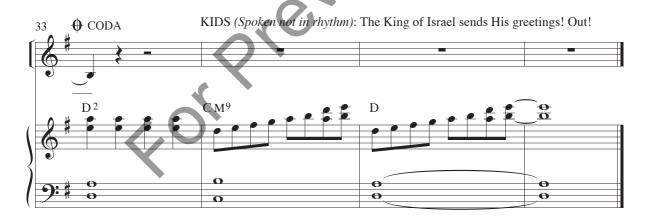




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**SCENE 4 - There's Only One Way** 

JOELLE: Wow! He had angels introduce His birth? He really was a big deal . . .

LEO: I don't think my parents even told anybody I was born. (*Clutching his emotional support animal tightly*)

KIDS (laughs): Of course!

MIA (in her own little world): WHOA . . . He must have SO many followers!

MR. E: Well, technically Mia, He started with just 12.

MIA: SO DID I!!!

(Everyone laughs)

MR. E: But even without social media, 2,000 years later He's still gaining followers.

MIA: I don't get it. No Insta, no Tik, not even a Tok, no Snap or Chat . . .

(More laughing)

JOELLE: So, Mr. E . . . that means all that stuff we've heard over the years . . . like the miracles and . . . dying on a cross and . . . coming back to life and then . . . coming back again someday from the sky . . .

JACK (*s-l-o-w-l-y*): All of that was REAL?!?

MR. E: You bet it's real! You know, there's people who think there's a lot of ways to get to heaven, but the truth is there's only ONE. And that's through Jesus Christ dying on a cross.

LEO: So, you're saying there's only ONE way? . . .

NOAH: ... through only ONE person ...

JOELLE: ... and through this ONE person, we can have eternal life? ...

SOPHIA: ... and no turtles get harmed in this process?

(Everyone laughs and groans)

MR. E: I'm so glad Sophia is finally coming out of her . . . "shell"!

JOELLE: Oh, Mr. E! You have a sense of humor! Good job with the Dad Joke!

MR. E: Well, thank you, Sophia! (Grins)

JACK: So, what's up next???

(Music begins)

MR. E: Next stop . . . the Empty Tomb!

JOELLE: Jack! Don't even think about it.

(JACK <u>still</u> blows his whistle. Everyone laughs)

# One Way Track



















SCENE 5 - Becoming Who You Are in Christ

MR. E: Did you guys catch that? The tomb is EMPTY. Jesus rose from the dead!

JACK: Hey, let's check it out!

JOELLE: Yeah, it's right up there!

MIA (singing): "Jack and Joelle went up a hill to fetch a pail of water . . . "

JOELLE (turns back to MIA, with hands clasped in front of her): Awww, Mia . . . you got my NAME right!!!

MIA (checking her phone and scrolling): Oh my gosh, and like the archeologists even think they know where the actual tomb is at!

MR. E: I wish more people in the world would . . . DIG DEEPER!

(Some groans and chuckling)

NOAH: Mr. E, I think I'm finally getting it! This is like going into double overtime and our team has a chance to win it all!

JACK: Yeah! And we will win it all because we're traveling with Jesus!

LEO (throws fists in the air): BOOM!

(All the KIDS stare in amazement)

SEVERAL KIDS: What happened to Leo??? Yeah, something's happened!

LEO: Why are you so surprised?!? I get it . . . this is awesome . . . awesome for me and Mr. Bacon!

JOELLE: Sooo . . . let's see if I have this right . . . Jesus died and rose again, and He took all my mistakes and hurt, and He made them go away.

MIA: Like hitting delete! #newstart (*Pronounced: "hashtag new start"*)

(Lots of laughter)

MR. E: I'm so proud of all of you! We've almost completed (*music begins*) the Good News Loop!

LEO: Good thing, 'cause I think poor Mr. Bacon is getting motion sickness . . .

(More laughs)

## Make Me Something New



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## **SCENE 6 - Anything's Possible with Jesus**

MIA: I can't wait to tell people about the Celebration Station! Best day ever!!!

(The KIDS are all excited, talking over each other.)

KIDS (*looking around in confusion*): Hey, what happened to Mr. E? Did anybody see him leave?

JACK (shrugging): I dunno, it's a mystery . . .

JOELLE (contemplating): It's a mystery. Mys . . . ter . . . y. Mr. E! You guys!!!

SOPHIA: WHOA!!!

MIA: WAIT ... A ... MINUTE!!!

KIDS (starts with one voice then adds another character with each word): What if Mr. E was JESUS!!!

NOAH: After this trip, I believe anything is possible!

LEO: Who's ready to tell some friends about Celebration Station???

EVERYONE (shouting with excitement). Let's go!

(Music begins. Everyone except JOELLE gets their own whistles out of their pockets and blows them! JOELLE just throws her hands up in the air, looks upward and shakes her head.)

## Celebration Station (Reprise)



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