

“The Goat Who Hated Easter”  
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Props: All adults or kids can wear a hat or mask and tail or feathers to make them look like the animal part they are playing. This also may work as a puppet skit.

Cast: Mama Goat, Papa Goat, Mrs. Duck, 2 Baby goats, Johnny Goat

Setting: Farm setting

**PAPA GOAT**

Come on, Mama, tell the kids we are going to town.

**MAMA GOAT**

Do you think that we will be safe with Johnny Goat’s brother on the lose?

**PAPA GOAT**

Oh, last I heard he is now in Goat City jail.

**MAMA GOAT**

That is the best news I have heard in a long, long time. He was so bad at stealing all the weeds and eating on the trees.

**PAPA GOAT**

Yea, Old Man Charlie always thought that our kids did it.

Chewing on everything.

**MAMA GOAT**

Well, we know that they do not have an appetite like that.  
Why they cannot get up long enough to do their chores.

**PAPA GOAT**

We need to get a hold of Tommy the Sheriff and ask for protection.

**MAMA GOAT**

From what, Papa?

**PAPA GOAT**

Did you hear about Johnny Goat's brother? He is meaner than Johnny himself. Rumor is he can see us in the dark and attack us for no good reason. Right now he is out to get the Easter Bunny. He does not want the kids to have Easter, and only a select few get their Easter eggs.

**MAMA GOAT**

Well, that is almost like the Grinch that steals Christmas.  
We could set up a trap for him.

**PAPA GOAT**

Do you have any good ideas in doing that?

**MAMA GOAT**

Oh, yes, Papa. We will get him when he's coming down the Old Pepper Mill Road. I also heard that all the bunnies went on strike. Maybe they will be into helping us.

## **PAPA GOAT**

Why would they go on strike when the Easter Bunny needs them?

## **MS. DUCK**

(Walks in and says)

They didn't want to go on strike. They had no choice.

## **MAMA GOAT**

But you're a duck and not a bunny. How did you get involved? And why are they on strike when the Easter Bunny needs them?

## **MS. DUCK**

You did not hear? A few years ago when all the little bunnies had the bunny flu, many got sick and could no longer help the Easter bunny. So all of us ducks and chickens decided to help them out. It worked out so well; it's like we became part of the bunny family. The only sad thing is we cannot hop like they do.

## **PAPA GOAT**

I don't see that being a problem. We don't hop either but we can eat anything in our way or sight. You know. I have an idea.

## **MAMA GOAT**

Now what, Papa?

## **MS. DUCK**

Yea, what is your idea?

## **PAPA GOAT**

Go get me 7 chickens, 7 ducks, 7 bunnies. We will change the trail that old Johnny Goat's brother uses. We will set a trap for him before he can steal the eggs.

## **MS. DUCK**

But what are your plans with this crazy idea?

## **PAPA GOAT**

It's simple. When the new path is cleared by us goats, you ducks will quack up a storm and lead him towards the water. The chickens can cock-a doodle him to the roosting coop.

## **MS. DUCK**

But is that not where the eggs are kept?

## **PAPA GOAT**

Oh, yes, but he won't want the chickens, only their eggs. We will plant fake eggs. This is an old abandon coop and not used for years, so no one will be the wiser.

## **MS DUCK**

How do we make fake eggs?

## **MAMA GOAT**

Well, that is easy. We will use golf balls. They look like eggs.

## **MS DUCK**

But why 7 of each of us?

## **PAPA GOAT**

Well, when he sees 7 chickens, he will look around the room and see 7 ducks. He will figure that he has all his ducks in a row, “manner of speaking.” Then he looks again and sees the 7 bunnies. He'll grab the fake eggs.

## **MS. DUCK**

That may just work. We will save Easter. Sweet!

## **PAPA GOAT**

Well, get going and meet back here. I will gather the goats and they can start eating all the brush on that old trail. That will open it up for the trap. Hee hee

## **MS. DUCK**

Okay, on my way.

(She quakes, walking off stage)

## **MAMA GOAT**

Oh, Papa you are so brilliant. Who in their right mind would think of such a great idea?

## **PAPA GOAT**

Yea and your idea about the golf balls for eggs. That was great thinking for only being a hen. Now once we have the path cleared out we will be on our way. I want you to give a goat call to all the goats. They need to stop eating for a few hours so they can eat the brush at a faster rate.

**MAMA GOAT**

Hey. that reminds me of the song “Goats Rock.”

**DUCK**

No wait a minute. Ducks rock!

**MAMA GOAT**

Why, you’re a silly duck, hum! And papa said that all the ducks will be in a row.

**MS. DUCK**

Yikes, I am out of here. I don’t want to get hurt.  
(Ms. Duck exits the scene)

**PAPA GOAT**

Crazy duck thinks he knows everything. We will not hurt him.

**MAMA GOAT**

Come on, Papa, we got weeds to eat.

**PAPA GOAT**

Yea, we do. Gather the baby goats.

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**PAPA GOAT**

Come on, you crazy kids and quit playing so much. We have food to eat. (They are jumping around.)

Everyone take a bush. Don’t fuss about the flowers either.

**BABY GOAT**

Yea, they are a good dessert for us.

**PAPA GOAT**

Now, no dessert with the flowers until you eat the bush down.

**BABY GOAT**

Oh, come on, Papa.

**MAMA GOAT**

Oh no! There is Johnny's mean brother coming down the trail.

**PAPA GOAT**

Quick, hide in the brush, all of you.

**MAMA GOAT**

But what brush, Papa? We ate it all.

**PAPA GOAT**

Here hide behind the rock.

(All of them scramble to get behind the rock.)  
(You can draw rocks from cardboard and color it.)

**JOHNNY GOAT**

Wow! Who ate all this brush? Why last week it was full of briars. Guess I am losing it. And they say a goat's memory lasts their lifetime. My lifetime just ran out. Oh well, I got things to do and people to see. Ha ha. Wait till I steal all the

eggs before the Easter bunny gets them. Look over here. Oh my, just look at all the eggs just waiting for me. Why, they are all together, just like someone tried to steal them before me. How dare they!

**MAMA GOAT**

(Whispers to Papa goat)

I cannot take this anymore. Well, how dare he get by with this.

**PAPA GOAT**

Quiet, Mama Goat, he will hear us talking.

**MAMA GOAT**

Okay, Papa, but it makes my skin wiggle.

**JOHNNY GOAT**

Who is that I hear talking? Don't tell me that I am hearing things also. First my memory, and now my hearing. But I remember what they always say, just don't answer yourself. Oh shoot! I am answering myself.

Okay, that's alright. I will hurry and pick up these eggs. Oh gee! Why are they so heavy? Oh I know, I found the goose with the golden eggs.

(He gathers them up and leaves the stage)

(Papa and Mama come out from behind the rocks)

**MAMA GOAT**

Oh, Papa, our little trick worked. We will now have eggs for all the little children. But I will never forgive Johnny Goat for stealing the eggs.



## **PAPA GOAT**

Yea, I know what you mean, but we must forgive one another just like Jesus forgave us when he died on the cross for our sins. Don't you see?

## **MAMA GOAT**

Yea, you're right. I have read that in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believe in him, should not perish but will have ever lasting life."

## **PAPA GOAT**

Yea, and in Colossians 3:13 it says, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

## **MAMA GOAT**

Does that mean we must forgive Johnny for stealing the eggs?

## **JOHNNY GOAT**

**(Johnny Goat walks out on stage)**

I overheard everything that you were saying. I was going to wait 3 days and return the eggs. You see the third day Christ rose from the grave. I am not a really mean goat, you see.

(He pulls off his mask)

## **PAPA GOAT**

It's you, Johnny! Why we thought that you were your brother, the mean one. Wait a minute, why are you pretending to be your brother?

## **JOHNNY GOAT**

There never was a brother. I would dress up like I was the brother and put this mask on. It was the only way I could get everyone's attention. I just got tired of all the ducks quacking and the roosters crowing at all hours of the morning. And then they got greedy with all the candy and Easter eggs. Fighting over and over every year. It was time for me to get even. They would not share with each other, and-----

## **PAPA GOAT**

Wait a minute! You have lost the true meaning of Easter. Stealing all the eggs from the kids? That was not the Christian thing to do. Besides in Romans 12:19 it says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

## **JOHNNY GOAT**

Oh, wow! I have been handling this all wrong.

## **PAPA GOAT**

I would think so.

## **MAMA GOAT**

We love you, Johnny Goat. Please come to our barn house. Yea, and bring your stolen eggs. Why, we could play golf.

## **JOHNNY GOAT**

Excuse me! Play golf?

## **MAMA GOAT**

Yea, we have turned Easter eggs into a game called Golfing.

Hee, hee.

## **JOHNNY GOAT**

This ought to be good.

(All exit the scene and Johnny turns to the audience and says, “Wait till they hit those eggs with a golf club. That is why I exchanged them for fresh eggs. Hee hee the joke is on them.”)

***THE END***