

## Good News for the World

(enter Hippo & Chimp) Chimp: Hi! What's your name?

Hippo: I'm Happy

Chimp: I'm glad you're happy, but what's your name? Hippo: I'm Happy.  
Happy Hippo.

Chimp: I can see you're a happy hippo, but what's your name?

Hippo: Happy Hippo.

Chimp: You may be happy, but I'm gonna be very unhappy if you don't  
tell me your name!!

Hippo: Silly chimp, that is my name. My name is Happy Hippo

Chimp: Oh, I get it. That is your name. Nice to meet you, Happy. I'm  
Silly.

Hippo: I think I already said that, but what's your name?

Chimp: I'm Silly.

Hippo: Oh, no, let's not start that again!

Chimp: By the way, what is it that you've got to be so Happy about,  
anyway?

Hippo: I'm Happy because my job is to share the Good News.

Chimp: I thought you were Happy cause your mama named you that.

Hippo: Oh, that too.

Chimp: Well, what's the good news? Did they decide to eliminate taxes? Did they finally achieve world peace? Do they have a huge surplus of chocolate chip cookies that they're giving away free?

Hippo: The good news is that somebody died—

Bird: (enters)Somebody died?

Chimp (interrupting) That's not good news! That's awful!

Hippo: You interrupted me. My good news is that somebody named Jesus died--

Bird: Oh, yeah, that is good news.

Chimp: Did you hate this Jesus dude or something?

Hippo: No, Silly, Jesus died to take the punishment for what we did wrong so that we can go to Heaven & live forever.

Chimp: That is good news, but it's too bad Jesus is dead because of it.

Bird: But Silly, Jesus is alive. Chimp: But Hippo, didn't you just say He died?

Hippo: Yep, He did.

Chimp: Ok, now I'm totally confused.

Hippo: You sound like two of Jesus' friends in the Bible story I just read. They were confused too.

Chimp: Ok, so how did they get unconfused?

Bird: Unconfused? Is that a word?

Hippo: Anyway, they had just seen Jesus die, & they were walking along this road & they met up with this guy. He asked them why they were so sad, so they told him their friend Jesus died.

Bird: I remember that story. The guy showed them lots of verses in the Bible about how Jesus had to die to take our sins away, but it also said He would come alive again.

Hippo: Yeah, & after they spent all day talking to this guy they suddenly recognized him.

Bird: I'm confused

Chimp: Hi Confused. (to Hippo) What an interesting name!

Bird: No! My name is not confused, Silly!

Hippo: Hi, Not Confused.

Bird: ARG!(to Hippo) MY NAME DOES NOT HAVE CONFUSED ANYWHERE IN IT, SILLY!

Chimp: Hey, that's my name! But, I wanna hear the end of the story, Happy.

Hippo: Ok. Those guys all of a sudden knew the man talking to them was Jesus. The fact was, Jesus looked different after he rose from the dead. I guess God does work Mysteriously.

Bird: So Jesus was alive.

Chimp: Oh, I think I get it. Jesus died, became alive again, looked different, and confused two of his buddies, right?

Hippo & Bird: Right!

Chimp. So the good news is that Jesus died for us, but now He's alive.

Hippo: My job is to tell everyone that if they believe Jesus died for them and became alive again, they will go to heaven. Get it?

Chimp: Yeah!

Hippo: (to bird) What is your name anyway?

Bird: Anyway!

Hippo & Chimp: Wha-huh?

Bird: Just kidding! Chimp: I think I need some chocolate chip cookies!

Hippo: Me too!(All exit)