Mary Magdalene Puppet Show

(Time travel series for VBS program)

Billy	*(wearing superhero cape, running around*) I am a superhero! I am fast, I am strong, I can bop all the bad guys on the head! Nobody can tell ME what to do!!!! *(improvise crashing into scenery, possibly just missing Susie)*
Susie	Hi Billy. Whoa, hey! What are you doing?
Billy	I'm practicing my superhero skills.
Susie	Seriously?
Billy	Oh, yeah. I'm a superhero.
Susie	Really.
Billy	Yep.
Susie	Do you know what a hero actually is?
Billy	Sure. A tough guy who does whatever he wants and the bad guys are scared of him.
Susie	Hmmm.
Billy	Don't you agree?
Susie	Uh, no. Not exactly. Actually I was thinking of Saint Mary Magdalene, today, and what a hero she is to me.
Billy	A saint? A GIRL? A hero?
Susie	Yes! She's my hero because she trusted Jesus and let Him change her whole life.
Billy	Wait a minute. She didn't bop any bad guys?
Susie	Nope.
Billy	Could she fly around?
Susie	Nope.
Billy	Could she bend steel bars and pick up cars?
Susie	No, and she wasn't from Krypton and she wasn't from Mars.
Billy	Hey, you rhymed.
Susie	So did you, Super-dude.
Billy	Okay, now I'm totally confused. If Saint Mary Magdalene could not fly or

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	fight evil bad guys, what good was she?
Susie	Oh, she fought evil.
Billy	But you said….
Susie	She didn't bop anyone is what I said.
Billy	Then how did she fight evil?
Susie	By trusting in Jesus and following His way of love.
Billy	That doesn't sound like fighting.
Susie	Here, tough guy, hold my hand and let's jump back into the past. We'll let Saint Mary Magdalene tell her own story.
Billy	You can travel through time?
Susie	Yep.
Billy	For real?
Susie	Yep.
Billy	That is so cool.
Susie	Yep. But you have to hold my hand and **keep quiet**. The people from the past can't see us.
Billy	Ew. I don't want to hold a girl's hand!
Susie	No hand, no time-travel. It's as simple as that.
Billy	*(gripes, fusses, hesitates, then takes her hand)* Oh, all right.
Susie	Saint Mary Magdalene, Hero of mine, draw us back into your time!
Billy	Woe!!!! Ahhhh!!!!! *(they fall back behind the curtain)*
St. MM	*(surrounded by an angry mob)* Oh, please don't kill me!
Leader	We'll let this trendy new Rabbi decide. Yo Jesus. This woman is a very bad sinner. The LAW says we should hit her with rocks. What do YOU say?
Jesus	*(pauses to think as the crowd shuffles and mumbles impatiently)* Let the one who has never, ever sinned throw the first rock.
Leader	But… *(one by one they leave, looking at her and each other, shaking their heads, etc.)*
Jesus	Has no one condemned you?

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St. MM	No one, Master.
Jesus	Then neither do I. Go in peace and don't sin anymore.
St. MM	*(singing to the Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)* I have a new peace in my heart, it feels like a brand new start. My soul has been washed so bright, I must praise God day and night. Lord you gave me life today, I will follow on Your Way.
Jesus	Well, it's time to have a nice dinner with some new friends.
St. MM	Can I come?
Jesus	Sure. *(they walk, they meet friends, improv chat, everybody's hungry)*
Host	Here, have some food.
Jesus	That's our dinner?
Host	Yeah, it's a special kind of bread. Help yourself.
Jesus	Pass the peanut butter please?
Allergio	Oh, no! Get that peanut butter away from me, I'm allergic. *(acts terrified)*
St. MM	Don't be afraid. Jesus can help you.
Jesus	That's right. Let me just… *(he touches the guy on the head, does the sign of the cross, the allergic guy jolts and rises up, sighs, shakes his head as if clearing it)*
Allergio	Wow. I feel great. Pass the peanut butter! *(digs in, making loud slurping noises)*
St. MM	Excuse me. *(she pushes past Allergio and starts to wash Jesus' feet, anoints his head)(sings again, same tune)* I anoint your head with oil, like the King I know you are. With my tears I wash your feet, tired from walking in the heat. Let me wipe them nice and dry, You're the Lord my God Most High.
Host	Hey! I know this woman! She is very, very BAD!!! Hey, don't touch Jesus! You are bad, bad, bad!!!! You'll get Him DIRTY with your badness!!!
Jesus	Leave her alone! She has washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her own hair. She has anointed my head with oil. You didn't do anything nice for me when I came here. You gave me hot dog buns and peanut butter.
Host	Yeah, well…
Jesus	This woman has been forgiven her many sins because she has loved other people with all her heart. She loves me so much because I have forgiven her so much. She is ***very*** cool.
Host	Dude. I feel bad about the buns, now. *(sobs uncontrollably, improvise him*

	wailing) The buns! The buns! Dude, I'm a failure! I served Jesus hot dog buns!
Jesus	It's all right. *(pats him)*
Host	Forgive me? *(squeaky voice)*
Jesus	Of course. Go in peace and don't serve hot dog buns for dinner any more.
Host	Yeah. You got it. Man, I got to buy a cook book. This will NEVER happen again.
Jesus	Okee dokee. I gotta run.
	(Jesus and all the characters fade back, as Susie and Billy reappear)
Billy	Wow. That was intense.
Susie	Yes, but her story gets even more heroic. Let's go back to the Crucifixion.
Billy	That sounds scary.
Susie	That's the whole point.
Billy	Please don't make me go. Please. Please. I'm actually quite frightened.
Susie	Alright, Super-dude. I'll tell you about it.
Billy	Phew. Yeah, I think that's best.
Susie	Well, Jesus was arrested for teaching His message of Love.
Billy	That's not right.
Susie	No, it wasn't right, but a lot of people were jealous of Him for getting so much attention through His powerful teaching, His miracles and His loving way with the poor and the sick. Some of the religious leaders felt Jesus was teaching people the wrong things about God, but they were the ones who were wrong.
Billy	So they arrested Him?
Susie	Yes, and they hurt Him and made Him carry a heavy Cross to where they were planning to kill Him. Many people followed Him as He carried it. Some of them spat at Him, called Him names, said terrible things. Almost all of Jesus' friends ran away because they were scared of getting hurt by the angry people and the soldiers.
Billy	Are you going to tell me that Saint Mary Magdalene actually stayed with Jesus when it was so dangerous?
Susie	You guessed it.
Billy	No way.

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Susie	Way.
Billy	But she's a… GIRL. How could she be so brave?
Susie	I don't know why I'm so patient with you. You would drive any normal person crazy.
Billy	Okay, so she was brave. What else?
Susie	When Jesus rose from the dead, she was the first one to see Him alive.
Billy	Now THAT I gotta see.
Susie	Let's go. *(they join hands)*
Billy	I'll say it this time… Saint Mary Magdalene, hero of mine, draw us back into your time!
Susie	Pretty good! Whoa!!! *(they fall backward and disappear)*
St. MM	*(carrying heavy jar of oil, huffing)* Here's the tomb! I was afraid I wouldn't be able to find it. These oils for anointing Jesus' body sure are heavy. Oh no! The stone has been rolled away from the entrance to His tomb-cave!!! *(looks in)* His body is gone! *(drops jar)* No! No! Someone has stolen His body!!! *(she sobs, her hands over her eyes, as Jesus approaches)*
Jesus	Mary. *(a little louder)* Mary. Why are you weeping?
St. MM	*(without really looking at him)* Sir, are you the gardener? *(sobs, sniffs)* Because if you are; do you know where they have taken Him?
Jesus	Mary. It's Me.
St. MM	*(looks at Him very slowly, then starts jumping up and down)* My Lord! My Lord! My Jesus! It is You! How can it be?
Jesus	I have risen, just as I said I would. Now go and tell the other disciples that I will see them soon. Tell them that I am alive!!!
St. MM	Go? Me? They might not believe me! Oh, but you said, 'Go,' so I will go! I will go! Oh praise the Lord! He is risen indeed! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!!!! *(she sings again, same tune)* Jesus forgave all my sins, Then He let me wash His feet, Then I followed Him to the Cross, Then I felt an awful loss. Now I am the first to see, That His life is VICTORY!!!! Gotta run! Gotta go tell those guys the great news! He is risen! He is risen!
Jesus	*(she and Jesus fade back, Susie and Billy reappear)*
Billy	Righteous. That girl could run.

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Susie	Yes, indeed.
Billy	He is risen, indeed.
Susie	Alleluiah, brother.
Billy	And that chick, Saint Mary Magdalene?
Susie	Yes?
Billy	She was awesome. I think she's a hero, too. I think I'll say a prayer to her.
Susie	Right on, Super-dude. Right on!
Both	PRAYER TO SAINT MARY MAGDALENE (from EWTN website) Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

The End

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