

Jesus Destroys Satan and Creates a New Heaven and Earth

About 5 minutes, from Rev. 1; 11; 12 & 21

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

John

Mary A girl or woman who can run fast, if you do the optional scene with the dragon.

Michael (archangel)

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Note: The section marked *Optional*, about the dragon chasing Mary, may be a bit too playful for mature adults, but children will love it.

Mary I am Mary, Jesus' mother. Let's go join the apostle John on the island of Patmos when Christ took him up in the spirit to see visions of the future.

Prompter & Echoes Grand events in heaven!

John I see Jesus! His head and hair are white as wool, like snow; his eyes are like flames of fire. I fall at his feet like a dead man.

Prompter & Echoes Terrifying!

Michael Do not fear, John. Listen to what Jesus is saying:
"I am the first and the last, I am the living One; I was dead, and now I am alive evermore; I have the keys of death."

Prompter & Echoes He conquers death!

John Oh! Who is this mighty one who speaks to me?

Michael Do not fear, John. I am the Archangel Michael.
Write what you see, as the Lord said.

John Words cannot express it, but I will try.
It recounts fateful events on earth, as seen from heaven.

Mary Get ready for a rough ride!

Prompter & Echoes Brace yourselves!

John Lightning flashes, thunder roars, and earthquakes shake the earth.

Prompter & Echoes Crash!

John A lady appears in heaven, clothed with the sun.
She wears a crown of twelve stars; and is with child.
She cries out painfully in labor, about to give birth.
An enormous, frightening red dragon comes.

Mary Help!

Prompter & Echoes Watch out!

John His tail sweeps away a third of the stars of heaven;
they fall to the earth, demon agents of the dragon.
The dragon faces the lady who is about to give birth,
ready to devour her child. She gives birth to a son,
who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron;
her child ascends up to God and to his throne.

Michael The dragon chases the child's mother, who also signifies Israel.

Mary Help! Help!

OPTIONAL:

Prompter & Echoes Form the Dragon: Prompter is the dragon's head;
Echoes form the dragon's tail, a single file line behind Prompter,
Echoes hold onto the person in front of them.
The dragon chases Mary, but never quite catches her.

Mary Run ahead of the dragon, zigzagging.
Keep stopping to let the dragon almost catch you, and then run again.
Do this until you have run all around the room.

Michael Face the dragon's head; pretend to swing a sword at it.

Prompter & Echoes Fall down! (*Fall down*)

Michael You ancient, evil Dragon! You are finished!

John Archangel Michael and his angels wage war against the dragon
and his fallen angels. Those demons fight furiously,
but God's army throws them out of heaven.

John The great dragon falls. He is the old serpent who is the devil and Satan,
who deceives the world. He is flung down to the earth,
and his demonic fallen angels with him.

Michael It's the war of the ages, Satan's fallen angels against God's holy angels!
God's angels defeat the dragon in heavenly places,
just as Jesus defeated him on earth.

Prompter & Echoes The greatest war of all is over!

John A great voice in heaven thunders.

Michael (*Loudly*) Salvation, power, and the reign of Christ have come,
for our brothers' accuser has been cast down,
he who accuses them before God day and night.

John I see a new heaven and earth!
The first heaven and earth have passed away!

Michael God will dwell among men, and they shall be his people,
and he will wipe away every tear from their eyes;
there will no longer be any death, weeping, or pain.
These all have passed away, forever.

John The one sitting on the throne speaks;
I will never forget his final words. He cries,
"Look, I am making all things new.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
I give freely to all who thirst from the spring of the water of life."

Prompter & Echoes Live forever in heaven!