

CONFESSIONS of a Teenage Christian

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STORY OF THE PLAY

Here is a collection of seven “confessions” that are guaranteed to add excitement to youth meetings and give your teens some reinforcement about their chosen way of life. Among the topics covered are the first day of high school, running for school office, and dating.

Each skit runs 5 to 10 minutes and involves just a few characters. Perform them with minimal rehearsals, or just let the kids read their parts for some impromptu role playing. They’re fun, they’re realistic, and most importantly they can be a catalyst for sermons or informal discussions on Christian morals. All have been tried and tested at the author’s church in Texas.

SYNOPSIS

FIRST DAY (2 m, 2 or 3 w)
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? (1 m, 1 w)
COMING MY WAY (2 m, 3 w)
THE DATE (2 m, 2 w, or as a monologue)
UNFIT FOR OFFICE (2 m, 3 w, or as a monologue)
THE GAME (2 m, 2 w, 1 announcer)
ON THE TEAM (4 m, 1 w, or as a monologue)

FIRST DAY

AUDRI	Nervous but dedicated born-again Christian.
KARI	Into boys and clothes.
KENNY	Ready to party.
IRVIN	A nerd.
JULIE	Also recently born again.

NOTE: Doubling possible: One actress can play the parts of Kari and Julie.

(AT RISE: AUDRI enters a school hallway carrying a book bag.)

AUDRI: "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him." Luke 9:26. What a scripture to read on the first day of school. The first day of high school. But I'm born again. I'm not the same person I used to be—I'm a child of God. My job is tell everyone at this school about Him. All 3,000 kids. Help! One at a time. *(Spies KARI walking in)* Here it goes. Hi, Kari.

KARI: Hi, Audri. Isn't this the most exciting day in our lives! High school. High school. High school! I feel so mature. And the guys—so cute!

AUDRI: Which one?

KARI: All of them. What about my hair? Don't you just love it! I'm so happy. High school. High school. High school! Tryouts for the drill team are next week. Guess who's trying out? Me! I will look so cute in the uniform. Guess what? I found out where we can light one up. Want to go relax before the bell rings?

AUDRI: No. I quit smoking. I'm not the same as I used to be.

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KARI: Then it's true. I heard you got religious at some church camp.

AUDRI: I didn't get religious. I was born again. I dedicated my life to Jesus. He cleaned me up. If you would like, I can tell you about Him. You could come to church with me sometime.

KARI: Boring. I hate to say this, but you have gone off the deep end, Audri. You'll never be popular if you're a Christian. See you later. *(SHE exits.)*

AUDRI: Bye, Kari. I may not be Miss Popularity, but I know I always have a friend with me. *(KENNY enters from other side of stage.)* Great. Here comes Kenny. *(Looking up to heaven)* Lord, I want to be your ambassador, but I don't think I can do it alone with my past.

KENNY: *(Coming up to AUDRI)* Yo, Audri—here we are in high school. I hadn't seen ya all summer. Man, have I got some stories for you. Hey, there's a rumor floating around that you're on some religious kick. I said no way. I know Audri—she is as wild as they come.

AUDRI: The rumor is true. I used to do a lot of wild things because I was searching for fulfillment. I found it in Jesus. In fact I found more fun in Him than in all the things of my past. If you would like, I could tell you about Jesus.

KENNY: You are one weird chick. When you're ready to go back to the way it was, then give me a call. See ya around. *(HE saunters off, passing IRVIN who enters.)*

AUDRI: Don't hold your breath waiting for the phone call. Hi, Irvin.

IRVIN: *(Standing next to AUDRI, nervously fidgeting with his glasses and pocket protector)* Greetings. Well, here we are in high school. Another year of academia. Would you like to start making fun of me now, or shall we wait till our first class?

AUDRI: I'm not going to make fun of you this year, Irvin. I've changed. I'm a born-again Christian. I'm His ambassador. And I don't think a representative of Christ would make fun of someone. I'm sorry about all the things I said in the past.

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IRVIN: A supreme being? You? Looks like this year we'll be making fun of you! (*Snickers and walks off*)

AUDRI: (*Looking heavenward*) I know you want me to be your ambassador. I don't think I can do it alone. Lord, send someone. (*JULIE enters.*) Hi, Julie. I'm surprised to see you here. You—passed!

JULIE: I know! Isn't that hilarious. Mr. Little said to me, "Julie, this school is no place for you. You're going to high school." Here I am! You know what's strange? I feel like I'm in a new place, with a bunch of people I've never met before.

AUDRI: You are. We weren't here last year.

JULIE: That explains it. I thought for a moment I had lost my mind. There it is! Still working like it always has. I had a wonderful summer. Can I tell you about it?

AUDRI: Before you do, let me tell you about mine. I went to this camp. There was a preacher. And I gave my heart to Jesus. I'm a Christian now. I would like to tell you about Him.

JULIE: You don't have to. That's why I came to see you! To tell you I'm a Christian now. The preacher said who wants eternal life and I said, "Here I am." And Jesus came into my heart.

AUDRI: Julie, you're not like your were last—you are wise person.

JULIE: You know what I discovered? That people laugh at me when I tell them what happened to me this summer. I was just thinking if I had someone, a Christian who I could be friends with, we could encourage each other.

AUDRI: I'll be that friend. And with the help of Christ, you and I can win this school for Jesus.

The End

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

ACTRESS: Plays Janette, a Christian high school student.

ACTOR: Plays Paul, bus driver, teachers, students, and lunch person.

PROPS include two boxes, school books, a tract, and a bus driver's cap.

(AT RISE: JANETTE is standing to one side of the stage. PAUL is at the other.)

JANETTE: The question I ask Jesus is: What would you have me do? Asking the question is very simple. Doing what He answers can be difficult. Don't get me wrong. I am a Christian, and always will be, but sometimes it's so difficult. Then I open my Bible to Ephesians 1:4 and read what Paul says.

PAUL: *(Standing at the other side of the stage)* "For He chose us in him before the creation of world."

JANETTE: God chose me! That means something. That means I can overcome all difficulties and be a witness for Him. The way I figure it, as his witness we must stay in touch with him, Jesus, to know what to do and say. So I wake in the morning and ask God to help me be his light to the world. My first test: the ride to school and the bus driver. *(Moving to CS)* Good morning!

BUS DRIVER: *(ACTOR playing PAUL has moved CS and is now sitting on a box wearing a driver's cap)* What's that supposed to mean? Sit down and shut up!

JANETTE: See what I mean? *(Moves to sit down on a box behind the DRIVER)* Why does it seem like someone like this comes along immediately after you pray? What should I do? God tells me to give him a track.

BUS DRIVER: *(Mimes looking in rear view mirror)* Kid in the back—put away the gun!

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