

READY, SET, PERFORM!

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DEDICATION

This book is lovingly dedicated to *The Ready for Christ's Time Players* drama ministry team. Their love of excellence is surpassed only by their love for the Lord. Coaching this group of dedicated young people has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

ABOUT THE BOOK

These award-winning skits will appeal to children and teens. There are four skits that children will love to perform: "You Can't Throw Fits About Church"; "Jesus, Math and Cookies"; "A Day in God's Army" and "An Interview With Noah." Five skits will get the teens excited about acting. Several titles are "The Road to the Cross" and "An Argument With God." This collection is a must for the leader who likes to involve all ages in the drama ministry.

NOTE: "*The Why's and How's of Christian Youth Drama Ministry*" is included at the end of the playbook.

PART ONE

SKITS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

*YOU CAN'T THROW FITS ABOUT CHURCH

JESUS, MATH AND COOKIES

A DAY IN GOD'S ARMY

AN INTERVIEW WITH NOAH

PART TWO

SKITS FOR TEENS:

*AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

IS ANY HEART A BARGAIN?

THE TRIAL

*THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

*AN ARGUMENT WITH GOD

**Indicates that this skit was a national first place winner.*

YOU CAN'T THROW FITS ABOUT CHURCH

Teaches the important lesson that anyone can tell a friend about Jesus, even a little child.

CHARACTERS:

ALEX: A girl in a dress on her way to church.

KYLE: Her friend, dressed casually.

Props: Bench or two chairs.

(AT RISE: ALEX is standing alone in front of a bench. KYLE enters.)

ALEX: *(Waving.)* Hi, Kyle.

KYLE: Alex! You're wearing a dress! Just wait 'till I tell the guys!

ALEX: *(Folds hands in a begging posture.)* Please, don't! I just got home from church. My mom makes me wear a dress when we go.

KYLE: Why do you go if they make you wear a dress? Why don't you just throw a fit or something?

ALEX: You can't throw fits about church. You have to go. It's where you go to learn about Jesus.

KYLE: Who's Jesus?

ALEX: Who's Jesus! Kyle, have you been living in a hole or something? Jesus is God's Son. He came to earth a long time ago to die for sinners.

KYLE: *(Shakes it off.)* Oh well, I'm okay then. See, sinners are really bad people like killers and robbers and math teachers. I don't like math.

ALEX: *(Shakes HER head.)* Kyle, I've got some bad news for you. I learned at church that a sinner is anybody who has done *(Holds up one finger.)* even one bad thing.

KYLE: Oh ... well, I'm still okay. See, I never do bad stuff.

ALEX: *(Surprised.)* Oh, yeah? What about when you told the teacher that your dog ate your science project?

KYLE: *(Defensive.)* Well, he could have eaten it!

ALEX: How about when you put gum in Mary Scott's hair? Or what about the time you -

KYLE: *(Interrupting.)* Okay, okay, I get it! Boy, you sure do have a good memory!

ALEX: *(Folding HER arms.)* Thank you, I try.

KYLE: Maybe I do need to learn about Jesus.

ALEX: I think you'd better, I just remembered three more bad things you did.

KYLE: *(Mad, yelling.)* What, are you keeping score now?

ALEX: *(Yells back.)* Well, you don't make it very hard!

KYLE: *(Still mad and yelling.)* And God says all that stuff is sin?

ALEX: *(Yells back.)* Yep!

KYLE: *(Is surprised, answers quietly.)* Even the stuff that made everybody laugh?

ALEX: Yes, Kyle, even the funny stuff.

KYLE: Man, God is even stricter than the principal!

ALEX: Well, Kyle, you would know.

KYLE: Alex, will you teach me about Jesus?

ALEX: Well, I would but I just told you almost everything I know. You really have to go to church to learn about Jesus.

(KYLE flops down on the bench. ALEX sits down next to him.)

KYLE: Then I'm doomed! My mom says that Sunday is the only day she gets to sleep in. Alex, I don't think I can talk her into getting up for church, even if I throw a fit!

ALEX: Kyle, I'm worried. If you don't learn about Jesus, you'll just keep on sinning, and you won't get into Heaven when you die.

KYLE: *(Jumping up.)* Alex, I'm not going to die until I'm 100! When I'm old, like my brother, I'll get to drive. I'll just go to church then.

ALEX: *(Standing up, thinking.)* Well, that might work but ... Kyle, what if you don't live to be 100? That little boy on the news sure didn't.

KYLE: *(Scared.)* Oh yeah, I forgot about him. What am I going to do?

ALEX: Hey, wait a minute! I've got an idea. Why don't you come to church with me?

KYLE: Will you throw a fit until your parents let me go?

ALEX: No. I won't have to. You're supposed to bring people to church with you; it's a rule or something. They have to let you go. Do you think your mom will let you go to church?

KYLE: Oh, I'm sure she'll say yes. It's funny how my mom never says no when I am invited to go places.

ALEX: You don't say.

KYLE: No, really! If I didn't know better I'd think she was trying to get rid of me or something.

ALEX: *(To audience.)* No, I won't say it! *(To KYLE.)* Oh yeah, Kyle, there is one more thing.

KYLE: What's that?

ALEX: *(Makes a fist and puts it in front of KYLE'S nose.)* If you tell anybody, I mean ANYBODY that you saw me in a dress ... *(Shakes fist.)* I'll pound you!

KYLE: *(Crosses HIS arms, smiling.)* You can't pound me, Alex, 'cause ... *(Touches ALEX'S nose with HIS index finger.)* that would be a sin.

ALEX: *(Crosses HER arms.)* Boy, you sure learn quick.

The End

JESUS, MATH AND COOKIES

Jesus' example to teach us that sharing with others is important.

CHARACTERS:

AMY: A selfish girl.

TREVOR: A true friend.

Props: A pencil, paper, table and chairs, package of Oreo cookies.

(AT RISE: AMY and TREVOR are sitting at a table eating cookies and doing homework.)

AMY: *(Throws pencil down frustrated.)* I hate math! I'll never understand subtraction!

TREVOR: Here, let me show you. *(TREVOR takes four cookies out of the package and sets them in front of AMY.)* If you have four cookies ...

AMY: I like the sound of that!

TREVOR: And you give me two ...

AMY: *(Interrupting, grabbing the cookies.)* Hold it right there, math boy! Why would I give you two of my cookies?

TREVOR: Because I'm trying to show you how to subtract.

AMY: I think you're trying to steal my cookies!

TREVOR: First of all, they're not really your cookies ...

AMY: *(Interrupting.)* You just said they were mine; you're a cheat! I'm telling! Mommm!

TREVOR: Look, do you want me to teach you how to subtract or not?

AMY: Well, okay. *(Pointing HER finger.)* But don't touch the cookies. Got it?

TREVOR: *(Frustrated.)* I can't show you without touching the cookies. Boy, when did you get to be so selfish anyway?

AMY: I am not selfish ... I just like Oreos!

TREVOR: Well, you're not very nice.

AMY: *(Feelings are hurt.)* That's a mean thing to say. I am too nice!

TREVOR: Well, the last time I checked, nice people weren't greedy with their cookies.

AMY: But these aren't just any cookies, they are Oreos!

TREVOR: Amy, did you sleep through Sunday school or what?

AMY: No, I did not sleep through Sunday school! Miss Debbie told us the story about Jesus feeding five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes. What does that have to do with subtraction?

TREVOR: It doesn't have anything to do with subtraction! It has to do with sharing!

AMY: No, it doesn't! That story's about people who were hungry!

TREVOR: *(Very frustrated.)* Duh! Jesus shared the little boy's bread and fish. That's how the people got unhungry!

AMY: (*Thinking.*) Well, I'd share bread and (*Makes a face.*) fish with hungry people. But Jesus didn't say anything about sharing Oreos!

TREVOR: Sure He did!

AMY: (*Crossing HER arms over her chest.*) I don't remember any cookies in the Bible!

TREVOR: Well, there aren't any cookies but ...

AMY: (*Interrupts, pointing HER finger.*) Aha! So you admit it!

TREVOR: (*Ignoring the interruption.*) Jesus did say that we are supposed to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves, and to share what we have with other people. Does any of this sound familiar?

AMY: Yes, I remember. Trevor, I'm sorry I was selfish. Do you want an Oreo?

TREVOR: Thanks, Amy, maybe later. First let's get this subtraction thing down, okay?

AMY: You're a good friend.

TREVOR: Thank you. Now, if you have four cookies and give me two --

AMY: (*Interrupting.*) Are you sure two's enough? Take all you want, really. I'm happy to share!

TREVOR: (*Putting HIS hands on top of his head.*) Why me?

The End

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