

Teenspeak ... Duh!

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DEDICATION

To Charli, thanks for your help!

ABOUT THIS BOOK

Here are five fun skits designed to share the truths of God's Word in an entertaining, yet informative, manner. Take one off-the-wall teen, add his dumber friend and you have the hilarious backdrop for these inspirational skits. As members of "God's Forest Service" the teens will learn how God wants us to grow and produce good fruit with our lives. Prayer takes on a whole new look as they interpret scripture in the skits "Ask, Peek, and Rock" and "Go to Your Room!" Even the Trinity can be explained in a unique and comical way when the teens decide God needs some glue ... He's in three parts, you know! With the help of their youth leader, all the lessons come into the right perspective. Performance is easy because of the simple cast and prop requirements. So have fun as you and your teens experience "Teenspeak ... Duh!"

NOTE: All Scripture is from the NIV version of the Bible.

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GOD'S FOREST SERVICE

CHARACTERS:

TWO TEENS

LEADER

Props: Bible, small tree in a pot, fake saw (maybe out of cardboard), and a badge that says, "God's Forest Service."

(AT RISE: TEEN 1 enters carrying a fake saw, a small tree in a pot, and dressed as much as possible like a logger.)

TEEN 1: Hi, there. I'm in God's Forest Service and we are here today to talk about logging. God wants us all in His forest service. Let's hear you say it with me now, I'm logging for Jesus!

TEEN 2: *(Comes up on the stage from the audience.)* What? We are not going to say that! Where do you come up with this stuff? What makes you think God wants us all to be loggers?

TEEN 1: I'm a member of God's Forest Service, *(Saluting.)* and I'm telling you, *(Holding up tree.)* He wants us to throw all the fruitless trees on a fire and burn them up!

TEEN 2: No, He doesn't!

TEEN 1: Yes, He does. *(Very authoritative.)* I read it in the Bible!

TEEN 2: Did not!

TEEN 1: Did too!

TEEN 2: Not!

TEEN 1: Too!

TEEN 2: Too what?

TEEN 1: Uh ... I'm not sure ... two plus two? *(Suddenly coming to senses.)* Oh, yeah! I am too right!

TEEN 2: Too right? Too right about what?

TEEN 1: I am too right that it says that we are to be loggers for Jesus; it's in the Bible.

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TEEN 2: Okay, Mr. Too Right, show me!

TEEN 1: *(Grabs the Bible.)* It's right here, Matthew 7:19
"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire." See! First we're logging, then we're
putting all those bad, fruitless trees in a pile to burn them
up. *(Stands up straight and tall saluting.)* I'm in God's
Forest Service and I'm logging for Jesus!

TEEN 2: *(Grabs the Bible.)* Let me see that. *(Slowly reads
the verse.)* "Every tree that does not bear good fruit ... "
Hhmmm ... *(Grabs hold of the tree.)* This tree doesn't
look like it has any fruit ... "is cut down and thrown into the
fire!" Wow! You're right! It does say we are supposed to
be loggers for Jesus!

TEEN 1: Here, you hold the tree; I'll limb it with my saw.

*(TEEN 2 grabs hold of tree and starts shaking in fear while
watching TEEN 1 try to figure out how to use the saw.)*

TEEN 1: *(Tries to cut off some limbs but has difficulty, losing
balance, etc.)* Now, hold still!

LEADER: *(Entering.)* Hold it right there, you two! What is
going on here?

TEEN 1 and 2: *(Together.)* We're in God's Forest Service.
(Both TEENS salute.) We're logging for Jesus!

LEADER: *(To audience.)* Oh boy, what were these two
teaching you anyway? *(To TEENS.)* What? God's Forest
Service? Logging for Jesus? What do you mean?

TEEN 1: *(Holds up Bible.)* Matthew 7:19. "Bad trees get
burned up!" *(To audience.)* That's the abbreviated
version!

LEADER: Well, I am familiar with the verse, but it's not
really talking about trees.

TEEN 2: Oh yes it is, it says "trees" right in the verse. Bad
trees get burned up!

TEEN 1: Yeah! *(TEENS stand behind tree saluting.)* We're
in God's Forest Service. We're logging for Jesus!

LEADER: *(To audience.)* You know, it's tough being a
youth leader around here. *(To TEENS.)* Now, let's look at
this verse.

LEADER: *(Continued.)* If you read this section in the Bible you'll notice that it's talking about recognizing people for who they really are. Jesus is using the tree as a symbol to explain about people. Just like you don't get bad fruit off good trees, you also don't have good people doing lots of bad things. Jesus says you will recognize people by the things they are doing ... or their "fruit."

TEEN 2: *(Confused.)* So this verse really isn't about trees? What about the part where all the bad trees are thrown onto the fire?

LEADER: Well, that's the sad part. You see, when Jesus judges the world, the evil people who produced bad fruit with their lives...well, they won't get to live forever with Jesus.

TEEN 1: Wow, you sure wouldn't want to be a tree with bad fruit. How do you know if you have good fruit or bad fruit?

LEADER: Take a look at the way people treat each other. Are they concerned with the poor, the lonely, and the helpless? Those would be some of the good fruits you would see in a person's life.

TEEN 2: Oh, I get it! Jesus is saying that we all are producing some kind of fruit with our lives and He says it should be the good kind. Fruit that shows the love of Jesus

TEEN 1: Wow! You're pretty smart!

LEADER: Yes, that sums it up quite nicely.

TEEN 1: But I was really looking forward to being in God's Forest Service. Now what am I going to do?

LEADER: Well, actually you can do a lot. You can make sure that the things you say and do reflect Jesus and His kindness. And if you see someone else who doesn't have good fruit, you can tell them about Jesus and His gift of salvation. That way you'll be helping people grow and produce good fruit that will make Jesus happy. And helping other people grow and produce good fruit is a very important part of being in God's family.

TEEN 2: Hey, I have an idea! Let's take that tree, give it to someone who needs to know about Jesus.

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TEEN 1: Yeah, and when we're planting it we can talk about how God wants us to be planted in His kingdom.

TEEN 2: When we fertilize it we can talk about how God wants us to grow in the things that are important to Jesus.

TEEN 1 and 2: *(Together as exiting.)* Like love and patience and helping and ...

LEADER: You know, I think you two are going to do great things for God!

(TEENS and LEADER exit.)

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