



NO BIBLE SUNDAY?

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Drama resource

Operation trust and obedience

Description:

A drama showing a heavenly view of why people in the UK need the Bible.

What's needed:

3 actors, and cleaning materials such as mop, dusters, apron, etc. and a phone.

Aim:

To help people realise that this is an important spiritual issue.

Time:

5 minutes

The Characters:

Angel 1 (Caretaker / cleaner)
Angel 2 (Caretaker / cleaner)
Alex (child/teenager)

Script:

(Angels come on stage and get to work, cleaning)

- 1: What you dealing with down there? *(points to where Angel 2 is cleaning)*
- 2: There's a nasty mess here with a family mid break-up. What've you got?
- 1: I'm just tidying up around a teenage girl who's just woken up the 'night-after'.
- 2: She know you're helping out?
- 1: Nah, not a clue. *(Stop cleaning)* Bit of a thankless task looking after people all the time isn't it?
- 2: Yeah, not what they think being an angel's all about at all eh? Anyway, how's eternal life treating you?
- 1: Endless source of satisfaction thanks. What assignment you on now?
- 2: It's called Operation Trust and Obedience. I'm putting together measures to help people treasure God's communication and to encourage them to humble themselves into trusting he really knows best.
- 1: Going well.
- 2: In a few countries yes, but in most of the nations the results are a bit disappointing.
- 1: Makes you wonder why God bothers if they don't listen when He speaks. *(pause, considering)* I reckon even Alex is pushing his luck now.

2: Alex?

1: Nice lad really. Always very polite. Good attendance at Sunday School. Worked hard on his memory verses.

A: (*quoted proudly as memory verse*) "Do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is" Ephesians 5:17

1: On the surface things looked very promising but...

A: "Do not be foolish but understand what the will is"

1: Something wasn't quite right? Anyway, time past. School was disastrous. He still came to church but felt that

A: (*To audience*) I've more or less grown up in the church and I pretty much know all there is to know by now. I've worked out what it's all about and don't think I'd get any surprises by opening my bible- but I'm no fool. It's all in here (*points to head*) Listen, here's one I learnt ages ago. "Do not be foolish but understand what you want."

1&2: (*cringe/grimace*)

2: And what did he want?

1: To pass all his exams...

2: Fair enough.

1: Without studying, and to be a doctor.

2: Fair enough.

1: But God purposely gifted him as an artist.

2: Oh dear. Usual story then...? Too absorbed in himself to bother to listen to God? And what does he do when it goes wrong?

1: Like all the others,

2&1: (*knowingly*) He blames it on God.

1: DISGUSTING! It makes me mad how they muck the Lord around all the time. I'm going to tell Him so too. (*dials number of phone.*) Hello Sir. I've just been told about your Alex. I'm very sorry to hear that sir. In fact I'm appalled. During my time on Operation Truth and Obedience I've had a few thoughts about what the problem is and I'd like to run these observations by you if that's OK?... Thank you Sir. It seems to me that the reason humans get into this mess in the first place is because they're spoilt. They have everything they need to live right but the truth of the matter is that they have too much freedom. My suggestion is that you should treat them as slaves, not sons. That way they'll finally become obedient and they'll stop messing up so much. We feel that perhaps this would motivate a more responsible attitude in you people... Thank you sir... No trouble, always happy to please... yes I *have* given it some thought... Yes of course Sir. Good, thank you Sir.

1: So what did He think of your ideas?

2: He said they were "interesting".

1: So is that the way things are going to be now then?

2: Well, actually no. He wants to leave things just the way they are.

1: Oh?

2: He questioned why a loving father would not want to give them every chance to get to know Him and to love Him? He must want them to know and care about what He has to say to them.

1: Well if it's good enough for him then it's good enough for me.

2: Exactly.

Sigh and clean your way off-stage.

Optional ideas:

1. If you have the facilities, put up an overhead projection of the words "Do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is." as Alex recites the memory verse. Leave the projection up until performance finishes.
2. Alex could be girl. (change the "he's" to "she's".)

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