

Sunday Players

Drama Resources

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CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR FATHER

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Synopsis: This script takes on a comical approach as the role of father and child is reversed. What appears to be children obediently obeying their father, turns out to be a gentle reminder of how we, believers in Christ, should obey our Heavenly Father joyfully and loyally.

Cast:

Dad: played by a teenager actor

Joey/Son: played by an adult actor

Annie/Daughter: played by an adult actress

(Scene starts with Dad onstage holding a piece of paper)

DAD:(calling out) Joey! Annie! Come here kids I need to talk to you!

(Joey and Annie enter loudly from stage left door. Both try to squeeze through the door at the same time, getting stuck and arguing like kids)

JOEY:(in childlike voice) Move. I'm first.

ANNIE:(in childlike voice) You move. Ladies first.

JOEY: I don't see a lady. Just my little sister.

ANNIE: I'm telling.

(both get through the door still fighting)

JOEY: Tag! You're it.

ANNIE: Nuh uh! I'm not playing.

JOEY: Yuh huh. Are too and you're it.

ANNIE: Am not! Daddy!

(at this point they've both reached their father and are still arguing.)

DAD:(holds up the paper) I've got the list.

(kids freeze. suddenly quiet)

ANNIE:(in a hushed voice) The List.

DAD:That's right. It's chore time. Which means you have to decide who gets what chores. Okay. Who wants to take out the trash this week?

(both kids quietly look at each other as if neither wants to do it. pause. instant excitement)

ANNIE: Oh boy! Take out the trash!

JOEY:(jumps up and down waving hand in the air) Pick me! Pick me!

DAD: Annie gets to take out the trash.

JOEY: (whining) Aw Dad. That's not fair. She got to take out the trash last time!

ANNIE: Did not!

JOEY: Did too!

DAD: Now son. You'll have your turn. Okay. Moving on. Who wants to fold the towels?

JOEY: Me! Me! I want to. I want to.

ANNIE: (overlapping Joey) ooo. ooo. I want to fold the towels.

DAD: Joey gets to fold the towels.

ANNIE: Aawh. I never get to fold the towels.

DAD: Next chore. Wash the dirty dishes.

(again both Joey and Annie get excited about the chore so both jump up and down waving their hands for their father to pick them.)

JOEY: I'll do it! I'll do it!

ANNIE: I love to wash the dirty dishes!

(Joey and Annie get competitive and turn to each other to 'fight' it out, while adlibbing 'it's my turn.' 'no, it's my turn. etc.)

DAD: (stopping them) Enough already. You can BOTH wash the dishes.

(both kids are grateful)

ANNIE: (hugs dad) Thanks Daddy. You're the best Daddy in the whole world.

JOEY: (does a little dance by himself and says in a sing song voice) I get to do the dishes. Oh yea, uh huh, uh huh.

DAD: (pleased with his children) Okay kids. Get to work.

(both kids squeal 'yeah! All right!' etc. and run off stage excitedly)

DAD:(dad watches them leave with a look of pride on his face, pauses, turns to the audience and says) There is no greater joy to the Father than when His children lovingly and loyally serve Him.