

Sunday Players

Drama Resources

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Small Group

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Genre: Drama
Time: 5 minutes
Scripture: Mathew 18:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:11
Purpose: To explain benefits of small groups.
Synopsis: Husband copes with wife's illness and receives compassion from wife's church group.
Three Actors: Ned- husband of Annie, sick in hospital.
Helen- member of Annie's church group.
Bill- husband of Helen.
Props needed: Telephone, table, casserole dish and three microphones.
Costume: Contemporary clothing.
Lighting: General
Scene: A living room

Opening scene: Ned speaking into telephone.

Ned Yes, she's in room 316. (Ned pauses listening) The doctor says she can have visitors. Annie would love to see you. (pause) Oh me? I'm OK. I'm fine. (pause) You will be praying for us? Thank you. (pause) Yeah, thanks good bye. (puts down phone, talks to self) Yeah, fine. I'll be just fine. Right? Ha. How could I possibly be fine when my wife is in the hospital? A mild heart attack? How can a heart attack be mild? What if they're wrong? What if I lose her? What would I do with out her? (Helen and Bill enter stage left, Helen carrying casserole dish, Doorbell rings, and Ned pantomimes answering door) Oh, hello Bill, Helen, come in.

Bill Hi, Ned (men shake hands)

Helen Hi Ned, I heard about Annie. I'm glad we caught you at home.

Ned Thanks, I spent last night in the emergency room. The doctors sent me home to rest.

Helen Of course. I hope it was all right to come over. We figured you haven't eaten. I brought food.

Ned Visitors bearing gifts of food are always welcome.

Helen As soon as I heard about Annie, I made a casserole to bring over. Tuna. It's Annie's recipe.

Ned Oh, the kind with the chopped up celery?

Helen Yep. Annie brought it over last year after the baby was born. Bill liked it so much I asked for the recipe. Annie said it was one of your favorites, too. I hope you like it.

Ned Thanks. The girl can cook. I never learned how. Annie has always done it all. Please set it down here (Helen places casserole dish on table). Can I get you a drink? Water?

Bill Nothing for me thanks.

Helen No Thank you. We can't stay but a minute. Besides I know you are tired.

Bill How's Annie?

Ned Alright. The doctors are now just keeping her a few days for observation.

Helen We'll be praying for her. Both Bill and I and my small group. Annie's group. We got a prayer circuit where when one of us hears there is a need, we call each other in the group to start praying. It's our prayer chain. They've been called into action.

Ned That's great. I just got off the phone with Sara. She had heard about Annie. Is she in Annie's small group?

Helen Yes, for several years I believe. Of course I have only been going since last year. Annie is the reason I joined. She has been so kind to my family and me. Not only did she bring us food after the baby was born, but also she really welcomed us into the church. We haven't lived here in town very long. She introduced me to several other women in the church and invited me to join her group.

Ned Annie is like that. A social butterfly.

Helen Annie is more than that. She has also shown me what a being a godly woman is really all about. She has been a good example.

Ned Yes, She is a good woman. A good heart. (looks pained) Listen to me.

Helen (comforting Ned) Annie does have a good heart. She is always praying for other people. She has the people praying for her right now. She's in God's hands now.

Ned Annie is in God's hands. Will they pray for me too? I need a little faith right now.

Bill We can pray right now if you would like.

Ned (Choking up) That would be nice. (bow heads)

Bill Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in this time of need. You already know that need and the way it is going to turn out. We repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for healing for Annie. Guide the doctors and nurses in their care of Annie. We ask that Your will be done in this matter. Also Lord we ask a blessing upon Ned that he is able to accept Your will and give him strength and encouragement in facing the next days and weeks to come as Annie recovers. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Ned And Lord, thank you for Bill and Helen and Annie's small group. Amen. You know I just thought her small group was a social club. You know a bunch of women getting together and talk.

Bill (chuckling) That's what I used to think too.

Helen Oh, it's a lot more than that. We study the Bible, raise money for missions and (wave hand in direction of casserole dish) bring food to those in need.

Ned I am glad for the food.

Helen We do get together and talk. We share each other's ups and downs. We suffer together when bad things happen like having a loved one in the hospital and celebrate together when good things happens like our children doing well on their report cards. They have given me a real sense of community... belonging. Well, we have to go now. Please let us know if you need anything else.

Ned Thanks I will. And thank you for praying with me. I feel better already. I am glad that the small group is praying for Annie. I know that God does work miracles. And thanks for the casserole. Sure smells good.

Helen You're welcome. Bye

Bill Call us if you need anything. (exits stage).

Ned Bye. (speaking to self) Well if that don't beat all. That small group Annie's been going to turns out to be pretty neat. (sniffing) And they can cook too. I might get a decent meal tonight after all. (telephone rings and Ned picks up phone). Hello? Yes? Oh hi, Linda. (pause listening) Yes, Annie is in the hospital. (pause) Yes, she can have visitors. Room

316. (pause) food? Well that would be mighty kind of you. (pondering) Hay, Linda? Are you a member of Annie's small group? (pause) I thought so. Just asking.

Fade out