

Sunday Players

Drama Resources

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“THE STORY OF LOVE”
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Synopsis: This is a children’s skit performed by elementary age children that tells about God’s love for us. It gives illustrations from the Bible to demonstrate what all God has done for us out of love and therefore, how the Bible is a love story. This script can be performed any time of the year or will make a nice performance for a Valentine’s Day celebration. This is a simple production to put on as there is no set and the props and costumes are every day items found at home. There are enough speaking parts for 17 children. To lengthen the cast you can add more non-speaking children or to shorten the cast you can double up on some of the lines.

CAST:

Mrs. Taylor: adult female; mother of Lacy
Lacy: elementary age daughter of Mrs. Taylor
Steven: elementary age boy
Child #1: can be either a boy or girl
Child #2: older or bigger boy who will also portray the biblical Goliath
Child #3: boy who will also portray the biblical Joseph
Child #4: boy who will portray the biblical Joseph’s brother
Child #5: boy will portray the biblical Joseph’s brother
Child #6: can be either a boy or girl
Child #7: can be either a boy or girl
Child #8: boy who will also portray the biblical King Saul
Child #9: younger or smaller boy who will also portray the biblical David
Child #10: can be either a boy or girl
Child #11: can be either a boy or girl
Child #12: can be either a boy or girl
Child #13: can be either a boy or girl
Child #14: girl
Child #15: can be either a boy or girl

Length: 20 minutes

PROPS:

park bench, Bible, ball, hula hoop, jump rope, kite, baseball glove, 2 baseball bats, foam ball, picnic blanket and basket, 16 red construction paper hearts, toilet plunger, Burger King crown, colander, fly swatter, box big enough to hold all the props and costumes

COSTUMES:

The children are wearing play clothes (shorts, jeans, gym shoes etc.); colorful (Joseph) jacket, trench coat, two men’s neckties, vest

SOUND:

the sound of birds chirping (SFX)
enough microphones for the entire cast to be heard.

The scene opens at a park where we hear birds chirping and see children playing. We see a girl with her hula hoop, a couple of girls with a jump rope, a boy flying a kite, a boy wearing a baseball glove throwing a nerf (or soft foam) ball to a boy with a bat, and various other children playing in the “park”. We see a picnic blanket down stage with a boy and a girl having a picnic. We see Lacy sitting on a park bench, center stage, reading a book. Enter Steven who is tossing a ball in the air as he walks. He walks center stage and notices Lacy reading her book. He stops and says to her...(fade out birds chirping SFX)

Steven: Hi Lacy. What are you doing here? (*sits down beside her on the bench*)

Lacy: Hi Steven. I like to come to the park and read.

Steven: What book are you reading?

Lacy: It’s a love story.

Steven: (*disgusted*) Eeeww! Yuck! A love story?! (*pause and realizes*) Hey wait a minute. Aren’t you a little young to be reading those kinds of books?

Lacy: Not this one. Even you’d like this one.

Steven: No way. Love stories are for girls!.

Lacy: But this love story was written for everyone to read.

Steven: Huh?

Lacy: (*shows him the book cover*) I’m reading the Bible.

Steven: The Bible’s not a love story.

Lacy: Sure it is. It’s all about God’s love for us.

(Offstage we hear Mrs. Taylor calling out “Lacy, time to go.” She enters carrying a brown box full of items. A couple of the kids call out “Hi Mrs. Taylor.” She says “Hi” and asks if they’ve seen Lacy. They point to Lacy sitting on the bench. Mrs. Taylor walks over to the bench. Several of the kids are curious and follow her.)

Child #1: What’s in the box Mrs. Taylor?

Mrs. Taylor: (*putting the box down*) I'm collecting things from my neighborhood to give to Salvation Army.

Child #2: (*looks in box*) It looks like junk to me.

Mrs. Taylor: (*chuckles*) Well, they say one man's trash is another man's treasure. It's all at how you look at things. (*to Lacy*) Lacy, are you ready to go? I need to drop this box off.

Lacy: Well, I was just about to read a love story to Steven. (*holds up Bible for Mom to see*)

Mrs. Taylor: That sounds like a great idea. I've got time to listen to the Bible. Go ahead.

Lacy: Since you're here Mommy, would you be willing to tell us all some of God's love stories?

Mrs. Taylor: (*looking around and hollers out*) Who here would like to help me tell Steven some stories?

(*All the kids excitedly say "I would", "Me", "Yeah", "Sure", etc. and walk over to Mrs. Taylor and lay their toys down by the bench.*)

Mrs. Taylor: All right. This is going to be fun. Let's see. Who would like to hear the story of Joseph? (*The kids all raise their hands*) Great. (*points to Child #3*) Come here and help me. The rest of you can sit down until I need you. (*Child #3 stays standing while the other kids sit. Mrs. Taylor rummages through the box.*) I know I saw the perfect thing in here earlier. Here it is! (*pulls out colorful coat*) This makes a perfect costume for Joseph. (*puts the coat on Child #3 and faces him towards the audience*). I'm sure you're all familiar with the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors? Well, did you know the story of Joseph is a love story? (*kids shake their heads no*). Let me tell you about it. Once there was an old man named Jacob who had twelve sons. But his favorite son was Joseph. And so, because he loved Joseph so much, he gave him a beautiful coat with many colors. Now, Joseph's brothers were very jealous. They wanted a beautiful coat like Joseph's and they knew Joseph was their father's favorite son. They were so jealous that they absolutely hated Joseph. So one day they decided to get rid of him. (*Child #4 and #5 stand up and get the hula hoop and lay it on the ground in front of Child #3*) Joseph's brothers decided to throw Joseph, in to a dried up well and leave him there to die. (*Child #4 and Child #5 "push" Child #3 forward so that he steps into the hula hoop. Child #4 and Child #5, on either side of Child #3, raise the hula hoop up around and over Child #3's head so as to give the illusion that he is in the well. Child #3 can jump up with arms stretched upward as if to reach the top of the well/hoola hoop.*)

Child #3: Let me out of here!

Steven: Wait a minute. (*boys put hoola hoop down and all the kids look at Steven*) They left him there to die??! I thought you said this was a love story?

Mrs. Taylor. It is a love story. You see instead of Joseph dying in the well, the brothers decided to sell him as a slave to some traveling merchants. (*Child #4 and Child #5 take a necktie and wrap it around Child #3's wrists and pull him out of the well/hoola hoop*) He was taken to Egypt and later on, he was falsely accused of doing something bad and was thrown in jail.

(*Child #4 and Child #5 lead Child #3 to the "jail". Child #12 and Child #13, from a sitting position, raise their arms straight up, side by side, in front of Child #3, to represent the jail cell bars.*)

Steven: (*sarcastically*) Oh boy. This keeps getting better and better. So, where's the love?!

Mrs. Taylor: The love is from God. God knew that in the future, there would be a great famine.

Child #6: What's a famine?

Mrs. Taylor: Famine means 'no food'. The food they grew would wither up and die so they would have nothing to eat.

Child #3: (*speaking through the jail cell 'bars'*) Couldn't they just buy a Happy Meal at McDonalds?

Mrs. Taylor: I'm afraid not. They didn't have McDonalds restaurants or grocery stores or any of the things you and I have today.

Child #7: So what did Joseph have to do with the famine?

Mrs. Taylor: Well, even though Joseph was scared and alone in jail, God was with him. God didn't forget him. God worked it out so that Joseph, not only was freed from jail, (*Child #12 and Child #13 put down their arms*) but he became the second highest ruler over Egypt. God told Joseph about the famine and Joseph in his wisdom, was able to save up enough food so that people wouldn't starve to death. God worked it out so that Joseph's father and brothers would come to Joseph to get food. So, everything that happened to Joseph was part of God's plan to have Joseph in Egypt so that he could be in charge of saving up the food so that he and his family wouldn't starve. God saved the whole Jewish race. God loved them that much. (*Child #3 takes off his coat, places it in the box and sits down with the other children*)

Child #5: What other love stories are there in the Bible?

Mrs. Taylor: Lots. Who has heard of David and Goliath? (*The kids raise their hands.*)

Mrs. Taylor, telling the kids about the giant Goliath, takes Child #9 and Child #2 from the group, has Child #2 stand on the bench and digging through the box, puts a trench coat on him(armor), gives him a baseball bat(sword) ,and ties a necktie around his head(headband)- to give the illusion of a tall man who is Goliath in armor. She takes Child #8 from the group, and from the box gives him his crown (Burger King crown) and royal scepter (toilet plunger). She has Child #8 step off to the side.) David was a young shepherd boy who loved God very much. At that time, there was a war going on between the Philistines, the side Goliath was on, (*Child #2 flexes his muscles and growls fiercely to intimidate Child #9*) and the Israelites, the side David's family was on. David and his family were Godly people. (*Child #9 folds hands and bows head in prayer*) Goliath and his army weren't. They didn't believe in God the Father at all. (*Child #2, in disrespect, looks up into the heavens and gives God raspberries*) When David saw how big Goliath was and how afraid his people were he decided to fight the giant himself. So David went to King Saul to tell him, (*Child #9 stands next to Child #8*) The King told David he was too small to fight.

Child #8: (*with Kingly authority*): You're too small to fight!

Mrs. Taylor: So to protect him, the King dressed David up in the King's own royal armor. (*Mrs. Taylor , from the box, puts a vest (armor) on David, gives him a fly swatter(sword) and puts on his head a helmet(colander).*)

Child #9: (*staggers around*) I can't see. This stuff is too big and too heavy!! I don't need this armor. (*He takes it off*) I just need my sling.

Mrs. Taylor: David knew that God was greater than any man. So, David went down to where Goliath was and when Goliath saw the small boy coming, he laughed. (*Child #2 begins to point at Child #9 and laugh*) But David said.

Child #9: I am not afraid! God will help me win!

Mrs. Taylor: And he reached into his bag and pulled out a smooth stone. (*Child #9 gets a Nerf ball, or other soft foam style ball, out of the box*) David hurled the stone at Goliath hitting him directly between the eyes. (*Child #9 throws the Nerf ball at the giants head. Child #2 reacts to being hit and melodramatically acts out a slow death as he jumps off the bench and falls to the ground dead.*)

Steven: Stop! (*everyone stops and looks at Steven*) Goliath is dead, killed by a boy. There is no way this can be a love story!

(*Child #2, during the next several lines, quietly takes off his costume and puts it in the box*)

Mrs. Taylor: What do you think kids? Is the story of David and Goliath a love story? (*They all holler out 'yes'.*)

Steven: How?!

Mrs. Taylor: God loved David. So, He protected David and his family from their enemies. That's love.

Steven: I get it. No matter what happens to the people in the Bible, God is there to love them.

Mrs. Taylor: Correct.

Steven: What about Jonah? The guy gets swallowed by a big, smelly fish. How is that a love story?

Mrs. Taylor: Anyone want to answer that one?

Child #10: *(stands up and says to Steven)* God saved the people of Nineveh. Even though they were sinners, God gave them a second chance.

Child #11: *(stands up and says to Steven)* He made sure Jonah delivered the message, that God wanted them to say they were sorry and to stop sinning. He wanted to save them from their sin. God loved them so much

Steven: I think I finally understand. God loves us so much and so He sent His only son, Jesus, to save us from our sin .

(Mrs. Taylor and the other children clap and cheer)

Mrs. Taylor: You got it! John 3:16 says 'For God so loved the world...

Child #1: *(interrupting)* The whole world?

Mrs. Taylor: Yes. The whole world. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son...

Child #12: *(interrupting)* Yeah, Jesus was the only son God had.

Mrs. Taylor: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever...

Child #13: *(interrupting)* Who's a "whosoever"?

Mrs. Taylor: A "whosoever" is you and me and every one of us. We're all whosoever's. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish...

Child #4: What does perish mean?

Mrs. Taylor: Perish means ‘die’. ‘For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.’

Child #10: And everlasting means forever!

Mrs. Taylor: That’s right. God loves us so much that He wants us to live with Him forever in Heaven and that’s why the Bible is a love story.

(Child #14 enters on stage carrying valentine hearts)

Child #14: There you all are! I’ve been looking all over for you. Happy Valentine’s Day! *(She begins to give each of the children a red construction paper heart)*

Child #13: *(confused)* Valentine’s Day??!?

Child #15: Uh, Angela, I hate to tell you this but Valentine’s Day is over.

Child #14: *(sad)* You don’t want my heart?

Child #7: You’re too late to give out your heart.

Child #15: Mrs. Taylor? Is it too late if you want to give your heart to Jesus?

Mrs. Taylor: No. It can never be too late if you want to give your heart to Jesus. He’ll never refuse your heart and His love lasts forever. Jesus loves us all so much. *(looks at watch)* Well, I’ve got to be going. I’ve got to get this box dropped off. It’s been fun kids.

Lacy: See you in school.

Mrs. Taylor and Lacy: Bye!

(The kids say ‘Bye’ to Lacy and Mrs. Taylor. She and Lacy exit with the box of stuff and Lacy’s Bible. The children grab their toys they had at the beginning of the skit and go back to where they were originally onstage and begin playing again. We, once again, hear the SFX of birds chirping. Blackout)

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