

Real World Skit

Historical Horror

DANIEL enters as OLIVIA, JOSH, and EMILY are talking to one another.

OLIVIA: Daniel! I'm so glad you're here! Josh, Emily, and I were just about to practice our play for church. Would you like to see it?

DANIEL: Sure.

JOSH: You can tell us what you think of it. We are acting out different things we have learned in church the last few weeks. We'll start with Scene 1! Emily is our narrator. Ready Emily?

JOSH and OLIVIA leave the room. Daniel sits down to watch. As narrator, EMILY stays in the room and introduces the scenes.

EMILY: Scene 1. God confuses the languages.

OLIVIA and JOSH enter the room, babbling incoherently at one another. They run around the room a bit panicked because they don't understand each other. They run back into the hall, still babbling.

EMILY: Scene 2. God destroys Job.

JOSH enters the room and sits down. OLIVIA runs into the room.

OLIVIA: Job, Job, all of your animals are dead!

JOSH: Oh no!

OLIVIA: Oh yes! And all of your servants are dead!

JOSH: Oh no!

OLIVIA: Oh yes! And your house has been destroyed!

JOSH: Oh no!

OLIVIA: Oh yes! And your children are all dead!

JOSH: Oh no!

OLIVIA: Oh yes! And your skin is breaking out in painful boils!

JOSH: Oh no!

OLIVIA and JOSH run into the hall.

EMILY: Scene 3: God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah.

OLIVIA and JOSH return to the room. They frantically look behind them and up at the sky.

JOSH: What's happening to Sodom and Gomorrah?

OLIVIA: Fire is falling from the sky!

JOSH: The cities are being destroyed!

JOSH AND OLIVIA: Eeeeeeeeeeee!

JOSH and OLIVIA run into the hall.

EMILY: Scene 4. Abram obeys God and prepares to kill his son, Isaac.

JOSH and OLIVIA re-enter the room. JOSH lies down on the floor and OLIVIA kneels down and raises an invisible knife.

OLIVIA: Now I must kill you with this knife!

DANIEL: Hold it, hold it, stop!!!

JOSH, EMILY, and OLIVIA look at DANIEL.

JOSH: What's the matter?

OLIVIA: Is something wrong?

DANIEL: I thought you said you were doing a play for church? That was more like a horror movie!

EMILY: What do you mean?

DANIEL: All the violence and killing and boils!

OLIVIA: We were just acting out some historical scenes from the Bible.

DANIEL: Well, if that's what's in the Bible, no wonder my parents don't want to go to church. Who would want to worship a God like that?!

OLIVIA: No, no, you don't understand. God is a loving God.

DANIEL: Loving? How can He be loving? Based on what you just showed me, He is scary! I don't even know what some of those scenes were supposed to be.

EMILY: Let me explain. First, when they were babbling, they were showing how God confused the languages at the Tower of Babel to punish the sin of the people and make them scatter all over the world.

DANIEL: See what I mean? God is horrible!

EMILY: God isn't horrible. The people disobeyed God, and they deserved to be punished.

OLIVIA: That's right. They deserved to die for their sin! But God showed mercy to them by letting the people live.

JOSH: Then we showed how the servant came and told Job about all the terrible things that had happened to his family and possessions, and even to his own body.

DANIEL: My point exactly! What kind of God would do such things? And I thought Job was a good guy!

OLIVIA: Nobody is truly good. We are all sinners. And this account is a good reminder that God does test us to see if we really can obey—even in difficult situations.

EMILY: And Job gave us an example of how to trust God even in the very worst circumstances. God was in control of everything that happened to Job, and because Job trusted God completely he could worship Him even in those terrible times.

JOSH: And then we acted out the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those cities were horribly wicked and full of sin against God. So God finally had to punish them for their sin.

OLIVIA: But again God showed his love and mercy by saving the lives of Lot and his daughters.

EMILY: And the last scene was Abraham obeying God and sacrificing his son Isaac—

DANIEL: —There! That’s what I’m talking about! What kind of God would tell someone to kill his own son?

OLIVIA: But don’t you see? God didn’t allow Abraham to kill Isaac. Again, God was testing him to see if Abraham truly did trust and love God.

EMILY: Abraham passed the test! And God stopped him at the last minute and provided a ram for Abraham to kill instead of killing Isaac.

JOSH: This is the neatest part about it. The ram that God provided for Abraham gives us a picture of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for sinners even though He had never sinned. The Bible calls Jesus the Lamb of God.

OLIVIA: That’s right. Just like God provided a ram in place of Isaac, He has provided Jesus to save everyone who trusts and believes in Him.

EMILY: Jesus is the only one who ever lived a perfect life—which makes His sacrifice for us all the more amazing! In fact, whenever you doubt God’s love and mercy, think about Jesus Christ—God’s son—who was crucified on the Cross so that sinners could be forgiven.

JOSH: Yep! In fact, whoever believes in Jesus, asks forgiveness for his sins, and trusts that Jesus’s death on the Cross can offer forgiveness will be saved from God’s punishment—hell!

DANIEL: Wow! I guess I just don’t know enough about God. Can you two help me learn more?

OLIVIA: Sure! And we’ll start by getting you a Bible and reading it with you.

JOSH: And why don’t you come to church with us on Sunday? It’s great. And you can learn a lot.

All four of them exit.