

Real World Skit: Detention Again?

DETENTION AGAIN? PART 1

Characters: Alex and Colby

COLBY: *(walking toward Alex, grumbling to himself while looking at a piece of paper)*
Detention again! My mom's going to kill me.

ALEX: Colby? You got detention? Again?

COLBY: *(sarcastically)* So what? I enjoy Saturdays locked in detention. It's the highlight of my week!

ALEX: Well, Colby, what's the deal? Why so many detentions? Really. What's up?

COLBY: I don't know. I just can't help it. I get so frustrated. It's like everything is always going wrong and I can't make it right! And that just gets me mad. And then I guess I kind of act like a jerk!

ALEX: I think I understand what you're saying. I'm kind of like that, too!

COLBY: You, Alex? You always seem like you have it together. Everyone likes you!

ALEX: Well, it wasn't always that way. I've been in trouble before. You can check that out with my mom and dad! They will tell you. I'm WAY different than I used to be.

COLBY: Seriously? How did you do it?

ALEX: You really want to know?

COLBY: Sure!

ALEX: Well, it was God! God helped me change.

COLBY: What! Are you kidding? God? I know you go to church and all, but, well . . . I don't think God would be very interested in helping me! I'm a nobody!

ALEX: You are wrong there, Colby. God loves taking "nobodies" and turning them into "somebodies."

COLBY: Huh? What does that mean? Where did you hear that?

ALEX: It's in the Bible. The Bible is real history and it tells us about a lot of plain and ordinary people God used to do what He wanted them to do!

COLBY: But I'm no good, Alex. I'm always in trouble. I don't think God would be interested in using me at all! There are plenty of good people He can use.

ALEX: Well, first of all the Bible makes it clear that compared to God, NONE of us are good. The people in the Bible had a lot of problems. Joshua was afraid to move into the Promised Land, but God told him to be strong and courageous and He would go with him. Gideon was hiding from the enemies! And God told him to lead the people into battle!

COLBY: So they were afraid? I didn't think anyone in the Bible was ever afraid!

ALEX: Oh yes! And there was a woman named Rahab who did not obey God's law at all! And God got ahold of her heart, and suddenly she was hiding and saving spies and trusting that God would protect her and her family!

COLBY: Seriously? God used her even though she was a sinner?

ALEX: Well, she was a sinner, just like us. But, she believed in God and had faith in Him. God used people like Joshua, Gideon, and Rahab to do His will. He used lots of others, too! They were no better than any of us.

COLBY: So, what happened to them? What happened to you? What did God do? How does He do it?

ALEX: Well, it goes back to the Bible and what it teaches us. It goes back to having faith in God and knowing who God is! Hey! We have to run, class is starting! Can we finish this conversation after school?

COLBY: OK. Meet me on the baseball field. I have to pick up trash. It's part of my punishment.

Break for discussion and snack! See Teacher's Guide.

DETENTION AGAIN? PART 2

ALEX: *(out of breath from running to the field)* Colby. You showed up!

COLBY: *(bending down to pick up trash and putting it into a bag)* I'm here. I told ya', I have to pick up trash.

ALEX: What were we talking about? Where were we?

COLBY: Well, you said the Bible told about how God used people who were sinners. And I was wondering about that. I thought God only used good people. And I was wondering how God changes people. It all seems so confusing!

ALEX: Oh yeah. First of all, the Bible says that no one is good. Not one. We are all sinners. And when we sin, we are sinning against a holy and pure and just God. And because of who He is, God has to punish all sin!

COLBY: OK. When do we get to the part where we change and God can use us like the people in the Bible? So far this all sounds like really bad news!

ALEX: Hang on. I'm getting there. And you are right, this is bad news! But there is good news. And it is in the Bible, too! The good news is Jesus Christ. Do you know what Jesus did?

COLBY: Well, He was born a long time ago and died on a cross for sins. Right?

ALEX: Yes. Remember, God must punish all sin. And we all sin. So, we deserve God's horrible punishment. And that is why Jesus had to die on the Cross. Jesus did not sin. Jesus was perfect. Jesus took God's punishment for sin.

COLBY: OK. So . . . how do I change? How can God use me? Are you sure you are staying on the right track?

ALEX: Yes. This is the right track. In fact, this is the only track. Jesus is the one who changes us! The Bible says that everyone who believes in Jesus—everyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Him—is a new creation—the old person is gone!

COLBY: So. That's what happened to you? That's how you changed?

ALEX: Yes. That is what happened to me. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. I believe in Him. I'm far from perfect, Colby. But I am changing because I understand that my sin is horrible to God. And I get that Jesus died for me and took the punishment for my sin!

COLBY: So, those people in the Bible. They weren't perfect either?

ALEX: No. Nobody is perfect. Only Jesus was perfect. But, when Jesus becomes a real part of your life, when Jesus becomes your Lord, and you start reading the Bible, you will begin to change. You will WANT to obey God. And God will begin to use you!

COLBY: Wow! I really would like to know more about all of this. But I don't even have a Bible!

ALEX: Hey, why don't you come to church with me Sunday? We can get you a Bible and you can start learning more about Jesus.

COLBY: I just might take you up on that. Give me a call! Thanks!