

# Real World Skit: One God, One Way

**Characters:** Bryce, Jack, and Lexi

**Props optional:** Backpacks, sack lunches, a table and three chairs, a bell to ring to signal the beginning of school

*Bryce and Jack are standing outside before school starts, backpacks on the ground beside them.*

**Bryce:** Hey, Jack. You're here early.

**Jack:** Hi Bryce! Yeah, my mom had to drop me off a little early today. She had an early meeting or something.

**Bryce:** Oh, since you're here, I want to ask you about something you said yesterday after math. I heard you say something to Lexi in class about God. I didn't know you believed in God and the Bible and all that.

**Jack:** Yeah. I haven't always believed though. Last year, Lexi's family invited me to church. I was curious, so I went along. Since then, my parents started going too. I became a Christian about six months ago.

**Bryce:** That is good, I guess. I like religion. In fact, I think everyone believes in a god.

**Jack:** Yes it does seem like it. But there really is only one true God!

**Bryce:** Yeah maybe. But people worship him differently. Christians worship one way, Hindus another, Mormons another. Just about everyone I know worships some sort of god or spirit.

**Jack:** I know what you mean. It seems kind of confusing. But I know now there is only one true God. And I know I didn't know who He was before. Like I said, I was curious to find out some details.

*A bell rings, signaling the boys that it's time to go to class.*

**Bryce:** We better go. But can you tell me more at lunch? I guess I'm curious, too. Not that I think you're right. I'm not worried. I'm a nice person. Whatever your god is like, I'm sure to get his approval.

**Jack:** Sure! I'll invite Lexi to join us. She helped me a lot when I had questions! And she knows the Bible better than I do.

**Bryce:** Bible? What does that have to do with anything?

**Jack:** Gotta go! I'll try to answer that at lunch.

*Both boys grab their backpacks and run off to school.*

## **PART 2**

*Bryce is sitting at a table with his sack lunch. Jack joins him carrying his sack lunch. They eat while having this conversation.*

**Bryce:** Hey Jack!

*Lexi enters and sits down with her sack lunch.*

**Lexi:** Hi guys! How you doing? Wow! I'm hungry!

**Bryce:** So Jack, you were going to tell me about your god. Do you really think your god is the only one?

**Jack:** Good question. Let me start by telling you where everything I believe about God and the world comes from. It's the only place you can find truth. It's a book. And it wasn't written by any man. God wrote it.

**Bryce:** Oh, come on. You're sounding too mysterious. There's no book written by God that is the source of all truth.

**Jack:** Yes, there is. It's called the Bible.

**Bryce:** You can't fool me. I know the Bible was written by a lot of different people. Not God.

**Lexi:** God inspired everything that those people wrote. The Bible says that it is God's Word to us. We can be sure that God wrote it, and that it's true. He can't lie. And it has never changed . . . over thousands of years!

**Jack:** That's right. Once I realized I could trust the Bible to tell me the truth, I started reading it more. And I found answers to questions I had been asking a long time.

**Bryce:** Like what?

**Jack:** Well, first of all, how many gods are there? Then, how do I get to heaven? And what is God really like? And why do bad things happen? Lots of them!

**Bryce:** Those are the same questions I have! Like how many gods *are* there?

**Jack:** Well, after careful study, I learned that there is only one true God. The God of the Bible created the universe. He has no beginning or end. He is all-powerful and perfect in every way. He is unlike any god created by human hands or minds. He alone is worthy of worship.

**Bryce:** Really? I'll have to think about that. But what about the heaven question. Will I go to heaven? After all, I am a nice guy and all!

**Jack:** *(chuckling in a friendly way)* Only God can tell you that for sure, Bryce. Lexi . . . *(turns to Lexi for help answering Bryce's question)*

**Lexi:** I think you're nice, Jack! But God never said we'd get to heaven by being nice or good. The only way to heaven is through Jesus. We all sin against God! And God has to judge every sin! Even one tiny thing against God is enough to deserve death and hell forever.

**Bryce:** *(sounding suddenly discouraged)* Then I'm doomed.

**Jack:** I know the feeling! But we don't have to be doomed! God is good! And He has a perfect plan. His plan includes Jesus Christ. He sent Jesus to earth to take the punishment we deserve. Jesus died a horrible death on the Cross. And Jesus never sinned, at all!

**Bryce:** That doesn't seem right. Why would He have to die like that if He didn't do anything wrong?

**Lexi:** You are full of great questions! God demanded that someone perfect should die to forgive others' sins. And the Bible says that NO man is perfect. So God sent Jesus. He lived a perfect life and then died to pay the penalty for sin. And God said that if we believe in Jesus, repent of our sins, and receive His free gift of salvation, then we will become a new creation.

**Bryce:** I have heard stuff like that, but what does repent mean?

**Jack:** That means you are sorry for your sins. Not just because you got caught, either! I mean you are really sorry. Because you understand that God is good and holy! God is our Creator! And He deserves our obedience. When we sin, He hates it! So repent means being sorry to God that we have offended HIM by sinning.

**Bryce:** And God will forgive me? If I repent? And, what else will I need to do?

**Jack:** Well, that is the great news! Jesus did it for you. When He died on the Cross He said, “It is finished.” The penalty was paid right there for everyone who would turn to Him, repent of their sins, and trust Him. There is nothing else we need to do! Just turn away from your sins and turn to Jesus.

**Lexi:** Yes! That is called “grace.” God forgives us and He gives us the promise of eternal life with Him after we die. The Bible says we are saved by grace. And the grace is a free gift from God. We can’t earn it!

**Bryce:** Wow! That is so different from what I thought! Are you sure this is all true?

**Jack:** You bet it is. God tells us all of this—and lots more—in the Bible. God cannot lie! And God cannot change His mind about what He says. The Bible is true. It is God’s Word. And we can trust what it tells us.

**Lexi:** And one of the great things about the truth about Jesus, is that when you really believe it, it will change your life!

**Jack:** That’s right! God gave me a new life. That’s for sure!

**Bryce:** Hmmm. I might like to have a new life. I’m kind of afraid though. The Bible is so big! I could never read it all!

**Lexi:** Well, I know what you mean. But we have all our lives to keep learning! My parents read the Bible every day and they say they are still learning new things. Hey! Why don’t you come with us to church on Sunday! It would be a good start to learning what the Bible says.

**Bryce:** I’d like that! Jack, will you be there? Will you guys sit with me so I don’t feel so dumb?

**Jack:** I will be there and I’d love to sit with you. Let’s plan on it.

**Lexi:** I think you are going to like it, Bryce! I’m glad you are going to come with us!

*The three stand up, clear off their place, and exit.*