

American Idols Script

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Characters: Taylor, Lucy, Noah, Bentley

The kids are leaving the after-school Bible Club.

Taylor: Thanks for staying today, Lucy. You too, Bentley! What did you think? Did you enjoy the discussion?

Lucy: Well, everyone was really nice. And it was interesting. It's just that I'm not sure I get all of that stuff about God being jealous. Didn't Mrs. Emerson say that in the Old Testament the prophets warned the people because God was jealous?

Noah: Yes! Exactly. The people were worshipping idols and not worshipping God alone. God wants all of our worship and praise. He wants to be the most important thing in our life.

Lucy: But, I just don't get it. God is jealous? I thought being jealous was bad. It doesn't make sense. It sounds kind of weird or not right somehow. It's like God is selfish or something. He wants everything for Himself.

Bentley: You know, I was wondering the same thing. My mom is always saying I shouldn't be jealous. It is not a good thing to be jealous.

Taylor: No! God isn't selfish at all. And He is only good. The Bible tells us what God is like. Jealous means He wants all of our attention, praise, gratitude, and worship.

Lucy: But why should He want all of that?

Noah: Because He is God! The Bible tells us that He deserves ALL our praise! He is the Creator of everything—even us. He is holy! And all-powerful! He is merciful, kind, gracious, just. He is amazing! Who or what else should we be worshipping?

Bentley: I don't think I've ever heard anyone talking about God like that. Is this all in the Bible?

Lucy: Yeah! You guys know a lot more about God than I do!

Taylor: Well, we are still learning. And yes, it's all in the Bible.

Noah: Those things I mentioned about God are called attributes. They describe what God is like. And yet, we can't really understand what He is like.

Lucy: No. It kind of makes my brain hurt.

Taylor: I get that. It seems the more I learn about God the less I really know about Him. He is huge. And we can't even begin to understand Him.

Noah: And the Bible makes it very clear that there is nothing like Him in the universe! No one is as powerful or good.

Lucy: And He was jealous? Because of the idols and stuff back then?

Noah: Yes. He was jealous because they worshipped statues—false gods—and not Him. And, God is still jealous. It is easy to have idols today.

Bentley: That's just ridiculous. People today don't worship idols. I don't see weird statues and things around—nothing that looks like those pictures we saw.

Taylor: No, you may not see that kind of idol worship today. But remember what we heard during Bible Club? Mrs. Emerson said an idol would be anything we put before God. Anything we love more than God.

Lucy: What are you talking about? God is God. Things are things. How can you love things more than God?

Taylor: It's easier than you think.

Noah: An idol could be anything in our lives that we think about so much it distracts us. Or maybe something that we don't think we could live without. We love it so much we can't stand the thought of not having it. That would be an idol.

Bentley: Like what for instance?

Taylor: What about TV? My family used to watch TV all the time. I had a TV in my room! And I had to have it on to study, to go to sleep, when I got up.

Lucy: Please don't tell me there is something wrong with TV? Everyone has a TV!

Taylor: No. There isn't anything wrong with it! But if it becomes something you can't live without, it's trouble. When my mom told me I had to get rid of the TV in my room I was EXTREMELY upset!

Bentley: You were? I think I would be, too. So, you don't have a TV?

Taylor: No. I had to give it up. My parents knew it wasn't good for me. And when I realized how upset I was when they told me I had to stop, I knew there was something wrong with it and me!

Noah: That's right. Do you guys remember last summer? How much skateboarding I did? I mean, I got so into it, I couldn't stop! I felt like if the sun was up I HAD to be at the park. I even lied sometimes about where I was going and snuck over to the park to meet my buddies. It was an idol in my life. I even sinned so I could do it!

Lucy: Hmmmm! I think I'm getting it. If something is that important to us, then it is all we think about! And if that is all we think about, it must be the most important thing in our lives. If that is the most important thing in our lives, then God isn't!

Bentley: Well, I need to think about this. I mean, I love God and I want to learn about Him. But I know there are things that I put a WHOLE lot of time into.

Taylor: Let me guess, Bentley. Your video games?

Bentley: Yep! I get so wrapped up into it. Get to the next level. Beat my old score. Compete with my brother and my friends. Wow! I'm not sure how I'd be if I had to get rid of my games.

Noah: Well, it is certainly something to think about. If we are going to be serious about following God, we have to be honest about the idols in our lives. And we have to always be searching our hearts to be sure God is the most important thing in our life.

Taylor: We just have to remember that anything that we love more than Jesus is an idol.

Lucy: So, doing things for fun isn't necessarily bad, right? It's just if we let things get too important—more important than God.

Taylor: That's right. And we can all help each other with it.

Bentley: How's that?

Noah: Well, we can be tempted every day. God wants us to keep our eyes open to anything that could become an idol. We could watch out for each other, be honest about what we see, and try to tell each other about it.

Bentley: What do you mean?

Taylor: Well, I'm trying to keep God first in my life. But I might miss something. If you see me getting off course you can let me know. But PLEASE be gentle about it!

Lucy: That's a great idea. And I have to do some thinking about a couple of things I do that just might be too important to me . . . like soccer.

Bentley: It sounds like a great plan. So, we kind of help each other stay focused on Jesus and His Word, right?

Noah: That's right. We'll just help each other in this area. And try to keep each other straight.

Taylor: Let's start by committing to come to Bible Club each week together. That will be a great start. Everyone agree?

Lucy: I'm in. Thanks!

Bentley: And if someone doesn't come, we'll check on you.

Noah: Well, I look forward to it. I'm excited! See you all next week!

The kids exit.