

# Real World Skit: In Trouble Again

**Characters:** Alex and Colby

**COLBY:** (*walking toward Alex, grumbling to himself*) I can't believe I got in trouble again! My mom is going to be so mad.

**ALEX:** Colby? You got in trouble? Again?

**COLBY:** Yes, I always get caught, and I didn't even start it this time.

**ALEX:** Well, Colby, why do you get in trouble so much? 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! Other kids just do things, I lose my temper, and then I get in trouble.

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

**COLBY:** You, Alex? Other people make you mad? You get frustrated? You never seem to get in trouble. Everyone likes you!

**ALEX:** Well, it wasn't always that way. I've gotten into trouble tons. You can even ask my mom and dad! I'm WAY different than I used to be.

**COLBY:** Seriously? How did you stop getting in trouble?

**ALEX:** You really want to know?

**COLBY:** Sure!

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

**COLBY:** Wow! God? I know you go to church and all. (*sadly*) I really don't think God would be very interested in helping me. I'm no one special. I'm a nobody to Him.

**ALEX:** Nope. You're wrong. I have good news! 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 regular, ordinary people—people like me and you that God used to do what He wanted them to do!

**COLBY:** But I'm always in trouble, Alex. I'm not a good person. 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 none of us are good. We all sin! The people in the Bible had a lot of problems. Joshua was afraid to go into the Promised Land, but God told him to be strong and courageous, and He would go with him. Gideon was hiding from his 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, Rahab, who lived a sinful lifestyle! But then she heard about God and had faith in Him. God used her to hide and save spies, and God protected her and her family.

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

**ALEX:** Yes, 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:** I thought God only used good people. And how does God change people? What happened to them? What happened to you?

**ALEX:** Whoa, buddy. One question at a time. 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 just God. And because of who He is, God has to punish all sin!

**COLBY:** OK. So far this all sounds like really bad news!

**ALEX:** You're 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 his sins and trusts in Jesus—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. None of us is perfect. Only Jesus was perfect. But, when Jesus becomes a real part of your life, 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 us Sunday? We can get you a Bible and you can start learning more about Jesus. I know my dad won't mind.

**COLBY:** Sounds great! I'll ask my parents.