

Real World Skit: Truth For Today

Characters: Avery, Clark, and Gabe

Props (optional): Table and chairs, a sack lunch with a bag of chips and snacks.

Avery is sitting alone in the school cafeteria with a sack lunch. Clark and Gabe are watching him from across the room.

Avery: *(bowing head)* Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Thank you for this food and help me to do well on my test today. Amen.

Gabe: Hey, Clark, take a look at Avery. He's praying! Right in the middle of the cafeteria!

Clark: That's strange. Praying is for church, not for school.

Gabe: Let's see what he has for lunch.

Clark: *(laughing)* Yeah. It can't be good if it needs to be prayed over!

The two students walk over to where Avery is eating lunch.

Avery: Hi, Clark. Hi, Gabe. What's up?

Clark grabs Avery's lunch sack and looks inside.

Gabe: *(laughing)* We saw you praying over your lunch, Avery. What's wrong? Are you afraid to eat it?

Clark: *(laughing)* Yeah, it looked like you might be asking God to save you from food poisoning or something.

Avery: Very funny. Give me my lunch back. What do you guys want anyway?

Clark: *(looking in the bag)* I'll give it back to you under two conditions.

Avery: What?

Clark: *(taking the chips out of the bag)* You give me these chips.

Avery: And...?

Clark: Tell us why you're always praying and stuff.

Clark hands Avery the lunch bag.

Avery: (*puzzled*) Really?

Clark: Is it a deal?

Avery: You can have the chips. But why do you care about me praying? Do you want another reason to make fun of me?

Clark: No. I just have some questions. I'm curious. I just wonder what it's all about.

Avery: Ok. What do you want to know?

Clark: Well. Why do you pray? What is it? How do you know what to say?

Avery: Prayer is just talking to God. If we are Christians, we know that God listens when we pray. He wants to help us—like a good Father. After all, He is in control of everything.

Gabe: You mean God gives you whatever you ask for when you pray?

Clark: Cool! Can I pray for that new video game I want?

Avery: No, God doesn't give us everything we want. Like I said, He is a good Father. Our dads don't give us everything we want just because we ask for it. And neither does God!

Clark: So, why bother praying then?

Avery: Well, this makes more sense if you are a Christian—if you are a child of God, if you trust God and believe He is in control of everything and is good all the time.

Gabe: OK. So say you believe all that about God. Then does He answer "yes" to things you pray about?

Avery: Well, He always answers His children. But He doesn't always say "yes." God has the right to answer any way He wants to.

Clark: What does that mean?

Avery: Sometimes God answers right away and says "yes!" Sometimes God's answer is "no." And sometimes we have to wait for His answer. Sometimes we have to wait years to get the answer. It takes a lot of faith to trust God to answer our prayers.

Gabe: What does faith have to do with it? You want something, you ask for it! What do you mean?

Avery: Well, faith has a lot to do with it. Before you can understand prayer, you have to believe that God is who He says He is in the Bible, like I said before.

Gabe: What does the Bible have to do with it? Isn't that just a bunch of old stories?

Clark: Yeah. I don't think the Bible has anything to do with life today.

Avery: The Bible is way more than an old book with interesting stories. It's God's holy and true Word. And it will never change. The Bible tells us things we need to know about God and Jesus and the world around us and about life.

Clark: Well, if that's true, maybe I need to learn a little about the Bible.

Gabe: Avery, do you think the Bible is true? Do you believe in God?

Avery: Yes, I do. There is a lot to learn, and I don't know it all yet. But I am learning more, and I like it!

Clark: How could we learn about it if we wanted to?

Avery: Well, you could come over to my house and talk to my dad! Or maybe you could come to church with my family. We can work something out!

Clark: That would be great, Avery!

Gabe: I'd like to come, too!

Avery: That would be great! I'll talk to my dad and give you guys a call!

The three walk off.