

# American Idols Script

**Characters:** Taylor, Lucy, Noah, Bentley

*The kids are leaving the after-school Bible Club.*

**Taylor:** Hey, Lucy and Bentley! I'm so glad you guys came to Bible Club. Did you like what we talked about?

**Lucy:** 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. How is God jealous? I thought being jealous was bad. It's like God is selfish or something. He wants every single thing for Himself.

**Bentley:** That's right. And my mom told me that I shouldn't be jealous. I shouldn't want what other people have. It is kind of selfish. Is God selfish?

**Taylor:** No! God isn't selfish at all. He is only good. When the Bible tells us God is jealous, it means that He wants all of our attention, praise, and worship.

**Lucy:** But why does He want all of our attention and praise and stuff?

**Noah:** Well, because He is the only true God! The Bible tells us that He deserves ALL our praise because He made everything—even us. He is holy! And all-powerful! He is merciful, kind, gracious, just. He is amazing! Who or what else could be better to worship?

**Bentley:** I've never heard anyone talk about God like that. Is that all in the Bible?

**Taylor:** Yes, it is in the Bible.

**Noah:** Those things I just mentioned about God . . . holy, all-powerful, merciful, kind, and just are called attributes. Attributes tell us what God is like. They help us to know God better.

**Lucy:** This kind of makes my brain hurt.

**Taylor:** I know what you mean. There is always so much to learn about God. He is huge, and we can't even begin to understand that.

**Noah:** And the Bible says there isn't anything like Him in the whole universe! No one is as powerful or good as God!

**Lucy:** And He was jealous, because of the idols and stuff back then, right?

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

**Bentley:** No, people today don't worship idols. I've never seen weird statues like those pictures we saw.

**Taylor:** We don't see that kind of idol worship today in our country. But remember what we heard during Bible Club? Mrs. Emerson said an idol is 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:** I think it's easier than you think.

**Noah:** An idol can be something that we think about all the time or something that we think we couldn't live without; like we would be really sad if it was lost or taken away.

**Bentley:** Like what? What kinds of things?

**Taylor:** What about TV? My family used to watch TV all the time. I even had a TV in my room! And I loved to watch it. It was on as often as my parents would allow it.

**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 really mad!

**Bentley:** You were? I think I would be, too, if my mom took my TV away. So, you don't have a TV anymore?

**Taylor:** Nope. My parents knew it wasn't good for me.

**Noah:** The same thing happened to me! Do you guys remember last summer? I got those LEGOs for my birthday. That is all I could think about! It was all I did for months! And, I didn't want anyone doing it with me. It was bad. My parents finally had to

take them out of my room and put them up for a while! I was not happy! But I'm pretty sure those LEGOs were too important to me.

**Lucy:** Hmmm! 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 there's one thing that I do love to do all the time.

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

**Bentley:** Yep! I love video games. I'm always thinking about getting to the next level or beating my old score. Sometimes I don't even want to stop to eat dinner; I just want to play. It makes me angry when I have to stop to do homework or chores.

**Noah:** That is something to think about. All these wonderful blessings God gives us should never be more important to us than God is Himself.

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

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

**Taylor:** That's right.

**Lucy:** I have some thinking to do about something that I really love—soccer. I practice with my team like twice a week, and then I want to play the other days. It's really all I want to do once the season starts. I hate to say it, but I'd really be upset if I had to quit soccer.

**Noah:** Well, Lucy. You will have to think about that. What we need to realize is we all have things we really love. But we should love God even more. The way to love God more is to learn about Him. So, let's keep coming to Bible Club together. I think that will help us a lot! How does that sound?

**Lucy:** I'm in.

**Bentley:** Okay!

**Taylor:** Great! See you all next week.