

“Abilities”

by

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- What:** Two friends want to be used of God, and after trying to use their own strengths they find that being available to God is the most important thing. (Themes: Abilities, Spiritual Gifts, Being Available, Serving)
- Who:** Mark Steve
- When:** Present day
- Why:** 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Samuel 17
- Wear (Props):** Boy band song (Fifteen seconds)
- How:** Have fun with this one. This is a great opportunity to utilize some of the “hams” in your group to develop their comedy, but also learn that there is a place in the kingdom for funny Christians.
- Audience:** High School
- Time:** Approximately 6-8 minutes

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Mark and Steve enter having just finished watching television.

Mark: Dude, *Touched by an Angel* is possibly one of the best shows in television history. I mean she’s got great abilities. She’s helping people, helping God, and she’s Irish, too.

Steve: I wish I was Irish.

Mark: I wish I had abilities.

Steve: I was going to say that, but the Irish thing overruled it. *(Pause)* I don’t really have any abilities. All I’m good at is playing on the computer.

Mark: Well, I’m good at something.

Steve: What’s that?

Mark: I’m good at watching *Touched by an Angel*.

Steve: Right. *(Beat)* You used to play baseball, didn’t you?

Mark: Yeah, right up until the fourth grade until I took a slider right in the face. *(Beat)* Hey, don’t you work at the Burger Barn? Didn’t you get Employee of the Month?

Steve: Yeah, but after I put out that grease fire with my hair, it’s never been the same.

Mark: Dude, it’s okay.

Steve: I still have nightmares.

Mark: Uh, let’s think about what we can do.

Steve: We’re Christians.

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- Mark:** Yeah. We could do something at the church. We could be priests.
- Steve:** Dude, that could happen.
- Mark:** Totally. Like the guys on channel forty. The guys who are like... (*Adopts “televangelist” voice*) “My brothers and sisters, I am happy you’re here today. Welcome and hallelujah! Now touch the screen and feel what I’m telling you. ‘Cause I say you are forsaken.”
- Steve:** Not that kind of pastor. I mean like a (*Your youth leader/pastor*) type of pastor. (*Adopts that leader’s persona.* NOTE: *It would be best to use your leader’s vernacular, but use the following as a jumping off point*) Welcome everybody, welcome. Welcome to (*Name of meeting or church*). I know we’ve welcomed you six or seven times already, but I just want to thank you for coming. You know we get to experience this wonderful playground we call earth, and God gives us the Bible...
- Mark:** Dude. Hearing (*Leader*) twice in one sitting is illegal in some counties, so let’s just stop. What else could we do?
- Steve:** We could still work at the church.
- Mark:** Yeah, like we could pick up trash or something.
- Steve:** Yeah, or we could be greeters.
- Mark:** Greeters, yeah, I got you.
- Steve:** Dude that could happen.

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Mark: Totally happen. (*As greeter, hands Steve a piece of paper*)
Oh, hey, hi! I see you forgot one of these. It’s an outline.

Steve: No, I’m alright.

Mark: (*Insisting*) No, trust me.

Steve: No, no.

Mark: You’ll be lost. C’mon.

Steve: I don’t really want one.

Mark: You’ll feel left out.

Steve: Thanks, but no thanks.

Mark: Look, buddy, this is my job, and I have a quota to meet. Now, you’ll take one and like it. And remember the (*Name of church*) motto: God loves you. Have a nice day.

Steve: Um, dude, I don’t think that job’s for you. You’ll just scare people away.

Mark: I thought I was pretty good.

Steve: Um, no. (*Beat*) Well, we’re in drama. And people think we’re funny.

Mark: They do?

Steve: Yeah, but that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

Mark: Right. Under here (*referring to himself*) is a lot of seriousness.