

A script from



## “Addictions: Youth Version”

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- What** Sometimes Christians are the worst at being...well...Christians. This sketch is a powerful reader's theatre about how we can delude ourselves into believing that our addictions aren't hurting anyone. (Themes: Sin, Addictions, Peer Pressure, Excuses, Eating Disorder, Stealing, Drugs, Cheating, Light)
- Who** Narrator  
Person 1  
Person 2  
6 people to hold candles
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 6 candles with holders
- Why** 1 John 1:6, 8-9, Matthew 5:14
- How** Lights are out; light candles before going on stage. Candleholders stand in a row across the stage. As the skit progresses candles will be blown out. **Person 1** and **Person 2** can each stand on either side of the stage or anywhere that will not block the view of the candles.  
*\*Tip: to prevent candles from dripping use coffee filters to catch the wax by cutting a hole in the middle of several layers of filters and then put on each candle.*
- Time** Approximately 2-4 minutes

**Narrator:** *(from Matt. 5:14)* You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

*Take your time on the first set of lines – don't rush them.*

**Person 1:** Addictions? Yeah, right... These are things that I probably won't do when I get older. It's just that it's hard not to be a part of these things in school when everyone else around me is doing them. But I mean, gossip? Is that really an addiction anyway? We're just talking. It's not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

**Person 2:** Everyone says that smoking is bad for you. But it's just a little pot... it's a great way to hang out and relax with my friends. We don't do it in front of kids or anything, so it's not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

**Person 1:** I found out my boyfriend is looking at stuff on the internet that he shouldn't. He says he'll stop when he gets married someday. I guess it couldn't hurt to just look at pictures, right? He says it's not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

**Person 2:** I totally don't get geometry. I have to cheat on the tests because if I don't pass, then I don't play basketball. I don't cheat in every class; besides, it's not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

**Person 1:** Maybe I judge other people a little bit, but you should see this guy Jeffrey – he's this total loser that talks so weird. I can do a great impression of him, and my friends think it's hilarious. We don't make fun of him in front of his face, so it's not really hurting anyone.

*(pick up the pace some on the following lines)*

**Person 2:** I lie to my parents.

**Person 1:** Sometimes I have to so they'll get off my back.

**Person 2:** I love to party.

**Person 1:** I'm not getting drunk; it's just a buzz.

**Person 1:** I cut.

**Person 2:** I deserve it.

**Person 1:** Every time I eat, I throw up afterwards.

**Person 2:** I want to be thin.

**Person 2:** Stealing stuff isn't something I do all the time.