

A script from



“Ehud, The Left-Handed Man”

by

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- What** A humorous look at one of the great heroes of the faith. (Themes: Bible Story, Courage, Faithfulness, Repentance)
- Who** Host Israelite 1 Eglon, Servant 1
Israelite 2 Israelite 3 Servant 2
Ehud Assistant
- When** Bible Times
- Wear (Props)** Football
Mirror
Bowling ball
3 gifts
Sword
Bucket of chicken
Dolly
Ehud outfit
- Why** Judges 3:12-30
- How** This skit is fun and pretty straightforward. A really creative visual would be to find or make a “fat” suit for Eglon. It would help illustrate the story better. The thing to watch out for is to not be making fun of large people in the humor, but to tell the story in a funny way.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

Host addresses the audience.

Host: Welcome to Masterworks Theater. Tonight's story comes from the Bible in the book of Judges. It starts in a civilization far, far, far, far away. A civilization of people called the Israelites. (*Israelites enter*) And the Israelites loved God.

Israelite 1: I love God.

Israelite 2: I love God.

Israelite 3: I love God.

Host: And they praised God (*Israelites sing praises to God*). But like a lot of people do, they got tired of God.

Israelites blow off God, and pick up their idols – a mirror, a football, and a bowling ball or any type of goofy object to worship.

Israelites: (*All at once*) Isn't it beautiful.

Host: But God was not happy with them, so He put them under the control of the evil King Eglon.

Servant: Make way for King Eglon.

Eglon, an extremely fat man, enters, wheeled on a dolly across the stage.

Host: And the Israelites knew that they had turned away from God and were doing things that were wrong, so they cried out to Him for help, direction, and wisdom.

Israelites: (*At different times*) Help! Direction! Wisdom!

Host: So God sent them a leader of stature and nobility. His name was Ehud, the Left-Handed Man.

Ehud enters. NOTE: If budget permits, get Ehud a Robin Hood-like outfit.

Ehud: I'm Ehud, the Left-Handed Man. (*Raises right hand instead of left, then catches himself.*)

Host: And Ehud was dedicated to helping the Israelites. He was so dedicated that he made a sword that was a foot and a half long. The sword was for emergencies, so he kept it under his cloak for safe keeping. And Ehud was ready for battle. The Israelites had to come up with a plan, (*Israelites get into huddle*) a plan to get

King Eglon. They decided to send the king some gifts and Ehud would be the carrier, but first they had to decide how much the gifts were worth.

Israelite 1: Welcome to "Guess that Price!" (*Assistant enters carrying first gift. NOTE: Whatever gift you choose, say something impressive about it*) This first gift is valued at \$99.95. Do you say the actual price is higher or lower?

Israelite 2: Higher!

Israelite 1: Correct. Next we have (*Next gift*) valued at nineteen cents. Is the actual value higher or lower?

Israelite 3: Lower!

Israelite 1: That is correct! Our next prize is (*Next gift*) valued at \$39.95. Is the actual price higher or lower?

Israelite 2: Higher!

Israelite 1: Correct! Vicki, if you'll wrap these up we'll send them to King Eglon. We'll see you later Ehud.

Assistant and Ehud leave.

Host: So that was it. Ehud was off to the summer palace of King Eglon. The Israelites went back to their homes and awaited Ehud's return. (*Israelites leave.*) Meanwhile, at the summer palace, King Eglon was getting ready for his nightly bucket of chicken, (*Eglon is wheeled out by Servants and sits in a chair. He is handed a newspaper*) and reading the daily events. Suddenly **Ehud** appeared.

Ehud enters carrying gifts.

Ehud: I'm Ehud, the Left-Handed Man. (*Raises his right hand instead of his left, catches himself and raises his left hand*)

Eglon: (*To Servant*) Take those gifts to my quarters.

Servants exit.

Host: Ehud's mission was only half-complete. He knew he had to finish the rest of the mission by telling King Eglon a secret.

Ehud whispers in Eglon's ear.

Eglon: What? (*Ehud tries again*) Speak up. (*Ehud tries again*) I can't hear you, boy!