

A script from



"Fishing With Dad"

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- What** A dad reluctantly takes his young son fishing after church on Father's Day and ends up learning a thing or two from a very wise 10-yr-old. Themes: Father, Dad, sons, wisdom, Father's Day, parents, children
- Who** Dad
Jack- 10 years-old
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 2 Stools- one is taller than the other; Dad sits on taller stool
Life jacket
Fishing hats
Pliers
2 rods and reels- one is "kid-sized"
- Why** 1 John 3:1
- How** All fishing line and hooks are imaginary, only the rods and reels and pliers are used as actual props. The imaginary boat is sitting parallel to the front of the stage. Be sure you give yourself plenty of time to practice this with your 10-year-old. When you practice, throw in a bunch of possibilities that could go wrong so that he will be ready for anything (i.e. dropped lines, prop mishaps, etc.). Also, teach your young actor not to look at the audience as children are prone to do.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes; This script is 3 pages long.

A Dad and his son, Jack, are out on a boat fishing. Jack has on a thick life jacket and is using a kid's rod and reel. Dad is up front tying on a hook. The boat is imaginary but includes a small stool up front for Dad and a small stool in the back for Jack.

Dad: Now Jack, remember what we talked about in the car...you've got to keep quiet if you want to catch fish.

Jack: *(Looking closely at his reel)* I know dad.

Dad: And remember that a good fisherman is a-

Jack: *(Finishing Dad's sentence)*... is a patient fisherman...I know dad!

Dad: Did you go to the restroom?

Jack: *(Looking up)* I went back at the gas station.

Dad: And you remember how to put the worm on your hook like I showed you?

Jack: Yes, Dad.

Dad: *(Cautiously optimistic)* Okay then, *(turning around)* let's catch some fish.

Dad turns and faces the front of the boat settling on his seat with one leg sticking out and his thumb in his pocket. He exhales and makes a cast. Jack turns to the side of the boat facing the audience and casts. They fish in silence for a moment.

Jack: *(Loudly and startling Dad)* Dad...I think my worm's dead

Dad: *(Turning toward Jack)* He's not dead son...he's probably sleeping.
(Turning back around) Let's not wake him up.

Jack: *(To himself)* If I were a worm I wouldn't go to sleep...especially if there were fish that wanted to eat me. *(Pauses and then talking loudly)* Dad, today in Sunday School we learned that Jesus told the disciples to fish on the other side of the boat and they caught a lot of fish.

Dad: *(Still not turning around)* Uh huh...

Jack: Well, do you think we should fish on the other side of the boat too?

Dad: You can if you want.

Jack reels in his line, turns his back to the audience, and makes a cast.

Jack: Uh oh.

Dad: What's the matter son?

Jack: I got my line tangled

Dad: Okay, well come up here and hold my rod while I fix yours.

They switch places and rods and Dad works to get the tangle out of his son's reel. A pause.

Jack: *(Not looking back and again speaking loudly)* So, why did mom laugh when she said this was your Father's Day present.

Dad: *(Not looking up)* Because your mother is a cruel, cruel person.

Jack: I'm telling her you said...

Dad: *(Interrupting)* I'm kidding, you know that. *(He finishes getting the reel untangled and hands it back to Jack)* Here, it's untangled. Now just throw it out there nice and easy.

They switch rods and seats and both resume fishing.

Jack: So dad, when do you think we're going to catch a fish?

Dad: *(With a sigh)* I'm not sure son, be patient.

Jack: Well I think I have to go to the bathroom...

Dad turns and gives Jack "the look".

Jack: ...but I can hold it.

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