

“The Dance: What Would Jesus Do?”

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What: The dilemma of a popular young boy to act as Jesus would at “The Dance.” (Themes: Empathy, Tough choices, Peer-pressure, Disappointment, Christ-like love)

Who: Storyteller 1 Storyteller 2
Jeremy Jennifer
Voice

When: Present day

Why: John 15:12

Wear (Props): None

How: This sketch does takes more practice than most, but the message is worth the hard work. We have written the script to accommodate as few as two actors or as many as five. However, it is critical that you find someone to play a believable physically challenged character, one whose arm and leg are drawn in with somewhat of a limp, because this character plays an important role. Also, some of the dialogue is directed toward imaginary people, so take care to rehearse the appropriate responses times.

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Scene One: *The entire scene is spoken directly to the audience.*

Storyteller 1: Once upon a time...

Storyteller 2: ... in a city just like yours...

Storyteller 1: ... there was a school...

Storyteller 2: ... and at the end of every school year there was a dance...

Storyteller 1: ... but you see, this dance was different...

Storyteller 2: ... because this dance was for a grade...

Storyteller 1: ... and everyone, like it or not, had to go...

Storyteller 2: ... and some people *wanted* to go...

Storyteller 1: ... I mean *really wanted* to go...

Storyteller 2: ... and some people did not want to go...

Storyteller 1: ... I mean really did not want to go.

Storyteller 2: And this year was no exception.

Storyteller 1: Yeah, I wish you could have been there.

Scene Two:

Jeremy: *(Talking to the mirror directly in front of him, fixing his hair)* I am looking way too good for this dance. Look out *(Voice squeaks)* Christy. Oh, no way can that happen at the dance, God. *(Speaking very deeply)* Hi Christy. No, I sound like my grandfather. *(Speaking in gangster voice)* Hi Christy. No, I sound like I am in the mob. *(Speaking in a normal voice)* Hi Christy. What am I doing? This dance is going to be great!

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Jennifer: *(Talking to an imaginary Mom directly in front of her)*
Mom, you are never going to believe what happened. There was this flood at the gym and they had to cancel the dance. No, they didn't postpone it, they canceled it completely. What happened? Well, *(Trying to convince)*, you see there were these pipes that burst and there was water everywhere. What? Yes, Mom I am making this up. No, it's not the dress, I love the dress. It's just, well, people are mean to me when I go to these things Mom. Can't I just stay home with you and Dad, please? Are you sure? Well, if you say so, I'll go.

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Jeremy: *(Speaking to an imaginary teacher)* Hi Mrs. Wallace. Oh thanks, you look nice too, and you teachers did a great job decorating the gym. Yeah, it just goes to show that a lot can be done with toilet paper. *(Proudly)* Oh, I'm going to ask Christy to dance. I should ask who? Jennifer? No offense Mrs. Wallace, but can Jennifer even dance *(Hesitantly)* with her arm and leg like that. I really should dance with Christy, I mean she knows I am going to ask her, and if I didn't she would be devastated. Yeah, I guess Jennifer is devastated a lot. What would Jesus do? *(Blowing her off)* Oh Mrs. Wallace... okay I'll think about it. *(Mumbling to himself)* What would Jesus do?

Jennifer: Hi Mrs. Wallace. Oh, thanks, my Mom did it for me. She says that I look like a movie star with it fixed like this. Really? It took us all day Saturday to find it. Hey, Mrs. Wallace, what time is the dance over? Oh, that long, huh? Okay, see ya.

Jeremy: *(Praying off to the side)* God, I know what Jesus would do. He would dance with Jennifer, but I want to dance with Christy. God, I know you expect a lot from me, but I really want to dance