

A script from



## **“You Can’t Help Me: Youth Version”**

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- What** In several vignettes, people are given the choice to accept Jesus’ help or reject it (Themes: Obedience, Pride, Family, Forgiveness)
- Who** Actor 1  
Actor 2
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** 2 cell phones or 1 telephone  
Chair
- Why** Please see the *Life Hurts, God Heals* outlines for several scripture references. Goes with “Get Help” messages. Messages can be downloaded at [www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com).
- How** As written, this skit is best with two actors. However, should you choose to cast each character to a different actor, it would be best to let the person playing Jesus always play Jesus.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

*The skit starts with Actor 1 sitting in chair as Teenager. He is on a cell phone. Actor 2 is stands close by as Jesus.*

**Teenager:** (*Into phone*) Dad-dad-dad-yes technically I stayed out past curfew, but everybody does it... No, if everybody jumped off a cliff I wouldn't jump off a cliff. Dad-dad-dad-dad-you're not lis... Dad, you're not listening to me. Dad, lemme ex... lemme explain, lemme, all right, well, Mike and me - DAD! You're not letting me explain! All right I'll talk to you when you get home. I'll talk to you when you get home. I'LL TALK TO YOU WHEN YOU GET HOME! (*Hangs up phone*) Sheesh! He makes me so angry sometimes. Sometimes I...

**Jesus:** Before you let anger take root in your life, let me help you.

**Teenager:** Jesus, you can't help me. My dad thinks I'm a bad kid, a bad seed, that I'm out hangin' with my peeps, that I'm raisin' the roof, but I'm not. I don't even know who let the dogs out. I mean do you have any idea what it's like to have a Dad who loves you so much it's like he's watching every move you make?

**Jesus:** A little bit.

**Teenager:** He thinks I'm a bad seed, I'll show him I can be a bad seed. (*Speed dials phone*) Mike? How's my brotha from anotha motha? How're you doing? It's cool talk, c'mon. Listen, you know that party you were telling me about? Well, hook me up. Yeah... What about my Dad? Who cares about my Dad? My dad's always up in my Kool-aid™... My Dad's always frustrated with me. Mike, learn the lingo! Mike, this party is gonna be so... so...

**Jesus:** Jiggy.

**Teenager:** Jiggy! All right Mike, I'll hook up with you later. That means good-bye, Mike. I'll see you later. (*Hangs up*) There. That'll show him.

**Jesus:** Before you start making a lot of choices that will affect the rest of your life, let me help.

**Teenager:** You can't help me.

**Jesus:** Let me help with you and your Dad.

**Teenager:** (*Firmly*) You can't help me.

*Actor 2 sits in chair and becomes Date Guy. He talks into his cell phone. Actor 1 becomes Jesus.*

**Date Guy:** (*Very nervous, into phone*) Hey, Ashley. Yeah, are we still on for our blind date? Great, great, great. Huh? Who do I look like? Well, you're

listening to me, who do you think I sound like? No, not Brad Pitt. No I'm thinking more like (*Fill in a famous, but not hunky, celebrity that resembles the actor*). You still wanna go out with me? Great, great, great. I'll pick you up around seven. Great, great... (*Hangs up*) Great googa-moonga I look like (*Non-hunky celebrity*)! You did this to me, Jesus. (*Calms down*) There's no way I'm gonna get a girl with my looks. I know! I'll woo her with my words. (*Pretends to talk to "Ashley"*) Hey, Ashley, did it hurt? When you fell out of Heaven? No, no. Ashley, when you fell from Heaven did you hurt yourself? When you fell at track practice yesterday did it... (*Breaks out of wooing mode*) That won't work. I know... (*Back to wooing*) If I were a booger, would you pick me first? (*Breaks out of wooing again*) That's gross. Oh! (*Back to "Ashley"*) Ashley, when you went to the library and checked out some books were any of them overdue? 'Cause you're fine? (*Break*) This is dumb. Oh, I know one. This always works. (*Wooing, like Joey from "Friends"*) How you doin'? (*Back*) I can't do this. I can't do this.

**Jesus:** Listen, let me help you.

**Date Guy:** Jesus, you can't help me. I'm mean look at me, I'm so blah, and she's so (*Tiger growl*) rrrrrrrr.

**Jesus:** I thought you hadn't seen her.

**Date Guy:** That's what all my friends say.

**Jesus:** Look, I want you to trust me here. I made man and woman to go together. I made woman from man's rib, and ribs are good.

**Date Guy:** Are you saying we should go to a rib place?

**Jesus:** Stay on the subject. Look, how many first dates have you been on this month?

**Date Guy:** Twelve?

**Jesus:** And how many of them have you surrendered over to me?

**Date Guy:** I can't get them to surrender to me. Look, obviously you have no idea what it's like to want something so badly you'd die for it.

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