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“Boxbob’s Bad Day”

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What Boxbob’s bad day damages his heart, but Boxsue has just what he needs to fix it. This skit reminds kids of God’s love and their identity as His child.

Themes: Children’s Ministry, Self-Esteem, Worth, Bullies, Identity

Who Boxbob
Boxsue
Mom’s Voice (offstage)
Randy

When Present

Wear (Props) The Boxies are each wearing a large CARDBOARD BOX. Their heads poke out of a hole in the top, and their arms poke out of holes in the sides. They have door flaps cut into their boxes. Behind the flaps, they each have a HEART-SHAPED PIECE OF PAPER taped on, with the letters IAGSC taped individually on the heart. These should be big enough for the audience to see. Boxbob wears BLACK GLASSES and enters carrying a piece of paper. The stage is empty except for a CHAIR which can be on either side. There’s a BASKETBALL and an empty BACKPACK backstage.

Why I Thessalonians 5:11

How This looks longer than it is because of the simple staging directions. They are there to help show the unfolding of Boxbob’s day. Be sure to rehearse these so the audience can understand what’s going on.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

*Boxsue enters, looks offstage and waves to **Boxbob** as he enters. He is very dejected.*

Boxsue: Hey Boxbob.

Boxbob: Hey Boxsue.

Boxsue: What's wrong?

Boxbob: I am the stupidest kid in the whole wide world.

Boxsue: You're wrong.

Boxbob: No, I'm right.

Boxsue: If you're right, then you're not stupid.

Boxbob: Stop trying to confuse me.

Boxsue: Why do you think you're the stupidest kid?

Boxbob: In the whole wide world.

Boxsue: I'm not going to argue. Why are you feeling so stupid, anyway?

Boxbob: It all started this morning...

*They both exit. **Boxbob** enters again.*

Boxbob: *(stretching and yawning)* What a beautiful day. *(Shouting offstage)*
Good morning, Mom!

Voice: *(from offstage)* Boxbob, did you do your homework?

Boxbob: Not yet, I'll get to it.

Voice: I told you to do it last night.

Boxbob: I know, but I was working on something real important. Let me show you. *(Holds up a piece of paper.)*

Voice: I don't have time for that. Your sister got her homework done without any nagging. Why can't you be more like her? If your teacher calls me, then you'll be grounded. *(**Boxbob** opens flap to reveal his heart to audience, then tears the "I" off and drops it to the floor.)*

Boxbob: I'm going to school, Mom. See ya later. *(Walks to center stage and **Randy** approaches.)*

Randy: *(knocks into **Boxbob** who drops the piece of paper he's holding)* Hey Cube Boy. Watch your corners! You're such a square. *(Leans down and picks up the paper)* What's this?

Boxbob attempts to grab it, but **Randy** holds it over his head, then turns his back and reads it.

Randy: *(reading)* I pledge allegiance... Hey, you're supposed to have memorized this.

Boxbob: Give it back, Randy.

Randy: Okay. But, first I'm gonna help you memorize it.

Randy tears it into little pieces and walks off. **Boxbob** opens flap and tears off the A that's taped to his heart. Then he crosses to, and sits down in, the chair. He's now in class and **Ms. Jones** enters.

Ms. Jones: Boxbob, it's your turn to lead the pledge. You do have it memorized, don't you?

Boxbob: No, not exactly. I was having a hard time, so I copied it down...but then I lost it.

Ms. Jones: *(exasperated)* Boxbob, you lose something almost every day.

Boxbob: But...let me tell you what happened.

Ms. Jones: No excuses. And let me tell you young man, if you don't have your homework done, I'm going to call your mom. I'm tired of this. Meanwhile, Randy, you can lead the pledge.

Boxbob opens flap and tears off the G, then stands up and walks to the other side of the stage.

Sally enters with a ball. He plants his feet and puts his hands out as if to receive a ball. **Sally** is looking past **Boxbob** to try and find someone to pass the ball to.

Boxbob: Hey Sally, pass it to me. I'm open. Look, I'm wide open. *(Runs to another spot)* Look! Here I am! Right here. Pass me the ball!

Finally she throws the ball at **Boxbob** and he drops it. **Sally** is furious.

Sally: Hey, somebody get the square off the field.

Boxbob: I can't do anything right.

*He opens his flap and tears off the S. **Boxbob** walks back over to sit in the chair. This time, he's on the school bus.*

Boxbob: *(pretending to talk to other kids as they file by)* Hey Carl, you can sit with me. Jim, I saved you a spot. Sandy? *(Slumps)* Why won't anybody sit with me? *(**Randy** runs in and grabs **Boxbob's** backpack and runs offstage)* Hey, that's mine. Give it back. Give it to me. My homework is in it...!

*He runs after **Randy** offstage and then re-enters with **Boxsue**.*

Boxbob: It's been like that all day, Boxsue.

***Boxsue** looks at him with compassion and concern. She holds out her hand...*

Boxsue: Can I see your heart, Boxbob?

***Boxbob** opens his flap and **Boxsue** studies it.*

Boxsue: It's missing something really important.

Boxbob: It does feel empty. What's it missing?

***Boxsue** opens her flap and shows **Boxbob** her heart which is intact.*

Boxsue: See? IAGSC. I Am God's Special Child. All you have left is your C. You must be feeling pretty childish.

Boxbob: If childish means stupid, then you're right. That's how I'm feeling. I'm the world's stupidest kid who's getting ready to be grounded for life.

***Boxsue** takes her heart off and tapes it over **Boxbob's**.*

Boxsue: You're not stupid. You've just had a bad day. You know what? Let me go ahead and tell your mom about it. When she knows what you were doing and how your homework gets stolen every day, I bet she won't ground you.

Boxbob: Why are you doing this for me?

Boxsue: Okay, now you are being stupid.

Boxbob: You just said I wasn't.

Boxsue: You aren't stupid, but you are **being** stupid if you don't realize that I'm just **being** a good friend. We are still friends? Right?

Boxbob: Yep. And you know what?

Boxsue: What?

Boxbob: Being friends with you, makes me the smartest kid in the world.

Boxsue: No, I'm the smartest kid.

They exit arguing over who's the smartest.

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