

NEVER WEAR A DIRTY T-SHIRT

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STORY OF THE PLAY

In today's visually-oriented society, what better way to get the Christian lifestyle across than to show your teens how dirty sin can be! In this unique half hour skit, the Demon literally smears dirt on the kids' T-shirts when they are hurtful to others, watch obscene movies, skip church, etc. The Spirit is standing by, however, offering a better way to live and handing out clean T-shirts when the kids "clean up their act." A unique and fun way to get some important messages across.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(2 m, 2 w, 2 flexible, optional: extras)

DEMON: Tries to persuade the teens to do evil.

SPIRIT: Tries to persuade the teens to do good.

CHAD: Brian's friend, a bad influence.

BRIAN: A Christian trying to do what's right.

ANDREA: Another Christian trying to do what's right.

JENNIFER: Andrea's friend trying to get her to skip church.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY

Scene 1: Chad and Brian at school.

Scene 2: Chad's bedroom, then at the mall.

Scene 3: Andrea and Jennifer at church.

Scene 4: Brian's bedroom.

Scene 5: Andrea and Jennifer at church.

Playing Time: 30 min.

Production Notes: This play is most effectively performed on a bare stage.

COSTUMES

Black cape/or large shirt and black pants for Demon

White robe/or large shirt and white pants for Spirit

White T-shirt with dirt smeared on it for Chad

Clean white T-shirts for Brian, Andrea, and Jennifer

Three more clean white T-shirts for them

PROPS

Dagger or sword

Two Bibles

Chairs

Radio

Pizza box

Video

Dirt to smear on shirts

SCENE 1

(AT RISE: Two figures enter the stage from opposite sides. One is a DEMON dressed in a black cape and clothes, carrying a dagger or sword, and wearing make-up to enhance his evil looks. The other is a good SPIRIT, wearing a white robe or loose fitting shirt over slacks and carrying a Bible.)

DEMON: *(Speaks to audience.)* I'm going to school today. Someone needs my help, to learn "better" ways. *(Laughs in derision.)*

SPIRIT: *(To audience.)* No one could learn better ways from him. In fact, he is behind a lot of bad behavior. I'd better go to school, too. It sounds like someone may need my help.

DEMON: Lunch has just ended and here come the boys down the hallway.

(BOTH FIGURES step to the side and freeze.)

CHAD: *(Wears a T-shirt with some dirt smeared on it.)* Hey Brian, aren't you coming to my party tonight?

BRIAN: *(Wears a clean white T-shirt.)* Sure, Chad. Sure, I wouldn't want to miss it.

CHAD: Then, why didn't you want to sit with us at lunch?

BRIAN: Oh, I don't know. I usually sit with the C table.

CHAD: Yeah. So I noticed. The N table would be more like it. You know, "N" for NERD.

BRIAN: Nerd? There's nothing wrong with those guys.

CHAD: Nothing wrong! You mean like Fatty Four Eyes and his Foggy Focus. Where does he get those lenses? In the telescope department? *(Pause.)* Maybe you need to take off your glasses, so you could see that Willy is not the same color as you. Then, there's Alligator Walk.

(CHAD imitates someone who has a handicapped walk and then laughs.)

BRIAN: Hey, Chad, knock it off. Besides, they might be coming up the hallway and see you.

CHAD: So what! It won't be the first time, or the last. Lighten up man. What's the harm in having a little fun. Everyone else laughs. Besides, humor helps me to digest my lunch.

BRIAN: Well, I don't think it's much fun for them.

CHAD: I hope you're not going to be a wet blanket at the party tonight. Where'd you get all these do goody ideas anyway? Here comes Fatty Four Eyes, maybe we'll just borrow his glasses for the afternoon. Watch this, Brian.

(The BOYS freeze as the DEMON and SPIRIT speak.)

DEMON: Oh boy! This is my kind of fun. Picking on someone who is not thin and good looking, and if they are almost blind, that's even better. Chad is just great at this. He sometimes will trip someone after he gets the glasses. And just look at that one, Alligator Walk. Isn't that disgusting? I'd like to push him down myself. Why doesn't he go hide in a corner so we wouldn't have to look at his stupid arms and legs flapping around. Now, if I can just get Brian to stand around and watch the action. I don't think he will help Chad today, but if he sees how much it makes the other kids laugh, maybe just maybe, in a few weeks he'll be part of the action.

SPIRIT: Brian, is it so important to be accepted by Chad that you will let him bust on your friends? Don't forget how much you have come to like these guys. Oh, sure, in the beginning it was hard for you to overlook their differences. But, you made the effort and it was worth it. Remember how you decided to sit with them after you learned at church that God accepts everyone. *(Looks into the Bible as HE quotes.)* "God sees not as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." God is watching now. He's counting on you. Brian, don't just stand there and let Chad do evil to your friends.

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