

The Parable Of The Sower.

Characters

Narrator.
Jesus:
Person 1: Pat.
Person 2: Ricky.
Person 3: Tom.
Person 4: Ceedy.
Friends 1,2,3,4:

Props:

4 Bibles wrapped as presents.
Waste paper bin.
Bedding.
Games control pad.
Chair.
4 unwrapped Bibles.

Scene:

Scenery is needed that suggests 4 doorways.
Doors 1,2,3,4, from left to right.
Behind door 1 is the waste paper bin.
Behind door 2 is the bedding.
Behind door 3 is the games controller.
Behind door 4 is the chair.

Narrator is on the right.
Jesus is on the left with the four wrapped Bibles.
Person one is off stage on the right.
Person 2 is asleep in the bedding.
Person 3 is pretending to play a computer game.
Person 4 is sitting on the chair reading a book.
Friends 1,2,3,4 are off stage to the right.

Nar: Once upon a time there was a man who had four friends. He liked his friends, and when their birthdays came he wanted to give them each a special present. So he wrapped the presents.

Jesus: (counting presents) 1, 2, 3, 4.

Nar: and waited for their Birthdays to come around.

Jesus: (taps fingers on presents as if waiting).

Nar: First it was his friend Patrick's birthday, or pat for short.

(Jesus Knocks on Pat's door, but there is no answer. He knocks several times and then Pat enters from right as if coming home).

Pat: Oh sorry mate, I was out. I'm always out, you know me!

Jesus: Well Pat, I called to wish you a happy birthday, and to give you this present.

Pat: Oh thanks mate. I'll open it now. (tears off paper... looks surprised), It'.. it's ... it's...

Jesus: It's a Bible Pat. It's a good book you know a very good book. You could try reading it.

Pat: Oh err..... yeserr... well err... you see mate I'm out a lot. Places to go, people to see, things to do, deals to close, all that sort of thing. I've not got much time for reading really.

Jesus: Well, think about it Pat, and a Happy Birthday anyway.

(Jesus steps to side. Pat looks at book, gives deep sigh, and drops it in the waste bin). He then rushes out looking at his watch, as if leaving in a hurry).

Nar: Next it was his friend Richard's birthday, or Ricky for short.

(Jesus knocks on Ricky's door. He knocks several times before Ricky stirs. Eventually with much stretching and yawning and moaning, Ricky comes to the door).

Ricky: Hey man,..... what's up dude? It's only 3 in the afternoon, what are you waking me up so early for?

Jesus: I came to wish you a Happy Birthday, and to give you this present.

(Jesus hands Ricky the present).

Ricky: Oh thanks dude, (He tears off the paper and looks at the book),... Oh wow ... that's awesome man, awesome. A book. I'll start reading it straight away.

(Jesus walks to side).

Ricky: (sits down to read) Oh wow, well let's see shall we. (Opens book, and gives a bigyawn, Reads), In the beginning God created the heavens(Yawn) and the earth Oh wow, that's amazing, that's awesome, that's (Yawn), that's made me ... (Yawn ... Lies down and goes to sleep)

Nar: Next it was his friend Thomas's birthday, or Tom for short.

(Jesus Knocks on Toms door. Tom is holding a games console controller and making loud brumming noises as if playing a game. Jesus knocks harder)

Tom: (sounding very annoyed), coming coming... (More brumming noises).

(Jesus knocks again).

Tom: Coming, coming, (more brumming noises.).

(Jesus knocks again).

Tom: (slams down controller and gets up with a Huff) and I was doing so well... (Opens door, and says in an annoyed voice)... YES!!

Jesus: I came to wish you a Happy Birthday, and to give you this present.

Tom: Oh thanks mate, is it Grand Prix crash madness slaughter mania six, the game I was telling you about? (tears off paper, looks surprised)..... Oh, it's.... it's it's a

book. Well thanks mate that's really kind. It would do me good to read a bit instead of playing games all day.

(Jesus moves to side).

Tom: (flicks through the pages. Stops and reads) God so loved the world, that he gave his only son so that all who believe in him should not die but have eternal life..... (Pauses for a moment). Well that's interesting. (slams book shut and grabs controller)... but not as interesting as level three! (Loud brumming noises).

Nar: Then it was his friend Cedric's birthday, or Ceedy for short.

Jesus knocks on door. Ceedy immediately opens it)

Ceedy: Oh hi there. It's good to see you. Come in, come in.

Jesus: I came to wish you a Happy Birthday, and to give you a present.

Ceedy: Oh thanks, I love presents. (tears open). Hey, that's really thoughtful of you, really thoughtful. I'll get reading straight away.

(Jesus goes to side).

Ceedy: (sits down to read, Opens book. Says), Cor... Wow... well I didn't know that.... what an amazing book!

Nar: A couple of weeks later the man went to visit his friends again.

(Jesus knocks at first door ... no answer, no one in.... He knocks at the second door, Ricky is fast asleep and snoring loudly and does not answer the door.... He knocks at the third door. ... Tom is making loud brumming noises and completely absorbed in his game and does not answer the door..... He knocks on the fourth door, Ceedy immediately answers).

Ceedy: Ah it's you. I'm so glad you've come back. Come in, come in. You see I've been reading that book you gave me .. and... and .. and it's amazing. In fact it's so amazing I've got all my other friends reading it as well!

(Enter 4 others all holding bibles).

Jesus: Well that's just as well, because I've got something very special to share with you, very special indeed. Just follow me and you'll see.

Jesus beckons Ceedy and the four others off the stage and to the back of the church).

Jesus: (from back), Those who have ears to hear, let them hear!

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