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Free Cookies!

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Synopsis: Matt and George, two misguided young evangelists, try to persuade Toby to follow Christ by offering him free cookies in exchange. Toby accepts their offer and "asks Jesus into his heart"--but not very sincerely.

Theme: Evangelism.

Characters: 3 males (Matt, George, Toby). One or more of the roles can be converted into female parts.

Running Time: 7 minutes.

Staging Needs: Bare stage. Matt and George each have a jumbo chocolate chip cookie and a Bible. George also has a large book of sins. No special lighting or sound effects.

Acting Difficulty: Moderate.

Tone: Comedic dialogue.

Can It Stand Alone?: No.

Author's Comments: This sketch is not intended to satirize *real* evangelism. I have the utmost respect for sharing the Gospel. It might, however, break down barriers in your group to a topic that often induces tuneout. "Free Cookies!" was inspired in part by a play seen in *Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go Blind*, created and performed by The Neo-Futurists, and is used with their permission. Thanks to Matt Johnson and Toby Peters, who contributed their comedic talents to developing this piece with me in the original performance.

Performance Tips: Matt and George are over-the-top salesmen. They need to maintain an almost frenetic pace, overlapping frequently; they have a lot of one-liners that must go by very quickly. Pick a couple of hams who have no problem acting like dorks. Toby is a sort of Everyman who is turned off by their antics--but isn't above a free cookie. He needs to be played believably and much lower-key than the "evangelists."

Free Cookies!

(GEORGE and MATT are dressed in bad suits. They step onstage and begin hawking free cookies.)

Free cookies!

GEORGE

Get yer chocolate here!

MATT

Melts in your mouth, not in your hand!

GEORGE

Delicious and nutritious!

MATT

Mm-mm good!

MATT and GEORGE

(in unison)

(Etc. During this sales pitch, TOBY has entered. He approaches MATT and GEORGE.)

Hey, did you say free cookies?

TOBY

That's right, friend!

MATT

Chocolatey goodness, no charge!

GEORGE

(tempting TOBY with his cookie)

Okay, can I have--

TOBY

(reaching out for the cookie)

Whoa, Tiger! Not so fast!

GEORGE

(pulling it out of reach)

Nothing in life is *free*!

MATT

GEORGE
(suddenly excited)
What did you say?

TOBY
Jesus for cookies . . . why not?

(MATT and GEORGE stare at each other, open-mouthed.)

GEORGE
We got a live one!

MATT
First time in four months!

(They try to exchange a high five--and miss.)

I got this one.

GEORGE
You did the last one!

MATT
I've been saved longer!

GEORGE
Rock-Paper-Scissors.

(They play. GEORGE loses.)

MATT
I *knew* Jesus liked me more!
(wrapping an arm around TOBY)
All right, my heathen friend, are you prepared to turn from every form of evil and renounce your wicked ways?

TOBY
(uncomfortable with the arm)
I guess.

MATT
Then it's time to confess your wretchedness to Jesus!

GEORGE
Out loud. Otherwise, how do we know what you're saying?

TOBY

Well . . . why don't you name some--sins?

MATT

George, The Book, please.

(GEORGE hands MATT a huge book. MATT kisses it reverently before he opens it.)

I'll start with the easy ones.

TOBY

Great.

MATT

Ever disobeyed your parents?

TOBY

Sure.

MATT

Lied to teachers?

TOBY

Once or twice.

MATT

Drunk alcohol?

TOBY

Only for--medicinal purposes.

MATT

Looked at naughty pictures?

GEORGE

Nobody told me that was a sin when I signed up.

MATT

George . . .

GEORGE

If I have to throw out my Mary Kate and Ashley collection, I'm turning in my Bible *right* now!

MATT

Ix-nay on the irls-gay in front of the eathen-hay!

(MATT and GEORGE suddenly look at TOBY and laugh awkwardly.)

Talked about lunch ladies behind their backs?

TOBY

Sometimes--

MATT

Lusted after sexy seniors?

TOBY

Not till I met George's sister.

GEORGE

(throwing down his Bible; rolling up his sleeves)
That's it! You; me--right now!

MATT

(holding him back)
George, not yet!

GEORGE

God's Word is mighty to slay!

MATT

George, you can't kill him yet! He isn't saved!

GEORGE

(backing down, but still incensed)
After the prayer, heretic. After the prayer!

MATT

I'll skip to the good part. Are you ready to renounce this and every other stronghold of Satan in your life?

TOBY

Absolutely.

GEORGE

Hallelujah! He repents.

MATT

(to GEORGE)

George, why don't you lead us in prayer?

GEORGE

On your knees.

(He roughly pushes TOBY to his knees.)

Dear Jesus, I am a *wicked* man.

TOBY

Dear Jesus . . . I'm wicked.

GEORGE

I repent of my lying, gossiping, backstabbing, bank-robbing, sister-stealing ways! And for not wearing my seatbelt.

TOBY

Uh . . . sorry about the seatbelt.

GEORGE

I believe Jesus died on the cross for all the sins of the world, especially fat white middle-aged men.

TOBY

Well, I'm getting a belly--

GEORGE

Starting today, on my honor I will try to serve God and my country, and follow the Girl Scout Law. Amen.

(TOBY is at a loss where to begin. GEORGE elbows him.)

Say "Amen."

TOBY

Amen.

GEORGE

Hallelujah! Another soul on the books!

MATT

(singing; off key)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . .

GEORGE

(pumping TOBY'S hand)

Welcome to the family of God! I can't kill you; you're my brother!

MATT

Did you know the angels are partying right now?

(TOBY cautiously tries to interrupt.)

TOBY

Hey, guys . . . uh, can I have my cookie now?

(Pause. MATT and GEORGE look at each other and laugh.)

MATT

He wants the cookie!

GEORGE

Now that you're saved, you can't be a *glutton!* That's a *sin.*

MATT

The fish doesn't keep the bait.

(GEORGE hands him a Bible.)

GEORGE

Here's all you really need.

MATT

The Bread of Life. Just like King James wrote it.

GEORGE

Go; be warm and well-fed!

TOBY

You mean . . . I don't get chocolate?

(By this time, MATT and GEORGE are ignoring him.)

MATT

We're gonna have the best outreach statistics this week!

GEORGE

One soul saved!

MATT

And they said cookies wouldn't work.

GEORGE

"Unethical"--yeah.

MATT

All aboard the Heaven Train!

GEORGE

Toot-toot!

(GEORGE and MATT exit in a two-man human train, making choo-choo noises. TOBY can only stare after them in disbelief.)

TOBY

So many Christians . . . so few lions.

(As MATT and GEORGE toot their way offstage and TOBY exits in the opposite direction, we go to blackout.)

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