

“FOOTBALL CHRISTIAN”

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Synopsis

Sketch about a father whom is so consumed by the football game he fails to notice that Jesus is actually speaking to him. This is a great sketch to perform during the football season.

Scripture

Matthew 6:21

Ministry Lesson

A treasure is not always represented in monetary form. We can treasure our homes, cars, position, jobs, and our hobbies. We should not love/treasure anything more than we love God, even sports.

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Jesus
Jack
Wife
Daughter (late teens)

Props

Chair (lounge chair preferably)
TV Remote
Bible
Choir Robe

Time: 7 mins.

Sound Effect

Football game action/commentator

Costumes

Jesus - biblical clothing, sandals
Jack - a football jersey or sweatshirt
Wife - dressed up for church
Daughter - everyday wear

FOOTBALL CHRISTIAN

INTERIOR - FAMILY ROOM - SUNDAY MORNING

JACK (FATHER) IS SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TV, CLICKING THE REMOTE TO FIND A FOOTBALL GAME.

SOUND EFFECT OF PRE-RECORDED FOOTBALL GAME

WIFE ENTERS. SHE IS CARRYING A CHOIR ROBE OVER HER ARM.

WIFE

Jack, can you turn that down, you're at home not at the stadium.

JACK POINTS TV REMOTE, TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME. (RECORDED SOUND IS DOWN)

WIFE

Honey, do you think these shoes match this dress? I was wondering if I should wear my brown shoes instead.

JACK IS GLUED TO THE TV. WIFE POSITIONS HERSELF IN FRONT OF THE TV TO GET JACK'S ATTENTION.

JACK

(jumps up to see the game) Hey, you're blocking the TV!

WIFE

I asked if you think these shoes match my dress?

JACK

(Unconcerned)

What difference does it make, you'll be wearing the choir robe anyhow. Now can I please watch the game in peace?

WIFE
(Disgusted) You and your football games. (*moves away from TV*)

DAUGHTER ENTERS

DAUGHTER
(*to mother*) I see Dad has the football game on. (*approaches Jack, speaking sweetly*). Hi Dad, can I borrow your new car and go shopping today? (*jingles car keys in front of Jack*).

JACK
(*transfixed on game*) Uh... yeah, sure baby, whatever.

DAUGHTER
Oh and Dad, can I used your ATM card to buy a few things?

JACK
(*hands daughter his wallet*) Yeah, yeah, sure, sure.

DAUGHTER
Thanks Dad, you're the greatest.

WIFE
You need to stop taking advantage of your father like that. You know he's in a coma when the game is on.

DAUGHTER
What better time...before he recovers.
See ya' later.

WIFE

Jack, this is Family & Friends Day at the church. Why don't you come with me? You'll enjoy the service. (no answer)
JACK!

JACK

Not now! Can't you see the football game is on?

WIFE

Some things are more important than football. You sit there glued to that TV every Sunday. You wouldn't know if the Lord sat down right beside you.

JACK

C'mon honey, stop moving around. You're messin' up the reception.

WIFE STORMS OUT - DISGUSTED.

JACK CHANGES STATION WITH TV REMOTE TO SEE THE SCORE OF OTHER GAMES. ADLIBS A FEW TEAM NAMES, SCORES, AND PLAYER COMMENTS.

SOUND EFFECT - FOOTBALL GAME FADE UP.

JESUS ENTERS

JESUS

What are you watching Jack?

SOUND EFFECT - FOOTBALL GAME FADE DOWN.

JACK

Hey, how did you get in here?

JESUS

Well, I...

JACK

Did my wife leave the front door open again. (*disgusted*) Women.

You can't live with them and you can't live without them, but I love her anyhow.

JESUS

We must love one another.

JACK

Yeah, I guess you're right. So you must be the new guy from upstairs.

JESUS

I guess you could say that.

JACK

So many people move in and out of this apartment building I can't keep track of them. *(Back to TV)* All right, the game is about to start! Since you're here, you might as well pop a squat *(slaps the seat of the chair next to him)*.

JESUS

(curious)

Pop a squat? I guess I can do that.

(sits down)

JACK

(notices Jesus' clothing) You too huh? Jumped up out of bed, blanket and all, when you heard the game on the TV. I feel the same way. I never miss a Sunday football game. *(Laughing)* In fact, my wife was trying to get me to go to church today. Can you believe it?

JESUS

Your wife is simply stressing that which she feels should be a priority for you.

JACK

Well, football is a priority for me on Sundays, and again on Monday nights. Tuesdays I go bowling; I play basketball on Wednesdays and racket ball on Thursdays. I normally settle in on Fridays and watch boxing on cable. Then I play a couple holes of golf on Saturdays. (*takes an swing*).

JESUS

Seems like your life is pretty much centered around yourself. Is that why you were watching the game alone?

JACK

Me, alone? I have friends coming out of the woodwork. I just didn't feel like being bothered with them. You know how people can be sometimes.

JESUS

Yes I do, that's why I'm here.

JACK GETS INTO THE GAME

JACK

Okay here's the kick-off. (*stress builds*) All right get 'em...get 'em... Grab his legs you ...Oh no, don't let him run it back! (*deflated*) touchdown. (*disgusted*) I really hope the Ravens [*or your favorite game*] don't lose this game.

JESUS

You really take this game very serious.

JACK

As serious as a heart attack.

JESUS

What if you should die, of that heart attack, where would your soul go?

JACK

Come on buddy. I just got rid of my wife, don't you start on me. Every Sunday, my wife nags me and nags me about going to church. When did it become a sin to watch a little football?

JESUS

Watching football is not a sin. Loving football more than you love God is.

JACK WATCHES THE TV INTENSELY.

JACK

Okay, here's the return kick-off. Got it, okay, run it down the left sideline. The left man, LEFT! (*shocked*) Fumble! Get him! Get him! (*mad*) Jesus Christ, did you see that!

JESUS

Yes, I did.

JACK

(*frantically clicking remote*) I need to find me a winning team. I can't go through life with these losers.

JESUS

I guess football is a lot like life.

JACK

How's that?

JESUS

Many people make plans to have a good life, but there always seem to be something in the way, often intercepting the blessing God has for them. Instead of winning life's game, they often lose.

JACK

(attentive)

Wow, that's deep, I mean the way you made that connection between life and football.

JESUS

(getting into it) Well, let me explain it like this. Think of God, the Father, as the NFL commissioner. He controls everything that goes on in the world, your playing field. Now, think of Jesus *(pointing to himself)* as your coach. He teaches you how to play the game of life in order to win and overcome life's challenges. Now, the Holy Spirit is your quarterback. He helps you execute the plays in your life according to Jesus' instructions. *(Picks up a bible from the table)* Think of this Bible as your playbook. The coach can teach you the plays, but you have to study the playbook in order to memorize them.

JACK

You know, I never thought about it like that. That's deep. Have you ever thought about preaching?

JESUS

I've given it some thought.

WIFE RETURNS. JESUS QUIETLY EXITS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION

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