



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"So What's There to be Thankful For? Part 2"

11/11/07

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
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Worship Leader
 Narrator
 Mom: Mrs. Michaelson
 Dad: Mr. Michaelson
 Joey
 Marsha
 Mr. Green
 Doctor
 Jeff (homeless man)
 Nurse Phelps (puppet)
 Homeless Man #1 (puppet)
 Homeless Man #2 (puppet)

Prop List:

Park Bench	Wheel chair	Turkey Invitation (home made)
Apartment Scene 1 - livingroom/kitchen	Leg cast	Doctor Outfit
Apartment Scene 2 - livingroom chair, lamp and table with photo album	Alley (Dump) scene	Bible
Hospital Room Scene	Telephone	Small bell

SFX / Music List:

2-4-6-8	BG: soft, low & sensitive	BG: short, tender snippet
Lord I'm In Your Hands (short)	BG: serious, somber but soft	SFX: city sounds buses, birds, sirens, etc.
Train Me Up	BG: pensive	SFX: telephone ringing
	BG Flight of the Bumblebee (long snippet)	

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"





OPENING SONG: 2-4-6-8

WORSHIP LEADER: Cathy, (Or whoever is narrating) You kind of left us hanging or should I say falling at the end of last week. Will you tell us more of what's going to happen?

NARRATOR: Well, I feel like I've already taken up too much of your time last week. (Turns to audience) Are you guys sure you want me to continue with my story?

AUDIENCE: Yeah!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: soft, low & sensitive

NARRATOR: Okay, let's do a quick review for anyone who wasn't here. Last week we met two families. One is a very nice loving family with two kids. The other is a man by the name of... do you remember?

AUDIENCE: Mr. Green!

NARRATOR: That's right. Is Mr. Green a very nice man?

AUDIENCE: No!

NARRATOR: He isn't very nice at all. In fact, he's pretty mean isn't he?

AUDIENCE: Yeah!

NARRATOR: Yes, Mr. Green is mean, and he is very sad. He is sad because his wife died; And he feels all-alone. We're getting ready for Thanksgiving holiday. The family across the hall invited Mr. Green to come to their house for dinner. Did Mr. Green want to go to their house?

AUDIENCE: No!

NARRATOR: Mr. Green took the invitation and put it in the trash when the family left. Then he went to take it to the outside trash, remember what happened?

AUDIENCE: He fell down the stairs.

NARRATOR: Yes, let's see what happens next. I sure hope Mr. Green is okay...

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

As lights go down in room Mr. Green enters stage right onto bed with cast on his leg. Doctor stands at side of bed. Nurse Phelps, puppet, comes up behind bed.

Michaelson family sits on chairs off to side in "waiting room" area. They hear what is going on in room with Mr. Green. As the voices get louder in room the family pantomimes talking with one another. They pantomime saying a prayer together. They finish the prayer as Nurse Phelps says she is sorry for dropping the phone. The family enters the room at that point.





CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: serious, somber but soft

DOCTOR: Mr. Green, you're very lucky you didn't get hurt any worse. As it is, you will be laid up for quite a while as you heal. Do you have any family you can stay with?

MR. GREEN: Family? Ha! No. The only family I had... Mrs. Green has been gone for years now.

DOCTOR: I can't let you go home alone. Don't you have anyone else you can stay with? You will need constant care for a few months.

MR. GREEN: I did have a son. I haven't heard from that kid in years. Don't even know where he is any more. Don't want to know where he is either!

NURSE PHELPS: Doctor, I have the "Happy Harbor" convalescent home on the phone. They do have a room there for Mr. Green.

MR. GREEN: (He tries to rise up in his bed, and yells grumpy and mad) The "Happy Harbor" -- there is no way I'll stay there! Hand me that phone! I've got to find my son! (Reaches for phone and knocks it out of nurses hand.)

NURSE PHELPS: (Drops phone when he yells) I'm sorry doctor. Should I dial their number again?

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

MR. MICHAELSON: Um, Doctor we couldn't help but over hear that Mr. Green will need help for awhile. We would be glad to have Mr. Green stay with us. If that's okay?

MR. GREEN: Great! I can stay in my apartment, and you can come and check up on me now and again. (To audience) Not too often, though!

DOCTOR: Wrong. The only way I will let you go, is if you stay at the Michaelson's 24 hours a day until you are healed.

MR. GREEN: No way!

DOCTOR: Nurse, call "Happy Harbor" back and tell them we'll take that room.

NURSE PHELPS: Yes, doctor, right away.

MR. GREEN: Oh, okay! (Grumpier than ever) I'll stay at the Michaelson's.

MRS. MICHAELSON: I'm sure you'll like staying with us. Having a family around will be good for you.

MR. GREEN: (Sarcastically) I can hardly wait.

CUE SONG: Lord I'm In Your Hands (short)





During song actors exit stage right. Go around back of building to entrance stage left. Go into hallway. Keeping the stage door closed so they don't disrupt the scene going on.
Mr. Green gets into wheelchair for entrance.

CUE BACKGROUND SFX: city sounds buses, birds, sirens, etc.

Jeff comes out from behind panels into alley scene at end of song. He's looking through the trash.
Puppets come up also at end of song.

PUPPET #1: Hey, did you find anything good? If you did, you'se got to share it. Remember d'ha rules.

PUPPET #2: d'ah rules? We got rules? I thought out here on d'ha street it's every man fer himself.

PUPPET #1: Be quiet! (Nudges other puppet) D'hat dude is new around here---maybe he don't know about rules

JEFF: Wow, this is amazing! I can't believe what I just found! (He looks up to the Lord) You really aren't gonna leave me alone are You? I've run from You for years. You're still chasing me.

PUPPET #1: (A little scared and concerned) Who's he talkin' to? You see anybody?

PUPPET #2: No... I don't see nobody... I think we got a "live" one here... He's talkin to himself... I don't think his elevator goes up to d'ha top floor... This could be scary... Be careful when you talk to him...

PUPPET #1: Me? Oh, alright... Hey, you? What'd you find? I want some of d'hat, too!

PUPPET #2: Hey, maybe it's somethin' to eat. I'm hungry.

JEFF: No, this is better than food or treasure. I found a book---but not just any book. I found a Bible. (Holds it up)

FADE BACKGROUND SFX

PUPPET #2: Oh, is d'hat all? I saw d'hat d'here days ago. Didn't think it was worth much. So's I left it.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: pensive

JEFF: Don't you see? I've been like that son, the prodigal son. I made a lot of really bad choices in my life. That's why I'm where I am. Here on the street. Not such a good place to be, is it, kids?

AUDIENCE: No!





JEFF: I need to come back to... Jesus (Maybe ask kids in audience this as a question) I remember so many of the stories I heard at Sunday school why didn't I listen? So many lessons about Jesus and how to live my life, but... I ran away. Now I need to get back.

PUPPET #1: Come on, you don't want to leave all dis... life on d'ha street. You know, bein' your own boss, doin' what you wanna, when you wanna, comin' and goin' as you please.

Jeff listens to puppets. Nodding his head to agree then to disagree. Looking confused. Then he realizes the truth and stands firm. Knowing what he needs to do.

PUPPET #2: Yeah, wonderin' where you gonna sleep or what you gonna eat. One thing you don't need to worry about is what you gonna wear... Becuz... You'se already wearin' that! Hmm, hey, you know what... D'his doesn't sound so good... Does it?

JEFF: There's gotta be a Bible-believing church around here. I've got to find one-right now! (Jumps down off stage and walks with confidence down center aisle of room) Jesus! I surrender! No more running away, from now on I'm yours.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

PUPPET #2: Boy, d'hat dude sure is excited!

CUE BACKGROUND SFX: city sounds buses, birds, sirens, etc.

PUPPET #1: (Not excited - disinterested) Yeah, yeah! C'mon, dog, let's go check d'hat dumpster over d'here---behind Pizza Palace. I'm hungry... (Puppets exit) Mmm, pizzahhh!

FADE BACKGROUND SFX

Michaelson family enters stage left. Joey is pushing wheelchair. Mr. Green looks all grumpy.

JOEY: Mr. Green, I think you'll like staying with us. We don't have a TV or Nintendo or any thing like that, but we can have fun playing board games together.

MR. GREEN: (Sarcastically) Great, I can hardly wait.

MRS. MICHAELSON: I hope you'll be comfortable here. You can stay in our room - it's larger; And the bed is bigger and hopefully suitable. Mr. Michaelson and I can stay out here in the living room.

MARSHA: But mom, where will you sleep? There's no bed here.

MRS. MICHAELSON: It will be just like camping. We'll be fine. Mr. Green, here's a small bell. Now if you need anything, you just ring this and one of us will be right there.





MR. MICHAELSON: Joey, why don't you take Mr. Green back to his room. I'll be there soon to check on him.

Joey pushes the wheelchair back behind panels where he and Mr. Green won't be seen.

MR. MICHAELSON: Honey, I hope we haven't taken on too much. We really will need to trust in the Lord for His help.

MRS. MICHAELSON: The Lord is always faithful.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Flight of the Bumblebee (long snippet)

NARRATOR: Thanksgiving is only two days away. The family is working hard on getting ready for the holiday, plus they have their house guest to take care of.

At this time family will be pantomiming again.

Mr. Michaelson Picks up briefcase and exits stage left, going to work.

Mrs. Michaelson is working in the kitchen. Hears bell and runs in to see what Mr. Green needs.

Mr. Green is behind divider, ringing bell.

Mrs. Michaelson gets cup of water from kitchen.

Mr. Green is behind divider, ringing bell.

Both kids are cleaning living room and running to check on Mr. Green every time the bell rings. They take in books; Next a board game; Next maybe even a puppet. They carry in trays with cups & cookies on them. Each time they come out shaking their heads, sometimes sad, sometimes frustrated and a little angry.

NARRATOR: (Does play by play, mentioning the annoying repetition of the bell being rung every minute and how the family is trying to cope) **How would you feel if you had a house guest like Mr. Green?... (Elaborate)**

Mr. Green is behind divider, ringing bell.

NARRATOR: I'm afraid Mr. Green was not an easy guest to have. He really kept the family hopping.

Mr. Michaelson enters stage left. Mrs. Michaelson looks exhausted sitting in living room.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

MR. MICHAELSON: Dear, this is too much for you. Maybe we better call the doctor and let him know.



MRS. MICHAELSON: (Says this in a tired voice) No... No I'll be okay. I'm fine. In fact, I've noticed a big difference in our guest. He isn't ringing the bell as much... And you know what? I heard him laugh today when the kids were in the room playing games with him. It was a good thing to hear.

MR. MICHAELSON: Why don't you and the kids go down to church tonight. They're having a special Thanksgiving holiday service. I'll stay here with Mr. Green.

MRS. MICHAELSON: That would be very nice. Thank you, dear.

Mom and kids exit stage left. Dad wheels Mr. Green out to living room area.

NARRATOR: Is Mr. Green a good guest?

AUDIENCE: No!

NARRATOR: Is the family doing what Jesus would do for him?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

NARRATOR: Let's watch and see what happens next.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: short tender snippet

MR. GREEN: (Talking to the Mr. Michaelson) I don't understand your family... No matter how mean I was to begin with, they just treated me better and better. You have a special home here. It feels like my home when Mrs. Green was alive. You know, I forgot what it was like to be in a home filled with love.

MR. MICHAELSON: Our home is a home filled with God's love. Everything we do, we do by his strength. We've given our lives and our home to Jesus. We don't have much, but what we have, we want to use for Him.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

Mr. Green shakes his head and nods "yes" in deep thought.

CUE SFX: telephone ringing

Mr. Michaelson picks up and answers the phone.

MRS. MICHAELSON: (Voice only on other end of phone) Hello, dear? Guess what happened at church tonight? I have a special request to ask of you...

WORSHIP LEADER: Um... Cathy (Or whoever is narrator) I hate to say this but we are out of time for today. Can you continue your story next week?

NARRATOR: Next week? I'll have to check my calendar and see. Couldn't we just stay longer and finish the story now?



WORSHIP LEADER: No I'm afraid not. I hope you can come back.

Repeat after me:

Love is patient
Love is kind...
1 Corinthians 13:4a

NARRATOR: Listen, I'll make sure I'm here next week. This is too important for me to miss!
Let's pray!

Repeat after me:

Lord, help me
To be patient
When I am loving others.
In Jesus' name I pray,
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONG: Train Me Up

