



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger And Thirst"

03/09/08

| Character List: | Sunday Morning First Service | Sunday Morning Second Service | Sunday Morning Third Service | Sunday Evening Service |
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| Worship Leader | | | | |
| Laura | | | | |
| Alicia | | | | |
| Debbie | | | | |
| Flo, waitress | | | | |
| Angel, waitress | | | | |
| Diners (3) | | | | |
| Thirsty Dude | | | | |
| Dude w/water | | | | |
| Joe (puppet) | | | | |
| Christy (puppet) | | | | |

Prop List:

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| Greasy Diner scene | Tables and chairs | Placemats, napkins, menus |
| Heavenly Diner scene | | |
| Canteen of water | | |

SFX / Music List:

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| The Attitude | BG: dirge |
| There Is A River | BG: dreamy, angelic |
| Hungry (Falling On My Knees) | |
| I've Got A River Of Life | |

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"





OPENING SONG: The Attitude

WORSHIP LEADER: What is your favorite place to eat?

KIDS: In & Out, Chuck-E-Cheese (Other names).

WORSHIP LEADER: I'm hungry just thinking about it. But, did you know that there's a different kind of hunger that's not in your stomach. No, it's in your soul - your spiritual self! What do you think your soul would cry out for if it were thirsty or hungry?

KIDS: Big Mac! Jesus! Candy. God's word! (Various answers)

WORSHIP LEADER: Do you think God knows how to feed your soul? Do you know what your soul needs? Today, we're going to find out what your soul or your spirit hungers for! In fact, there's a beatitude that explains what we need to be spiritually happy. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; For they shall be filled! Ut-oh, there's Joe and Christy. Let's listen in.

Christy & Joe come up in puppet stage, Christy is eating pretzels

CHRISTY: Hi, Joe, want some pretzels?

JOE: No thanks, I'm busy... "Hungering".

CHRISTY: You're busy what?

JOE: You know, hungering. That's our beatitude this week: To hunger and thirst for righteousness. So I thought i'd give it a try.

CHRISTY: Oh, Joe, you are so silly! That's not what the beatitude means. Here, watch and see.

Laura, Debbie and Alicia enter up center aisle.

LAURA: Can't we go someplace different? I'm so sick of earthy eats!" The service is lousy.

DEBBIE: Oh, who cares. It's nice and close.

ALICIA: Yeah, and cheap!

LAURA: You guys are so predictable. Same place every week.

All go and sit at table.

DEBBIE: So, how did you like church today? Those beatitudes are pretty neat, aren't they?

ALICIA: Yeah, but they sure make me hungry. Get it? (Poking with elbow) Huh? Huh?





LAURA: Yep! Having to wait all this time to get served does make me think about the real meaning of hunger and thirst for righteousness.

DEBBIE: Yeah! I thought that was neat when they said it was like craving to be perfect like God.

ALICIA: What does it really mean to crave anyway?

DEBBIE: To want it really, really bad. To know that you need it.

LAURA: (Perturbed, looking all around for a waiter) Just like we need to be waited on right now. (Debbie & Alicia give Laura a bad look.)

DEBBIE: Watch, here's an example of someone craving...

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: dirge snippet

THIRSTY DUDE: (Crawls across stage) Thirsty, thirsty. Help!

DUDE WITH WATER: (Runs up with canteen) Here, are you O.K.? Drink some water.

THIRSTY DUDE: (Shakes head, keeps crawling) Righteousness, righteousness. (Dude with water looks at audience, shrugs shoulders, and walks away with canteen)

ALICIA: Wow! Now that's craving righteousness!

LAURA: I'm craving some service here. Hey, anybody out there? The lights are on, but nobody's home! (Continues looking at her menu, as do the other two girls)

CUE SONG: There Is A River

FLO: (Enters, smacking her gum, always primping, has order pad in hand) So, what can I getcha?

ALICIA: I'll have scrambled...

FLO: Whoa there, don't rush me. I just got here. How about somethin' to drink?

LAURA: Oh brother!

DEBBIE: Sure, water for my friends, on me. I'll buy. And I'll have a hot chocolate.

FLO: I hope you tip better than you treat your friends. Incidentally, hot chocolate's my favorite too. But with whipped cream-lots of it. Alrighty, comin' up. (Starts to leave)

ALICIA: Hey! (Yelling after Flo) How about us?

LAURA: I told you not to come here.



DEBBIE: And where should we have gone?

LAURA: I don't know. But some place where the waitress doesn't insult you more than your friends. Besides, there's nothing to eat here.

ALICIA: There's a whole menu. (Holds up menu)

LAURA: (Looking at menu) Yeah, but nothing seems really satisfying and filling. Ya know? (Debbie and Alicia look at Laura like she's crazy) I wonder if there are any diners in heaven? (Dreamy stare, looking up)

ALICIA: (Waves hand in front of Laura's dreamy stare) Hello, are you feeling O.K.?

LAURA: Yeah, but wouldn't that be great? I bet God would have a great diner. (Puts hand on chin and goes into dreamy stare facing audience)

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: dreamy, angelic music

Three kids are at table, angel waitress with menus comes floating up to table.

ANGEL: Welcome to the Divine Diner. We're so very glad you're here. (Kids are very glad and happy, angel hands out menus)

DINER #1: This is more like it.

ANGEL: Please let me know of your needs so that we may see that you are filled. (Angel floats off)

DINER #3: Wow! This is great, and she was so nice.

DINER #2: Did you see the menu? This is incredible, so many choices.

DINER #1: Yeah! Joy, peace, patience, love, goodness, kindness, and look, they even have righteousness.

DINER #3: This is really cool. Can we come here every week?

DINER #1: What are you gonna get?

DINER #2: I'm not sure, but I need all these things.

DINER #3: Me too, I think I'll get a little of everything. After all, she did say we should be filled.

DINER #1: Well, I definitely know what I need...

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC



FLO: So . . . What'll it be? We've got a special on runny eggs this morning. (Waving hands in front of Laura) Hello, hello, is anybody in there?

LAURA: (Still dreamy) I'll have a large plate of righteousness with a side of forgiveness and some joy for dessert. (All look at Laura like she's crazy)

CUE SONG: Hungry (Falling On My Knees) - short version

Christy & Joe come back up in puppet stage.

JOE: That was neat, Christy. But I'm still a little confused.

CHRISTY: Remember when we learned about being poor in spirit, and how that means that we know we need Jesus?

JOE: Yeah, of course I do, and then we learned about mourning for our sins. I finally got that one.

CHRISTY: Right! Well, if we know that we need Jesus and we mourn for our sins, then, we need his forgiveness and that makes us want to be righteous, good and perfect like him.

JOE: Oh, I think I get it. So if we really want to be righteous, if we're hungry and thirsty for it. He'll fill us with it, right?

CHRISTY: That's right! He'll give us his righteousness till we're overflowing.

JOE: Wow! That's so great! And you know what? I'm starving!

CHRISTY: Well, here. Have a pretzel.

JOE: No, Christy. Let's pray and ask God to fill us instead - with his righteousness!

CHRISTY: Good idea, Joe.

WORSHIP LEADER: Repeat after me:

Blessed are they
Who hunger and thirst
After righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
Matthew 5:7-8





WORSHIP LEADER: Let's pray:
Father in heaven,
We are hungry
To know you more
We are thirsty
To drink in your truth
Fill us up
With your righteousness
In Jesus' name we pray
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONG: There Is A River / I've Got A River Of Life

THERE IS A RIVER
Cathy & Dave Spurr, Debbie McNeil

THERE IS A RIVER
FLOWING FROM HEAVEN
PURE AND ABUNDANT
FREELY IS GIVEN
THERE IS A THIRSTING
AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS
THERE IS A HUNGER
THAT SETTLES FOR NOTHING LESS

WHEN I HEAR YOU CALLIN
THIS IS WHAT YOU SAY

(Chorus)
IF YOU BELIEVE IN ME
OUT OF YOUR HEART WILL FLOW
RIVERS OF LIVING WATER
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