

GOD IS LOVE
JOHN 3:16

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE

DIRECTOR/WORSHIP LEADER
TWO CAMERAMEN
VANNA UPRIGHT
FAT PAYCHECK
CONTESTANT #1 - FRED
CONTESTANT #2 - BARBIE
KENT
JASPER
DAPHNE

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS

JOE
GUIT
NIV
ROD

PROPS

ROCK THE WORLD PUPPET BAND BOX
GUITARS FOR PUPPETS
PICK
2 CAMERAS
CUE CARDS - "APPLAUSE" & "OHHHH1"
MYSTERY WORD CARD - "AGAPE"
WALLET
PUPPET STAGE
BELL
LARGE BALL
SKATES

SPECIAL EFFECTS

GAME SHOW MUSIC
BELL
BUZZER

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PUPPET BAND BOX

OPENING SONG - ROCK THE WORLD

*Rock Puppet Band's box opens on thunder/synthesizer cue with puppets "playing".
As song ends Joe and Guitar player are fussing, then Joe begins announcing.*

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS

JOE: HEY KIDS, WELCOME TO ROCK THE WORLD. IT'S COOL THAT YOU'RE
HERE CAUSE WE'RE GONNA BE TALKING ABOUT LOVE . . . AS IN,
YOU KNOW, GOD IS . . . LIKE . . . GOD IS LOVE. . .

GUIT: *(interrupts)* HEY JOE, WAIT A MINUTE . . .

JOE: HOLD ON NOW. I'M WELCOMING THE KIDS.

GUIT: BUT JOE, THIS IS IMPORTANT . . .

JOE: CHILL OUT MAN! I GOTTA TELL THESE KIDS ABOUT WHO GOD IS,
AND . . .

GUIT: BUT JOE, I GOTTA PROBLEM HERE.

JOE: WE'RE GONNA SING ABOUT GOD IS LOVE . . .

GUIT: I CAN'T DO IT, I CAN'T DO IT MAN!

JOE: WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU CAN'T DO IT?

GUIT: I JUST CAN'T. I REALLY CAN'T.

JOE: WE'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT GOD IS LOVE.

GUIT: BUT I CAN'T, I CAN'T!

JOE: YOU LOVE JESUS, RIGHT?

GUIT: I CAN'T FIND MY FAVORITE PICK. I THINK I LOST IT.

JOE: DU-U-UDE! HEY, YOU CAN USE THIS ONE.

GUIT: BUT THAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PICK MAN, PERSONALLY
AUTOGRAPHED BY ELVIS, WHOAHHH! *(does a hot riff on his guitar)*

JOE: THAT'S RIGHT, DUDE. *(finishes the riff)* THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO

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USE IT. I LOVE YOU WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS, MAN.

GUIT: COO-OO-OOL! THATS MEGA-LOVE!

JOE: ALL RIGHT NOW, WE'RE READY. LET'S ROCK THE WORLD!!!

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - STAND UP AND SHOUT IT

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & BAND BOX,
UP ON CENTER STAGE & PORTABLE

Puppets exit from Band Box. Lid closes.

DIRECTOR (Worship Leader): *(enters from stage right and begins barking orders to setup for the game show)* O.K. PEOPLE! WORK WITH ME. WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO WASTE. THERE'S A GAME SHOW TO GET ON. *(motions to audience)* WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS MORNING AND . . . *(looks around)* HEY, WHERE ARE MY CUE CARDS? GET THE CUE CARDS OUT HERE! *(cameraman minus camera brings cards)* THAT'S BETTER. NOW, LISTEN UP AUDIENCE. WHEN YOU SEE THIS CARD *(holds up clap/applause card)* I WANT YOU TO REALLY LET ME HEAR YOU. NOW, LET'S TRY IT. *(holds up card)* GREAT! THE NEXT CARD IS WHEN WE WANT YOU TO ACT SAD AND SAY "OHHH!" . . . LET'S TRY THAT. *(holds up card)* GREAT! NOW, WHERE'S MS. UPRIGHT? GET VANNA UPRIGHT OUT HERE. . . *(Vanna waves from side of stage)* OH, HI VANNA. SOMEBODY GET VANNA HER MYSTERY WORD CARD. GREAT. . . *(looks around)* WHERE'S MR. PAYCHECK? IS HE READY NOW? *(Fat Paycheck enters stage, followed by camera men)* GREAT! CAMERA MEN, ARE YOU READY? *(camera men pat cameras)* GREAT! O.K., ONLY FIVE SECONDS LEFT. AUDIENCE, QUIET PLEASE!
4 - 3 - 2 - 1 . . . *(Backs off stage)*

SOUND CUE - GAME SHOW MUSIC

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FAT PAYCHECK: WELCOME TO “ROCK WORDY”, THE EXCITING GAME SHOW WHERE YOU GUESS WHAT THE WORD MEANS. I’M YOUR HOST, FAT PAYCHECK (*touches wallet*) HERE COMES VANNA UPRIGHT WITH THE MYSTERY WORD, AGAPE. (*Vanna enters carrying mystery word card*) CAN YOU SAY AGAPE? (*kids repeat - Agape*) WE KNOW FROM THE BIBLE THAT AGAPE MEANS LOVE, BUT WHAT KIND OF LOVE? THAT’S WHAT WE’RE HERE TO FIND OUT. LET’S MEET OUR CONTESTANTS FOR TODAY. (*Contestants come up in puppet stage*) GOOD MORNING CONTESTANT #1. FRED, IT SAYS HERE THAT YOU LIKE TO DINE OUT . . .

FRED: WELL, YES FAT. I UHH ESPECIALLY . . .

FAT PAYCHECK: (*interrupting*) FAN-TAS-TIC! . . . CONTESTANT #2, BARBIE BATTIE OF BATTING ROUGE, IT SAYS HERE THAT YOU HAVE A HOBBY OF COLLECTING BARBIE DOLLS.

BARBIE: YES, I’VE NAMED EVERY SINGLE ONE . . .

FAT PAYCHECK: (*interrupting*) FAN-TAS-TIC! . . . CONTESTANT #3, NIV, THAT’S AN INTERESTING NAME.

NIV: THAT’S BECAUSE I’M A BIBLE, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION. .

FAT PAYCHECK: (*interrupting*) FAN-TAS-TIC! NOW CONTESTANTS, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT AGAPE LOVE IS?

SOUND CUE - BELL RINGS

Bell rings and #1 raises hand excitedly, beating #2 and #3.

FAT PAYCHECK: CONTESTANT #1

FRED: (*speaking quickly and excitedly*) A-GOOPEY, A-GOOEY, I KNOW! IT’S LIKE I LOVE BURRITOS. I LOVE MY BURRITO STUFFED WITH EVERYTHING AND THE SOUR CREAM DRIPPING BETWEEN MY FINGERS . . . (*Buzzer cuts off contestant #1*)

SOUND CUE - BUZZER

Vanna walks out with “OHHHH! card.

FAT PAYCHECK: OHHH, SORRY CONTESTANT #1. THAT’S JUST MESSY. THAT’S NOT AGAPE LOVE.

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FRED: OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID, “A GOOEY LOVE.”

FAT PAYCHECK: NOT “A GOOEY LOVE”. *(turns to kids)* WHAT’S OUR MYSTERY WORD KIDS? *(Kids respond - Agape)*

SOUND CUE - BELL

BARBIE: *(Barbie beats NIV by raising hand first)* THEN IT MUST MEAN HOW I JUST LOVE KEN KUTIE. HE’S SO CUTE AND HAS DIMPLES AND I JUST STARE AT HIM IN CLASS AND DREAM ABOUT . . .

SOUND CUE - BUZZER

Vanna walks out with “OHHHH!” card.

FAT PAYCHECK: OHHH, SORRY CONTESTANT #2. YOU’VE GOT A BAD CASE OF EROS LOVE, NOT AGAPE LOVE.

BARBIE: OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID “AGOO-GOO EYED LOVE.”

FAT PAYCHECK: NOT “AGOO-GOO EYED LOVE”. *(turns to kids)* WHAT’S OUR MYSTERY WORD KIDS? *(kids respond - Agape)*

SOUND CUE - BELL

FRED: *(raises hand curiously)* HEY, IS IT BEST FRIEND LOVE? LIKE A FRIEND YOU SHARE POGS WITH AND ROLLER BLADE WITH AND ALL THAT, ‘CUZ HE’S SUCH A GOOD GUY?

SOUND CUE - BUZZER

Vanna walks out with “OHHH! card.

FAT PAYCHECK: OHHH, SORRY AGAIN CONTESTANT #1. FRIENDSHIP LOVE IS PHILEO LOVE; THAT’S NOT OUR MYSTERY WORD. WHAT IS OUR MYSTERY WORD KIDS? *(Kids respond - Agape)* CONTESTANT #3, CAN YOU HELP US OUT HERE?

NIV: *(with a sigh of relief to finally get the Word in)* I’D LOVE TO! AGAPE LOVE IS GOD’S SPECIAL LOVE, HIS LOVE IS PATIENT, IT’S KIND, IT’S NOT SELFISH, AND IT NEVER QUILTS.

Vanna walks out with clap/applause card.

FAT PAYCHECK: RIGHT, CONTESTANT #3! GOOD JOB! GOD’S LOVE IS

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AGAPE LOVE!

BARBIE: *(to Fred)* HOW DID HE KNOW ALL THAT?

NIV: WELL BARBIE, IT'S RIGHT HERE ON MY PAGES IN THE BOOK OF FIRST CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 13. GOD WROTE ALL ABOUT HIS AGAPE LOVE SO WE COULD KNOW.

FAT PAYCHECK: GOD LOVES EACH OF US NO MATTER WHAT BECAUSE THAT'S HOW HIS LOVE IS. HIS LOVE CAN TAKE A LICKIN' AND KEEP ON TICKIN'. HIS LOVE MAKES ALL OF US WINNERS!

SOUND CUE - GAME SHOW MUSIC

Vanna walks out with "Clap/Applause card" Audience Claps. Contestants ring bell.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON PORTABLE & CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

SONG CUE - WHO AM I TALKIN' ABOUT?

LIGHT CUE - LIGHTS DOWN SINGERS, UP CENTER & RIGHT STAGE

Four actors frozen on stage, one holding large ball, Rod Stygerr slowly comes up at puppet stage.

ROD: WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE IS A MOMENT OF TRUTH: A LITTLE BALL PLAYING, A LITTLE GOOFING OFF, AND A LIFE-CHANGING MOMENT FOR A GIRL NAMED DAPHNE - BECAUSE DAPHNE HAS JUST STEPPED INTO: "THE SON-LIGHT ZONE."

KIDS FROZEN ON STAGE: DOO, DOO, DOO, *DOO* *(until Rod indicates cutting off the music, and slowly lowers behind puppet stage. Four actors "unfreeze.")*

KENT: HEY JASPER, THINK FAST . . . *(throws globe-like ball to Jasper)*

JASPER: *(catches the ball and begins hamming it up)* . . . WITH INCREDIBLE STRENGTH HE HOLDS THE WORLD IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND AND LIFTS IT UP INTO SPACE . . .

DAPHNE: *(kind of disgusted with Jasper)* OH BROTHER JASPER, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY SUPERMAN YOU KNOW! *(goes back to working on skates)*

JASPER: OH YEAH? WELL ME AND KENT KNOW SOMEBODY WHO HOLDS THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS. *(tosses the ball back to Kent)*

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DAPHNE: *(looks up at Kent)* WHO IS THAT?

KENT: IT'S GOD. IT SAYS IT IN THE BIBLE. *(he looks at Kent and they shake their heads together)*

DAPHNE: REALLY? WHAT ELSE DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE WORLD?
I'VE NEVER READ THE BIBLE.

KENT: IT SAYS, "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVED IN HIM SHOULD
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

JASPER: THAT'S JOHN 3:16. YOU SEE, GOD SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO PAY A
PRICE THAT WE COULDN'T PAY. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS FOR
THE SINS OF THE WORLD - FOR MY SINS AND YOUR SINS. NOW WE
CAN LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH HIM BY BELIEVING IN HIS
SON, JESUS.

DAPHNE: WOW! GOD LOVED THE WORLD THAT MUCH?

KENT: THAT'S HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU AND ME!

DAPHNE: HEY, TELL ME MORE . . .

Rod slowly comes up in puppet stage as all four freeze.

LIGHT CUE - ALL LIGHTS UP ON STAGE & ON WORSHIP TEAM

ROD: AN AMAZING BIT OF GOOD NEWS HAS TOTALLY SURPRISED
DAPHNE. WILL DAPHNE KEEP WONDERING ABOUT GOD'S LOVE?
WILL SHE EVER INVITE JESUS TO COME INTO HER HEART? STAY
TUNED NEXT WEEK WHEN WE RE-ENTER "THE SON-LIGHT ZONE."

Rock Puppet Band comes back up.

KIDS: DOO, DOO, DOO, DOO, DOO, DOO DOO (Rod cuts off music)

SONG CUE - THIS IS LOVE

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NIV: (*comes up at puppet stage*) IT SAYS IN MY PAGES THAT GOD IS LOVE AND HE LOVES US AND BECAUSE OF HIS AGAPE LOVE, GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS AND GIVE US THE HOPE OF HEAVEN.

NIV: REPEAT AFTER ME:
“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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WORSHIP LEADER: CLOSING PRAYER

CUE SONG - THIS IS LOVE
