

GOD IS OUR LIFE
presented by “The Master’s Theatre”

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CHARACTERS:

MARSH-MELLOW
MRS. MELLOW DRAMA
MR. OH-NO
MR. BOO-HISS
MISS CLAP-CHEER
MISS WOW-WEE
FARMER
2-8 SEEDS
TURKEY
SUN
THORNS

PROPS:

SUN HEAD
TURKEY SUIT
SUNGLASSES
ROCKS
FRUIT
EXTRA CROPS
SMALL GARDENING TOOLS

SPECIAL EFFECTS:

HAPPY MUSIC
SAD MUSIC
“BAD GUYS” MUSIC
“DRAMATIC ANTICIPATION” MUSIC
“MELODRAMA” MUSIC
HEAVY CHASE MUSIC

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - GOD’S GARDEN

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON PORTABLE STAGE

Scene opens with Mrs. Mellow working in garden as Marsh (very distraught) comes running in from stage right .

MARSH: MOM! MOM! WHERE ARE YOU??!??!

MRS. MELLOW: I’M OUT IN THE GARDEN, DEAR.

MARSH: OH MOM, IT’S JUST TOO AWFUL! YOU JUST HAVE GOT TO HEAR THIS!!

MRS. MELLOW: YES, DEAR. WHAT IS IT!??

MARSH: WELL, MY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SAID WE SHOULD TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. SO, I TRIED. I REALLY DID! HARD, MOM!

MRS. MELLOW: YES, OF COURSE YOU DID, DEAR. GO ON. . .

MARSH: WELL, I TOLD A BUNCH OF PEOPLE ALL ABOUT JESUS AND THE ETERNAL LIFE HE GIVES US. . . . AND SOME PEOPLE DIDN’T EVEN LISTEN TO ME! THEN LATER, A COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE ACTED LIKE THEY WANTED TO KNOW JESUS. BUT THEN LATER THEY . . . THEY . . . THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS . . . *(crying)*

MRS. MELLOW: *(trying to comfort)* OH MY POOR BABY! HONEY, YOU DID A GOOD JOB. BUT YOU SEE SWEETIE, IT’S NOT JUST UP TO YOU. IT’S UP TO THEIR HEARTS! SOMETIMES PEOPLE MAY WANT TO BELIEVE, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE LIKE BAD, ROCKY SOIL. WAIT! I THINK I KNOW A BETTER WAY TO EXPLAIN!!

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON PORTABLE STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

SONG

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

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MRS. MELLOW: WELCOME TO THE “MIRACLE GROW” OLD TIME THEATRE WHERE YOU GET TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE STORY. MY NAME IS MRS. MELLOW-DRAMA AND THIS IS MY LOVELY DAUGHTER AND ASSISTANT, MISS MARSH MELLOW-DRAMA. . . . TODAY OUR STORY IS REALLY THE SAME STORY JESUS TOLD ABOUT A FARMER SOWING SEEDS. BUT BEFORE WE BEGIN, LET’S MEET OUR GUEST “CUE CARD HOLDERS”. THEY WILL HELP YOU TO KNOW WHAT TO SAY AND WHEN TO SAY IT.

FIRST WE HAVE MR. BOO-HISS. . . WHEN YOU SEE HIS CARD, GIVE US YOUR BEST “BOO-HISS.” (*Mr. Boo-Hiss enters stage right, holding up card, audience responds. he crosses stage, goes down stairs stage left, standing in front of stage left. - - all other card holders do same.*)

MR. BOO-HISS: (*in tough, New York accent*) YEAH, NOT BAD . . . NOT BAD!

MRS MELLOW: NEXT WE HAVE THE LOVELY MISS CLAP-CHEER. (*she holds up card, audience responds*)

MISS CLAP-CHEER: (*holding up card*) HOW LOVELY . . .

MRS. MELLOW: NEXT, MR. OH-NO . . .

MR. OH NO: (*holds up card, gives a “gloomy Gus” response to audience’s response*)
OH NO, I THINK THIS STORY IS GONNA KEEP ME AWFULLY BUSY . . .

MRS. MELLOW: AND LAST, THE EPERVESCENT MISS WOW-WEE.

MISS WOW-WEE: (*air-head type, holds card up side down*) WOW-WEE, LOOK AT ALL THESE PEOPLE!!

MRS. MELLOW: AH, MISS WOW-WEE, . . . YOUR CARD IS UPSIDE DOWN!
LET’S BEGIN OUR STORY. . . ENTER THE FARMER. . .

Farmer enters stage left, Clap-Cheer card held up.

MRS. MELLOW: HE IS PLANTING SOME HAPPY SEEDS.

SOUND CUE - “HAPPY” MUSIC

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Seeds enter stage left and dance around.

MRS. MELLOW: LOOK AT THOSE SEEDS . . . NOW THESE ARE HAPPY SEEDS.
. . . NOW SOME OF THE SEED FELL ONTO THE PATHWAY AND
SUDDENLY . . .

SOUND CUE - “BAD GUY” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* A BIRD CAME ALONG.

MR. BOO-HISS: *(hold up Boo-Hiss card)* S’CUSE ME, MRS. MELLOW-FELLOW,
BUT . . . AH . . . DAT AIN’T NO BOYD . . . DAT DERE IS . . . IS A TOYKEY!

MRS. MELLOW: I KNOW THAT! NOBODY HAD A BIRD SUIT SO WE HAD TO
USE THE TURKEY. . . BUT YOU GET THE IDEA! ANYWAY . . . THAT
BIRD TOOK THE SEED . . .

SOUND CUE - “DRAMATIC ANTICIPATION” MUSIC

*During music bird grabs the two seeds by the scruff of the necks and drags them
unwillingly off stage right)*

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* AND . . . HE ATE THEM UP!

SOUND CUE - “SAD” MUSIC

MR. OH-NO: *(holds up card)* YUP, THAT’S ONE MEAN TURKEY!

MRS. MELLOW: NOW SOME SEED . . .

SOUND CUE - “HAPPY” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* FELL ON ROCKY PLACES WHERE IT DIDN’T
HAVE MUCH SOIL.

MRS. WOW-WEE: *(holds up card)* WOW-WEE! THOSE ARE THE HAPPIEST
SEEDS I’VE EVER SEEN!

MRS. MELLOW: YES, THEY ARE, MISS WOW-WEE. THE SEED SPRANG UP
QUICKLY BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. *(Wow-Wee card as
green shoot appears)* BUT . . .

SOUND CUE - “BAD GUY” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* BUT WHEN THE SUN CAME UP . . . THE PLANTS

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WERE SCORCHED *(sun comes out)*

SOUND CUE - “MELODRAMA” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* AND THEY WITHERED AND DIED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT.

MR. OH-NO: *(holds up Oh-No card; and begins to cry)* WELL, THAT’S JUST THE MEANEST SUN IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

MISS CLAP-CHEER: *(antagonized)* OH, PLEASE MR. OH-NO . . . YOU CAN’T BE SERIOUS. . . EVERYBODY KNOWS THE SUN WAS JUST DOING HER JOB. DON’T YOU AGREE, MRS. MELLOW-JELLO?

MRS. MELLOW: *(disgusted)* AH, EXCUSE ME! CAN WE JUST GET ON WITH THE STORY? . . . OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THE THORNS *(enter thorns)*

SOUND CUE - “BAD GUY” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: *(continues)* WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS.
(thorns get together and whisper in each other’s ears)

THORN LEADER: LET’S GET EM! YEAH, LET’S DO IT!

SOUND CUE - “HEAVY CHASE” MUSIC

Thorns chase seeds down center aisle and around)

MRS. MELLOW: WAIT JUST A WEED-PICKIN MINUTE HERE! I DIDN’T SAY CHASE THE SEEDS, I SAID . . . *(seeds are back on stage hugging each other, thorns are close behind)*

MISS CLAP-CHEER: *(says from offstage)* OH, THANK GOODNESS!

MRS. MELLOW: I SAID “CHOKE THE SEEDS” *(thorns put hands up to choke and have crazy looks on faces. Seeds look at each other and do “home alone” scream. Thorns proceed to choke seeds till they fall down dead)*

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MR. OH-NO: (*holds up card*) WELL, THAT’S THE END OF THOSE GUYS!

MRS. MELLOW: NO, STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON THE GOOD SOIL (*enter seeds. Hold up “Clap-Cheer” sign.*)

SOUND CUE - “HAPPY” MUSIC

MRS. MELLOW: (*continues*) WHERE IT PRODUCED A CROP (*hold up Wow-Wee sign*) YIELDING ONE HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN . . .

MR. BOO-HISS: LOOK AT ALL DEM FRUITS. BUT WHAT DOES ALL DIS STUFF MEAN?

MRS. MELLOW: WELL, LET ME EXPLAIN. OUR HEARTS ARE THE SOIL, AND GOD’S WORD IS THE SEED. AND PEOPLE THAT SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS ARE THE FARMERS. SOMETIMES PEOPLE HEAR ABOUT GOD’S WORD BUT DON’T UNDERSTAND IT. THEIR SOIL IS LIKE THE PATH.

MR. BOO-HISS: AND THE EVIL ONE COMES AND SNATCHES THE TRUTH AWAY?! (*turkey comes out*)

MRS. MELLOW: STILL OTHERS HAVE SOIL THAT IS ALL ROCKY. THEY HEAR THE TRUTH OF GOD AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. . . BUT . . .

MISS CLAP-CHEER: IT ONLY LASTS A LITTLE WHILE, UNTIL TROUBLE AND PERSECUTION COMES (*sun comes out*) AND THEIR NEW LIFE QUICKLY FALLS AWAY. (*sad*)

MRS. MELLOW: SOME HAVE HEARTS FILLED WITH THORNS. THIS IS SOMEONE WHO HEARS ABOUT THE LIFE GOD GIVES . . . BUT . . .

MISS WOW-WEE: THE WORRIES OF HIS LIFE (*thorns come out*) AND HIS LOVE OF MONEY CHOKE OUT HIS LIFE, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.

MRS. MELLOW: NOW OTHERS HAVE HEARTS MADE OF GOOD SOIL. THEY HEAR GOD’S WORDS AND UNDERSTAND IT. THEY LOVE HIM AND RECEIVE LIFE ETERNAL . . . AND THEIR CROP IS FRUITFUL. IT’S YIELD IS 30, 60, OR 100 TIMES MORE THAN THE FARMER HAD HOPED.

MARSH: SO, GOD IS OUR LIFE! IF WE LET HIM INTO OUR HEARTS.

MISS CLAP-CHEER: AND ASK HIM TO STAY.

MR. OH-NO: AND WHEN TROUBLES COME

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MR. BOO-HISS: AND WORRIES AND PERSECUTION

MISS WOW-WEE: WE’LL STAY STRONG BECAUSE WE HAVE THE STRONG
ROOTS OF GOD’S WORD IN OUR SOIL!

MARSH: THANKS MOM. BUT I GOTTA GO!

MRS. MELLOW: WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

MARSH: TO GET MY OVERALLS! I’VE GOT LOTS MORE SEEDS TO SOW!

MRS. MELLOW: A FARMER’S WORK IS NEVER DONE!

WORSHIP LEADER: REPEAT AFTER ME:
AND HE SAID TO THEM,
“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD
AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION.”

MARK 16:15

WORSHIP LEADER: CLOSING PRAYER

SONG CUE - GOD’S GARDEN
