

GOD IS . . . OUR PEACE

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE

SIGN HOLDER
GIRL WITH UMBRELLA
KYLE
TODD
VOICE OF MOTHER

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS

MR. TOOTHACHE
BOY WITH REPORT CARD
KING JAMES

PROPS

PUPPET STAGE
SIGN - "DUM, DUM, DUM, DUM"
REPORT CARD
UMBRELLA
WALKMAN
2 COTS
FULL LENGTH MIRROR
2 ZAPPERS/LIGHTED SWORDS
2 ROBES
2 PAIR SLIPPERS
PILLOWS & BEDDING
BOY STUFF FOR BOYS' ROOM
SKATEBOARD
DIRTY SOX FOR FLOOR
FLASHLIGHT

SOUND EFFECTS

GUN SHOTS
"GOD IS BIGGER THAN THE BOOGIEMAN"

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - ROCK THE WORLD, FEAR NOT

WORSHIP LEADER - Opening Prayer

WORSHIP LEADER: TODAY WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT GOD'S PEACE. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REALLY UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING OR REALLY SCARED? LET'S WATCH.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON HOUSE & SINGERS, UP ON STAGE LEFT

MR. TOOTH ACHE: *(comes up in puppet stage, holding side of face. talks to audience with mouth wide open, pointing to tooth, and trying to talk)* AHHH, OWWW, OHHH, AHHH, . . . I HAVE A TOOTHACHE, SEE? RIGHT HERE! *(closes mouth and talks sensibly)* I HAVE A CAVITY. *(to kids)* HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE EVER HAD A CAVITY? *(kids respond)* I NEED TO HEAR YOU SHARE MY PAIN. SEE THAT SIGN OVER THERE? *(points at sign being held up)* CAN YOU REPEAT AFTER ME? **DUM, DUM, DUM, DUM!** OHHH, OWWW, WELL, YOU SEE, I'M SO NERVOUS, I'M SO WORRIED BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO TO THE . . . *(points to "DUM, DUM, DUM, DUM" sign and kid's sing out "DUM, DUM, DUM, DUM")* TO THE DENTIST!!!! AHHH! OH LORD, I NEED TO KNOW YOUR PEACE. HELP . . . *(looks at distressed boy with report card who has come up in puppet stage)* WHAT'S THE MATTER?

BOY WITH REPORT CARD: OH BOY! *(opens report card and peeks unwillingly at grades)* OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY! *(unwillingly sneaks another peek)* YUP! THEY'RE STILL THERE. . . THIS IS THE WORST REPORT CARD I'VE EVER HAD . . . AND NOW . . . I'VE GOT TO BRING IT HOME TO . . . *(points to sign, and everyone sings out DUM, DUM, DUM DUM)* TO DAD! GOD HELP ME . . .

GIRL WITH UMBRELLA: *(enters stage left with open umbrella)* I KNOW I SHOULD BE SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, BUT I CAN'T . . . THIS MORNING MY MOM TOLD ME NOT TO WEAR MY NEW SHOES . . . SHE SAID IT WAS GONNA RAIN . . . SO DID I LISTEN??? NO! LOOK AT MY SHOES . . . THEY'RE RUINED. NOW I'M CRYIN' IN THE RAIN BECAUSE NOW I HAVE TO GO HOME AND FACE . . . *(points to sign and everyone sings out DUM, DUM, DUM, DUM)* MY MOM!

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MR. TOOTHACHE: *(still holding jaw)* OWWW! IT LOOKS LIKE WE ALL NEED TO LEARN ABOUT GOD'S PEACE. DO YOU NEED TO LEARN ABOUT GOD'S PEACE TOO? ESPECIALLY YOU WITH THE UMBRELLA! YOU DISOBEYED YOUR MOM. BOY, I'D HATE TO BE IN YOUR SHOES. . . OH SORRY, ANYWAY, I BETTER GO GET THIS TOOTH FIXED. AHFFF! OOOO, AHFF!

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

WORSHIP LEADER: WAIT, BEFORE YOU GUYS GO, YOU KNOW THE BEST WAY TO GET GOD'S PEACE IS TO READ HIS WORD AND TO PRAY. I HAVE AN IDEA, LET ME PRAY FOR YOU. *(prays for them)* WHY DON'T YOU REPEAT AFTER ME:

AND THE PEACE OF GOD,
WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS
THROUGH CHRIST JESUS
PHILIPPIANS 4:7

CUE SONG - PEACE LIKE A RIVER

WORSHIP LEADER: BOY, YOU THINK THOSE GUYS HAD PROBLEMS, WATCH THESE TWO BROTHERS!

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

Todd is on his cot watching Kyle, his older brother. Kyle is looking in mirror smoothing back his hair and singing with his walkman. Kyle leaves mirror, sits on his cot, picks up his skateboard, holding it like a guitar and rolling the wheels while continuing to sing .

KYLE: "LET THE WALLS FALL DOWN, LET THE WALLS FALL DOWN . . .
(bouncing on cot and looking up, but eyes closed like he's really into it)

Todd immediately walks over to mirror and starts smoothing back his hair just like his big brother, but then starts dancing to his brother's music while smoothing hair. Kyle looks over at brother, stops singing, drops the skateboard down from guitar position, stands up.

KYLE: MOM, HE'S DOIN' IT AGAIN!

TODD: *(surprised, he turns around quickly and says loudly)* WHAT? WHAT AM I DOIN'?

KYLE: *(angrily points finger)* YOU'RE COPYING ME!

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TODD: AM NOT!

KYLE: ARE TOO!

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KYLE: ARE TOO! (*Boys continue arguing, louder and faster*)

KYLE: (*Says snidely while going to get his zapper*) I'M GONNA ZAP YOU!

TODD: WILL NOT! (*gets off cot, runs behind his mirror and gets his zapper*)

KYLE: WILL TOO! (*aims his zapper at mirror and "zaps"*) TAKE THAT!

TODD: *leans out from behind mirror and "zaps" toward Kyle*) TAKE THAT!

KYLE: (*again zaps Todd*) TAKE THAT!

MOM: (*a voice from another room*) BOYS, STOP THAT! I WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET RIGHT NOW! GET IN BED AND SAY YOUR PRAYERS.

Both boys sneer at each other and get into bed.

TODD: I GUESS IT'S MY TURN TO TURN OFF THE LIGHT. (*grumbling as he goes to an imaginary window on the other side of the mirror, puts out his hand to flick the lights out, lights go out. As he turns to go back to his cot, a group of gun shots ring out.*)

CUE SOUND - GUN SHOTS

Todd reacts and ducks down a little bit.

KYLE: (*sits up, yells out to Todd*) GET AWAY FROM THE WINDOW!!! (*Todd quickly gets into bed*) BOY, THOSE GUNSHOTS WERE REALLY CLOSE! MAYBE RIGHT ON OUR STREET!

TODD: (*kinda nervous but serious*) KYLE, I . . . I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHIN'

KYLE: (*curiously*) WHAT IS IT?

TODD: I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT . . . THOSE GUN SHOTS KEEP ME UP.

KYLE: (*with compassion*) WELL, ME TOO.

TODD: REALLY?

KYLE: YEAH. BUT WE GOTTA REMEMBER, GOD IS TAKIN' CARE OF US . . .

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AND IF WE KEEP OUR MIND ON HIM, HE'LL GIVE US THE PEACE WE NEED.

TODD: YEAH, LET'S PRAY. . . (*both boys stay in bed. Exit during song.*)

LIGHT CUE - DIM ON STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - PERFECT PEACE

WORSHIP LEADER: (*to kids*) LET ME ASK YOU . . . HOW MANY OF YOU HEAR GUN SHOTS WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT? RAISE YOUR HANDS. WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? JAMES HAS A GREAT VERSE FOR YOU.

LIGHT CUE - UP ON PUPPET STAGE

JAMES: KID'S, IN THE PAGES OF HIS WORD, GOD SAYS HE IS OUR PEACE.

REPEAT AFTER ME:

YOU WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE
WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON YOU,
BECAUSE HE TRUSTS IN YOU.

ISAIAH 26:3

CUE SONG - PERFECT PEACE

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Prayer

CUE SONG - GOD IS BIGGER THAN THE BOOGIEMAN