

**GOD IS . . . OUR COMFORT
“HIS SPIRIT IN US”**

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:

MOM
DAUGHTER
TEACHERS FROM AUDIENCE
PETER
APOSTLES & WOMEN (10) IN BIBLICAL ATTIRE

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:

PUPPET APOSTLE #1
PUPPET APOSTLE #2

PROPS:

PUPPET STAGE
BIG FAN
PAPERS TO BLOW AWAY
HEAD BANDS WITH TONGUES OF FIRE
BIBLICAL COSTUMES
LONG TABLE
PILLOWS TO SIT ON FLOOR
BACK DROP OF BIBLICAL HOUSE
LAUNDRY BASKET (WASH CLOTHES & TOWELS TO FOLD)

SPECIAL EFFECTS:

SOUND OF WIND BLOWING
FAN BLOWS PLATES, CUPS, PAPERS, ETC. OFF TABLE

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE STAGE

CUE SONG - “TURN ON THE LIGHT”

WORSHIP LEADER: Opening remarks & prayer

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

MOM: *(sitting on floor of stage folding laundry, humming to self. Daughter walks up stairs stage right, sits, and starts folding clothes too.)* HI, HONEY!

DAUGHTER: MOM, I’VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT SOMETHING.

MOM: WHAT IS IT?

DAUGHTER: WHEN I WAS AT “ROCK THE WORLD”, I SAW A DRAMA ABOUT JESUS RISING FROM THE DEAD . . . AND HOW THE CAVE WAS EMPTY.

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MOM: YEAH, AND THAT’S WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER.

DAUGHTER: BUT AFTER HE CAME BACK TO LIFE, HE TALKED TO HIS FRIENDS AND **THEN** HE ROSE UP INTO THE CLOUDS TO GO LIVE WITH THE FATHER IN HEAVEN.

MOM: THAT’S WHAT HE DID . . . AND A COUPLE OF HIS FOLLOWERS SAW HIM GO UP . . . SO, WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?

DAUGHTER: WELL, MOM, I THOUGHT JESUS WOULD NEVER LEAVE US. I THOUGHT HE’D ALWAYS BE HERE FOR US. WHY DID HE HAVE TO GO?

MOM: LET’S GO OUT TO THE DRYER . . . LET ME TELL YOU THE REST OF THE STORY. JESUS TOLD HIS FRIENDS TO WAIT . . . *(picks up empty basket)*

DAUGHTER: WAIT FOR WHAT?

MOM: TO WAIT FOR THE REST OF GOD’S PROMISE . . . TO WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE WOULD COME AND GIVE THEM POWER. . . *(exits stage right, still talking and fading off)*

LIGHT CUE - DOWN STAGE RIGHT, UP CENTER & LEFT STAGE

Setting: the day of Pentecost . . . apostles are sitting around table, some are eating,

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reading paper, praying in groups of two. Some women are sitting down sewing.

PUPPET APOSTLE #1: *(pacing, full of anxiety)* HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT? THOSE ROMAN SOLDIERS COULD COME AND GET US AND KILL US ANY MINUTE . . . IT'S TOO HARD TO STAY COOPED UP IN ONE PLACE AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE'RE WAITING FOR!

PUPPET APOSTLE #2: *(angry, stands in pacer's way)* HEY! YOU'RE MAKING ME DIZZY! *(moves head in tennis ball motion)* WALKING BACK AND FORTH, BACK AND FORTH . . . STAY STILL, YOU YO-YO HEAD.

PUPPET APOSTLE #1: *(pushes his shoulder back, angrily)* DON'T CALL ME NAMES! YOU TAKE THAT BACK!

PUPPET APOSTLE #2: DON'T YOU PUSH ME! *(pushes back)* I WILL NOT TAKE IT BACK!

PETER: *(previously at table discussing quietly with other disciples, stands up and cuts in on "I will not")* ALL RIGHT, STOP IT!

PUPPET APOSTLE #1 *(defensively)* BUT PETER, . . . HE *(points at apostle #2)*

PETER: *puts his hand up to apostle #1 to silence him)* JESUS TOLD US TO WAIT TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE AND WE **WILL** OBEY HIM. *(walks toward audience with head in hands)* I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS . . . **FIGHTING!** AFTER ALL HE'S DONE FOR US . . . OUR FRIEND AND SAVIOR DYING ON THAT CROSS AND AFTER WE'VE EXPERIENCED THE JOY OF SEEING HIM ALIVE . . . FACE TO FACE, TOUCHING THE NAIL WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS . . . HOW COULD YOU??

PUPPET APOSTLE #1: *(hangs head, apologetically)* FORGIVE ME, BROTHER. *(puts out his hand)*

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PUPPET APOSTLE #2: *(smiles, shakes his hand but pulls him in and hugs him)*
WE WILL WALK TOGETHER WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT
OF GOD TO COME. . . *(they begin to pace slowly together)*

SOUND CUE - GUITAR CHORD GIVES KEY FOR SONG

APOSTLE #1: *(after guitar chord begins to sing & all others join in)*

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS & PORTABLE

CUE SONG - SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS - HOUSE LIGHTS UP

SOUND CUE - WIND BLOWING

Hidden fan begins to blow paper cups, plates, newspapers.

ALL: WHAT'S GOING ON? EVERYTHING'S BLOWING . . . LOOK OUT!

PUPPET APOSTLE #1: A RUSHING WIND! *(everyone bows head and slips on headbands with tongues of fire)*

PUPPET APOSTLE #2: *(points at Peter)* HEY, YOUR HAIR IS ON FIRE, QUICK, GET WATER!

PETER: *(pointing back at both of them)* NO, **YOUR** HAIR IS ON FIRE!

PUPPET APOSTLES #1 & #2: *(look at each other and do the “Home alone” scream)*
AHHHHHH!

PETER: *(points at other apostles in room)* WAIT A MINUTE. THERE IS A TONGUE OF FIRE OVER EACH OF US. . . THIS IS FROM GOD!

ALL PEOPLE IN ROOM: *(everyone points to each other, saying)* A FIRE FROM GOD . . . IT'S A MIRACLE . . . PRAISE TO GOD. *(all praise God quietly, in murmurs.)*

PETER: *(walks down the stairs to portable, lifts hands to the people, and cries out)*
JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!

APOSTLE #3: *(in Spanish)* JESU CRISTO, SALVADOR DEL MUNDO
(pronunciation: hay sue creesto, salvador del moondo)

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TEACHER #1: *(stands up and speaks with amazement to the kids around him/her)* QUE PASA? I HEAR HIM IN MY OWN LANGUAGE! HE IS SPEAKING SPANISH AND HE IS SAYING: “JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD”

APOSTLE #1: *(speaking in Japanese)*

TEACHER #2: *(stands up and speaks with amazement to the kids around him/her)* HE IS SPEAKING IN MY OWN LANGUAGE AND I HEAR HIM SAY: “JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.” THIS IS A MIRACLE . . . WE ARE ALL HEARING IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE . . .

PUPPET APOSTLE #2: *(speaking in Swedish)*

TEACHER #3: *(stands up speaking to kids all around him/her)* QUESTCE - CE? WHAT IS THIS? I HEAR HIM SPEAK IN MY OWN LANGUAGE ABOUT JESUS BEING THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD . . . WHO IS THIS JESUS? TELL US MORE . . .

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

CUE SONG - OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

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

Mom and daughter return with full laundry basket.

DAUGHTER: OH, I SEE! THEY WAITED TO RECEIVE GOD’S POWER . . .

MOM: RIGHT, SO THEY COULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND COULD GO OUT IN GOD’S POWER TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT JESUS . . . SO THEY COULD BE A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD.

DAUGHTER: GOD’S LIGHT.

MOM: THAT’S RIGHT.

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DAUGHTER: YOU KNOW MOM, THERE’S SOME KIDS AT SCHOOL WHO DON’T KNOW GOD. I NEED TO PRAY ABOUT SHARING JESUS WITH THEM AND I NEED TO ASK GOD TO GIVE ME HIS POWER TO BE A LIGHT FOR HIM.

MOM: GREAT IDEA, HONEY. WITH GOD’S POWER IN YOU, YOU’LL BE ABLE TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT JESUS.

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

WORSHIP LEADER: KIDS, LET’S BRING JAMES UP, I AM SURE HE HAS A GOOD VERSE FOR US THIS MORNING.

JAMES: I SURE DO!

REPEAT AFTER ME:

BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT
HAS COME UPON YOU;
AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME
IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL JUDEA
AND SAMARIA
AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

ACTS 1:8

WORSHIP LEADER: YOU KNOW KIDS, YOU’RE CALLED TO BE HIS WITNESSES IN RIVERSIDE, ALL THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL THE WORLD . . . GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU TELL THE WORLD ABOUT JESUS.

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Prayer

CUE SONG - TELL THE WORLD