

"BOOT CAMP"

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Synopsis

A group of teenage boys have enrolled in the "Army for the Lord" and this is their first day of boot camp. The Drill Sergeant is determined to turn these silly boys into effective soldiers for the Lord, but he has some work to do.

Scripture(s)

Ephesians 6:12
1 John 2:16

Ministry Lesson

As Christians, we are in a spiritual warfare, therefore we must be trained and fit for battle. In addition we must learn to control our sin nature; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life.

Ministry Focus

Christian Growth

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Drill Sergeant	- Adult male	(intimidating)
Corporal	- Adult male	(serious)
Boy 1	- Teenager	(likes the girls)
Boy 2	- Teenager	(shy and nervous)
Boy 3	- Teenager	(cool and relax)

Props

Gold chain and jewelry
Whistle
Note board

Costumes

Sergeant and Corporal are dressed in Army clothing
All others in normal street wear

Time 6 min.

Note: This sketch contains several slang terms used by urban youth. These words may be updated since slang terminology changes over time. Definitions follow

Honeys	- Females
Shorties	- Cute young girls
Yo	- Male acquaintance or friend
Hooked Up	- To look good, to take care of
Dumb	- Not acceptable
Mad Bangin'	- Really cool, looks good
Clown	- A bad dresser
Pumped	- To become excited

Feel free to change any words to what's most appropriate.

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EXT. FIELD

CORPORAL JOGS ON STAGE LEADING A GROUP OF THREE BOYS.

CORPORAL

(Blows whistle) Okay soldiers, line up!

THE BOYS LINE UP - CENTER STAGE. CORPORAL - STAGE RIGHT.

SERGEANT ENTERS - STAGE RIGHT

CORPORAL (CONT'D)

(Salutes) Atten-hutt

SERGEANT RETURNS SALUTE TO CORPORAL. HE WALKS THE LINE. HE STOPS AT EACH BOY TO EXAMINE HIM IN DETAIL. AT THE END OF THE LINE HE TURNS ABOUT-FACE.

SERGEANT

My name is Sergeant Wholly, W-H-O-L-L-Y.

When you speak you will begin with Sir, followed by Sergeant, and my name. You will end your address with Sir again.

Is that clear?

ALL SAY "YES SIR, SERGEANT WHOLLY SIR",

SERGEANT (CONT'D)

As of today, you have enlisted in God's Army. Now, it is my duty to turn you faithless sinners into warriors for the Lord. Strong in faith and prayer. *(He walks the line)*. Today you are worthless and weak. *(Jumps in the face of one boy)* You don't have enough faith to pray over my dying plant. But that will change! You will break the chain of sin around you.

BOY 1

(Looks at chain around his neck) Hey man, this is 14 carat gold.

SERGEANT

(Jumps in boy's face) Did I ask you to speak boy?

BOY 1

Naw Yo. I...I mean Sergeant Wholly Yo.

SERGEANT

What's your name boy?

BOY 1

[states his real name]

SERGEANT

Why did you join God's army boy?

BOY 1

(excited)

Well, a couple of girls from my school go to this church. I mean, don't get me wrong. I was going to accept the Lord anyway, so I might as well stop at the land of milk and honey. Ya' know what I mean?

THE BOYS SHARE A HIGH-FIVE

SERGEANT

The church is not a social club for you to pick up dates. As soldiers of the Lord, you must renew your mind. You must replace the lust in your eye with love in your heart. Is that clear?

ALL SAY "YES SIR, SERGEANT WHOLLY SIR"

SERGEANT (CONT'D)

You will become men of worship and war.
God is looking for a few good men.

THE BOYS TURN AROUND LOOKING FOR THE MEN.

SERGEANT (CONT'D)

(shouting)

Hey, I'm talking about you!

THEY STOP LOOKING AROUND AND TRY TO STRAIGHTEN UP.

SERGEANT

(Runs over to next boy) You eye-ballin'
me Boy?

BOY 2

No Sir, Sergeant Wholliness Sir

SERGEANT

What's your name Boy?

BOY 2

[states his real name]

SERGEANT

What did you join God's army for Boy.
To chase "little girls" like this
(pointing to Boy 1) no-good sinner?

BOY 2

(nervous)

No, Sir, Your Royalness, Sir.

I...I need a blessing, Sir.

SERGEANT

What did you say, Boy?

BOY 2

Well, school is about to start and I
need to get fresh this year. Last year,
I looked stupid.

I mean, all my boys had on Sean John, Dickee, and Phat Farm. It's not all about the Shorties, you know, but you gotta' be fresh. I looked so bad last year some girls called me a clown.

SERGEANT

Don't you know that God does not judge your outward appearance. He looks in your heart. (*speaking to all*) You must rise above your lust for the things of this world. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness then God will give you the desires of your heart.

BOY 3 STARTS TO GIGGLE

SERGEANT (CONT'D)

(*Within inches of his face*) Is something funny Boy?

BOY 3

No, Sir, Sergeant Wholly, Sir. Look, I can appreciate where the brothers are comin' from. I was there once. But now that I've been drafted by the [name of favorite sports team] I got everything under control.

THE OTHER BOYS FINALLY RECOGNIZE BOY 3. THEY GET EXCITED AND ASK FOR HIS AUTOGRAPH.

SERGEANT

(sternly)

Get back in line. (*to Boy 3*) So, you're a [name of sport] star.

BOY 3

(cool and confident)

That's right! I'm the best [sports player] in the league. I'm going all the way to the top.

SERGEANT

So you think you can lead others to Christ?

BOY 3

(confident)

I got a lot of fans and they follow me everywhere. *(looking around)* I mean, this looks like a nice "little" church, but I can help pull in more members.

THE OTHER BOYS EXPRESS THEIR AGREEMENT.

SERGEANT

Recite the Lord's Prayer, Boy. Go ahead, recite the Lord's Prayer!

OTHER BOYS BOW THEIR HEADS AND OCCASIONALLY AD-LIB A PRAISE (AFTER EACH UNDERLINED MISTAKE) IN THE PRAYER.

BOY 3

(Feels the pressure, unsure, looks around) Err.... Our Father... up in heaven. How long is thy name? Thy Kingdom come, on earth like there is in Heaven. Give us this day, a... slice of bread. And forgive us our debts because we don't have money to give. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Egypt, for thou needs a Kingdom on earth as well as in Heaven, (all Boys say) Amen.

SERGEANT

(Shocked)

The bible says to 'divide' the Word, not
butcher it up. Everybody, drop down and
give me 10.

BOYS BEGIN PUSH UPS.

- End of Preview -

These boys have a lot to learn. We all do. There's a strong
ministry message at the end for youth as well as adults.
