

“FOOTBALL CHRISTIAN”

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Synopsis

Jack is so consumed by the football game he fails to notice that Jesus is actually speaking to him. Jesus uses the sport of football as an analogy to explain the role of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our life today. This is a great sketch to perform during the football season.

Scripture

Matthew 6:21

Ministry Lesson

A treasure is not always represented in monetary form. We can treasure our homes, cars, position, jobs, and our hobbies. We should not love/treasure anything more than we love God, even sports.

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Jesus
Jack
Wife
Daughter (late teens)

Props

Chair (lounge chair preferably)
TV Remote
Bible
Choir Robe

Time: 7 mins.

Sound Effect

Football game action/commentator

Costumes

Jesus - biblical clothing, sandals
Jack - a football jersey or sweatshirt
Wife - dressed up for church
Daughter - everyday wear

FOOTBALL CHRISTIAN

INTERIOR - FAMILY ROOM - SUNDAY MORNING

JACK (FATHER) IS SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TV, CLICKING THE REMOTE TO FIND A FOOTBALL GAME.

SOUND EFFECT OF PRE-RECORDED FOOTBALL GAME

WIFE ENTERS. SHE IS CARRYING A CHOIR ROBE OVER HER ARM.

WIFE

Jack, can you turn that down, you're at home not at the stadium.

JACK POINTS TV REMOTE, TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME. (RECORDED SOUND IS DOWN)

WIFE

Honey, do you think these shoes match this dress? I was wondering if I should wear my brown shoes instead.

JACK IS GLUED TO THE TV. WIFE POSITIONS HERSELF IN FRONT OF THE TV TO GET JACK'S ATTENTION.

JACK

(Jumps up to see the game) Hey, you're blocking the TV!

WIFE

I asked if you think these shoes match my dress?

JACK

(Unconcerned)

What difference does it make, you'll be wearing the choir robe anyhow. Now can I please watch the game in peace?

(Disgusted) **WIFE**
You and your football games. *(Moves away from TV)*

DAUGHTER ENTERS

DAUGHTER
(to mother) I see Dad has the football game on. *(Approaches Jack, speaking sweetly)*. Hi Dad, can I borrow your new car and go shopping today? *(Jingles car keys in front of Jack)*.

JACK
(Transfixed on game) Uh... yeah, sure baby, whatever.

DAUGHTER
Oh and Dad, can I used your ATM card to buy a few things?

JACK
(Hands daughter his wallet) Yeah, yeah, sure, sure.

DAUGHTER
Thanks Dad, you're the greatest.

WIFE
You need to stop taking advantage of your father like that. You know he's in a coma when the game is on.

DAUGHTER
What better time...before he recovers.
See ya' later.

WIFE
Jack, this is Family & Friends Day at the church. Why don't you come with me?

You'll enjoy the service. (No answer)
JACK!

JACK

Not now! Can't you see the football
game is on?

WIFE

Some things are more important than
football. You sit there glued to that
TV every Sunday. You wouldn't know if
the Lord sat down right beside you.

JACK

C'mon honey, stop moving around. You're
messin' up the reception.

WIFE STORMS OUT - DISGUSTED.

JACK CHANGES STATION WITH TV REMOTE TO SEE THE SCORE OF
OTHER GAMES. ADLIBS A FEW TEAM NAMES, SCORES, AND PLAYER
COMMENTS.

SOUND EFFECT - FOOTBALL GAME FADE UP.

JESUS ENTERS

JESUS

What are you watching Jack?

SOUND EFFECT - FOOTBALL GAME FADE DOWN.

JACK

Hey, how did you get in here?

JESUS

Well, I...

JACK

Did my wife leave the front door open
again. (*Disgusted*) Women. You can't
live with them and you can't live
without them, but I love her anyhow.

JESUS

We must love one another.

JACK

Yeah, I guess you're right. So you must be the new guy from upstairs.

JESUS

I guess you could say that.

JACK

So many people move in and out of this apartment building I can't keep track of them. *(Back to TV)* All right, the game is about to start! Since you're here, you might as well pop a squat *(Slaps the seat of the chair next to him)*.

JESUS

(Curious)

Pop a squat? I guess I can do that.
(Sits down)

JACK

(Notices Jesus' clothing) You too huh? Jumped up out of bed, blanket and all, when you heard the game on the TV. I feel the same way. I never miss a Sunday football game. *(Laughing)* In fact, my wife was trying to get me to go to church today. Can you believe it?

JESUS

Your wife is simply stressing that which she feels should be a priority for you.

JACK

Well, football is a priority for me on Sundays, and again on Monday nights.

Tuesdays I go bowling; I play
basketball on Wednesdays and racket ball
on Thursdays. I normally settle in on
Fridays and watch boxing on cable.
Then I play a couple holes of golf on
Saturdays. *(Takes an swing).*

JESUS

Seems like your life is pretty much
centered around yourself. Is that why
you were watching the game alone?

JACK

Me, alone? I have friends coming out
of the woodwork. I just didn't feel
like being bothered with them. You know
how people can be sometimes.

JESUS

Yes I do, that's why I'm here.

JACK GETS INTO THE GAME

JACK

Okay here's the kick-off. *(Stress
builds)* All right get 'em...get 'em...
Grab his legs you ...Oh no, don't let him
run it back! *(Deflated)* touchdown.
(Disgusted) I really hope the{or your
favorite football team} don't lose this
game.

JESUS

You really take this game very serious.

JACK

As serious as a heart attack.

JESUS

What if you should die, of that heart
attack, where would your soul go?

JACK

Come on buddy. I just got rid of my
wife, don't you start on me. Every
Sunday, my wife nags me and nags me
about going to church. When did it
become a sin to watch a little football?

JESUS

Watching football is not a sin. Loving
football more than you love God is.

JACK WATCHES THE TV INTENSELY.

JACK

Okay, here's the return kick-off...

- End of Preview -

It's going to take a little more convincing for Jesus to get
Jack's attention, but He does. In the end, Jack learns that
there's much more to life than football.
