

# “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...

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- 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.

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