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## FACEMASK

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A couple of coaches who decide they no longer have to teach abstinence (because it doesn't seem to make a difference) decide to loosen the rules on a football game as well, since no one's going to obey them anyway.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** To make this sketch really work, the reality of an off-stage football practice needs to be there. The difficulty will be in having your two actors talk to each other and watch the practice, occasionally yelling to offstage players. You will need to be very clear about when Gabbard and Knight look at each other, and when one or both of them is reacting to the offstage practice. Mark those places in your script and anticipate their lines to the offstage players.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3

**TOPIC:** Sin, Youth, Abstinence

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Romans 1:18-32

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Service, Sermon Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

GABBARD AND KNIGHT – football coaches

KLINGER – a linebacker

**PROPS:** A newspaper, a whistle

**COSTUMES:** Coaches uniforms and a football uniform

**SOUND:** Three wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A football field

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*Coaches GABBARD and KNIGHT stand on the sidelines of a football field. KNIGHT is reading the paper. GABBARD is watching practice.*

**GABBARD:** *(Blows whistle)* Come on, you maggots! What's wrong with you? You hit like that on Friday and you're going to get killed out there! Let's go!

**KNIGHT:** Take a look at this, Gabbard. "Study shows students who make abstinence pledge no less likely to have sex."

**GABBARD:** You don't say?

**KNIGHT:** Like I needed a study to tell me that. Working with teens year in year out, I coulda told you that.

**GABBARD:** Told me what?

**KNIGHT:** Kids are gonna have sex no matter what you tell 'em.

**GABBARD:** Malcolm! Where's your man? You stick to him like glue, you hear me?

**KNIGHT:** All these holier-than-thou types keep insisting we teach abstinence. Maybe this'll shut them up.

**GABBARD:** Shut who up?

**KNIGHT:** The Christians; the right wing do-gooders who think we're still living in the 50's and insist we teach abstinence. Maybe now they'll shut up and let us give out condoms.

**GABBARD:** Duggins! Keep your head up!

**KNIGHT:** Yes, sir, this is gonna make teaching health class a whole lot easier.

**GABBARD:** What is?

**KNIGHT:** Safe sex, Gabbard. The kids are gonna do it, so why keep pretending they're gonna listen when we say don't have sex?

**GABBARD:** It's the only way to avoid disease and teen pregnancy, not to mention the emotional harm.

**KNIGHT:** If we give 'em protection and counseling they'll be fine.

**GABBARD:** I suppose you're right. Why try to teach them rules when they're just going to break them?

**KNIGHT:** Exactly.