

MUSTARD

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GENRE:
COMEDY

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

THEME: Faith; Spreading the Gospel

SYNOPSIS:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 17:20

A YOUNG MAN MISTAKENLY BELIEVES THAT A BOTTLE OF MUSTARD WILL ALLOW HIM TO DO MIRACLES.

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Services; Sermon Illustration

CHARACTERS:

GEORGE -- a misguided mustard lover
JEREMY and KRYSTAL -- Christian friends

PROPS: Bible, grocery bag, mustard

COSTUMES: Each player is dressed as near to his/her Peanuts character as possible

SOUND: Three wireless mics

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Outdoors, near a mountain

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Let the actor playing George go overboard with the physical comedy. Lots of room for good humor in this script.

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GEORGE walks on stage carrying a Bible and a grocery bag. He sets the grocery bag down and pulls out a squeeze bottle of mustard. He opens it, takes a deep breath, and then squirts some in his mouth. He then extends his hand out over the audience toward an imaginary mountain and strains, as if trying to move the mountain with super powers. He strains and tries a few times, then stops to catch his breath. He sips some more mustard. He tries again. JEREMY and KRYSTAL walk on stage and see him doing this.

KRYSTAL: Hey, George. What's up?

GEORGE: Not now Krystal! You'll break my concentration!

JEREMY: Practicing your Jedi mind tricks again?

GEORGE: Jedi? Mind tricks? Ha. Don't bother me with this child's play.

JEREMY: Then what are you doing?

GEORGE: See that mountain over there?

JEREMY: Yes.

GEORGE: I'm gonna move it.

JEREMY: And how are you gonna do that?

GEORGE: With this!

GEORGE shows them the mustard.

KRYSTAL: With mustard?

GEORGE: That's right, Krystal. With mustard.

KRYSTAL: How is mustard going to move that mountain?