

ALLEGORY BURGER

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A pushy burger salesman tries to sell a burger to a man who only wants a drink.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: One common pitfall with short sketches is that actors can easily keep their entire performance on one note, with very little variety physically or vocally. Some helpful hints to avoid this: mark beats in your script, give each actor physical movements to reflect the actions of the beat, make sure there is a build to the climax of the scene, and encourage your actors to use vocal variety to reflect their beats.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Evangelism

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Peter 3:15, James 2:15-16

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Missions or Evangelism training

CHARACTERS:

KEN – a thirsty man

BILLY – a pushy burger believer

SAMANTHA – a corndog vendor (optional)

PROPS: A counter and a large sign with a big burger on it.

COSTUMES: Fast food employee uniforms for Billy and Samantha

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A burger shop

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BILLY stands behind a counter. If possible, have a LARGE sign with a LARGE burger behind him. KEN enters.

BILLY: Hello, sir, and welcome to Allegory Burger. How may I serve you today?

KEN: I just need a Coke, please.

BILLY: Is that all, sir?

KEN: Yeah.

BILLY: Sir, I hear you say you only need a Coke, but I think you something need more.

KEN: No, a Coke will be all.

BILLY: Are you really, really sure that's all you need?

KEN: Well, I could use a straw.

BILLY: Let me ask you a question, sir. Why settle for soda, when you can have some meat?

KEN: Well, I'm not really hungry.

BILLY: Of course you are!

KEN: Am I?

BILLY: Sir, everyone in their heart of hearts, has a hunger. A hunger that only Allegory Burger can satisfy.

KEN: Wouldn't that be in my stomach?

BILLY: Sir, I know what you need! You need the Allegory Burger special!

KEN: No, I don't.

BILLY: You do, sir! An all-beef allegory burger topped with special sauce, lettuce, cheese, tomato, onions, bacon, and two thinly sliced Pol-ski-wy-rob pickles!

KEN: What?

BILLY: Look unto that menu board, sir! Do you see the Allegory Burger?

KEN: Yes.

BILLY: Don't you hear it calling your name?