

BALLOONS *by A.C. Williams*

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Bob loves balloons. So when he sees a big bouquet of them, he can't help but be drawn to them—even though there's a big note on them that says "Don't Touch Yet" signed by God.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: When Bob is playing with the balloons, he needs to be like a little kid. The crazier it is, the funnier it will be.

TIME: 6 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M (or 1F and 1M)

THEME: Repentance, Sin, Consequences

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 26:11

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon starter

CHARACTERS:

BOB

GOD

PROPS: Vase with a bunch of balloons, a giant sign with huge lettering that reads "Don't Touch Yet. Love, God"

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up. There is a large vase with a bundle of balloons tied to it, sitting on a stool or a chair or a table at center stage. Attached to the vase is a huge sign with lettering that reads, "Don't Touch Yet. Love, God." BOB enters and walks past the balloons whistling, but he stops when he passes them and turns back, staring with mouth open and eyes wide. He needs to revert to a child-like state almost, jumping up and down and pointing and shouting.

BOB: Balloons! Balloons! *(Runs to the balloon bouquet)* I love balloons! *(BOB stops short when he sees the sign.)* What's this? *(Picks up sign)* "Don't touch yet"? Signed by God? What? *(Sad)* All these beautiful balloons and I can't touch them? *(Replaces the sign)* But—balloons!! *(Whining)*

BOB looks both ways across stage sneakily.

BOB: I'm sure—I'm just positive He won't mind!

BOB grabs at the balloons and punches them like punching bags. He can grab them and rub them on his head to make a static charge. He needs to look like a child having the best time of his life. Then, BOB accidentally pops one of the balloons.

BOB reacts with fright and backs away.

GOD: *(With amplified voice?)* Bob! Was that a balloon popping?

BOB drops to his knees shivering as GOD enters with arms crossed.

BOB: God! I'm really really sorry! I just—I really love balloons—and I saw them and I knew it was wrong, but I did it anyway! I'm sorry!

GOD: *(Patiently)* Bob, you saw the sign?

BOB: Yes, God!

GOD: And you still touched them?

BOB: Yes, God, and I'm really sorry! I won't ever do it again! I promise!

GOD: All right, then. *(Smiles)* Stand up, Bob. I forgive you.

BOB: *(On his feet)* Thank you, God! Thank you!