DRAMA Ministry

DANGEROUS by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: A tale of two Bibles, kept in hiding. One misses the old days when they were hardly used and kept on a shelf. The other explains that the times they live in now are what God intended, when people clung to the word of God.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Lighting and staging should be very small and tight, to give the impression of a very small secretive hiding place. The author gives you the choice here of having the actors dress in solid-colored clothing (each actor in a different color) or having them wear cardboard "books." If you choose the solid-color route, you might want to tape signs to their chests that say who they are. If the audience doesn't catch on right away that these characters are personifications of Bibles, they'll be lost for the whole script and miss the message.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 119:11

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

HOLLY and BOOK - Bibles

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Two adult-sized Bible costumes.

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A hiding place in a house

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HOLLY and BOOK enter. They move to a spotlight at center stage.

HOLLY: What's happening? Are they back?

BOOK: Shhh, will you be quiet?

HOLLY: They're here, aren't they? They're looking for us.

BOOK: Relax. The Miltons will take care of this. Ten, twenty minutes and we'll be back where we belong.

HOLLY: Huh. If only.

BOOK: Mr. Milton won't let them take us. I promise.

HOLLY: Oh, look at you. You've got dog-ears again.

BOOK: Hey, don't take them out. Mr. Milton needs those.

HOLLY: They make you look scruffy. How's your spine?

BOOK: A little stretched, but okay.

HOLLY: I sure miss the old days.

BOOK: You what?

HOLLY: Don't you? Back then we didn't have to worry about hiding. I laid around on the nightstand six days a week. You sat on the coffee table. They dusted us and cleaned us out. No one ever marked us up. Now look at us!

BOOK: They're reading us, Holly. That's why we're here.

HOLLY: And at the rate we're going, we won't last another year.

BOOK: We have to.

HOLLY: Why?

BOOK: Because they can't get any more. We've been banned, remember?

HOLLY: I don't understand. What did we ever do?

BOOK: Nothing.

HOLLY: When have we done anything other than sharing love and truth?

BOOK: It's not about us, Holly. It's them.