

GAME DAY

by TIM BASS

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: At first look, it would appear from their enthusiasm and demeanor that June, Ben, Jerry and Betty are at a sporting event – they are that passionate about whatever it is they are attending. It isn't until the end of the sketch that we discover they are actually at a worship service. (Note: This sketch is about worship attitudes, not worship behavior.)

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The key to this highly comic script is making the audience think these four characters are at a sporting event. The clincher is when we discover that they're actually at a worship service and have as much enthusiasm for praising their Lord as most people have for cheering on their favorite sports team. Play it over the top so your audience understands you're not telling them they can praise God only with fancy high-fives and foam #1 fingers.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Worship

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Chronicles 16:35-37, Romans 15:1-12

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Bible Study

CHARACTERS:

June - A worshiper; Ben's wife

Ben - A worshiper; June's husband

Jerry - A worshiper; Ben and June's friend; Betty's husband

Betty - A worshiper; Ben and June's friend; Jerry's wife

PROPS: 1) Four chairs

2) Large foam #1 finger, like those used at sporting events (optional)

COSTUMES: Casual clothing for all; Ben wears a baseball cap; Jerry wears a football jersey

SOUND: Four wireless mikes

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A casual worship setting (shouldn't be obvious that it's worship)

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Lights up on four chairs downstage, arranged side by side. In the chair farthest right sits JUNE. To her immediate left sits BEN, who is dressed casually and wears a baseball cap. BEN is looking around as if trying to locate someone.

BEN: Where are those guys? They should have been here by now.

JUNE: Don't worry, honey. They'll be here. You know how Jerry is — he's just like you. He never misses the opening minutes of anything.

BEN: Yeah, yeah, I know. It's just that — oh! There he is!

JERRY ENTERS. He is dressed casually and wears a football jersey. He sits next to BEN.

BEN: *(High-fiving JERRY)* What's up, ol' buddy? Thought you'd never make it!

JERRY: Oh, man. Traffic's a bear. Where'd you guys park?

BEN: Way out there, man. We just got here real early.

JUNE: Where's Betty?

JERRY: She's trying to park the car. She'll be here in a minute. *(To BEN)* You ready for this, pal?

BEN: Oh, man, I've been waitin' all week!

JERRY: Me, too! Ooh! Here we go!

They sit transfixed on the happenings in front of them.

JERRY: *(High-fiving BEN)* All right!

BEN: Yesssssss!

JERRY: It don't get any better than that, man!

JUNE: *(Jokingly)* Now, children ...

BEN and JERRY both leap from their seats.

BEN: *(Throwing up both hands)* Double fives!

BEN and JERRY do a double high-five.

JERRY: *(Dropping his hands low)* On the low side!

BEN and JERRY slap hands low.