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## **TEMPTATION 101**

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Comedy/Light Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A demon in training gets a lesson on tempting believers.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Take care to keep Tom and Krissy completely oblivious to the demons for maximum effect. TIME: Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN: 2** 

**TOPIC:** Temptation, Pride

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Ephesians 6:12, Proverbs 16:18, 1 Corinthi-

ans 10:12

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any** 

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Sermon Starter

**CHARACTERS:** 

Killjoy--a demon teacher Squirm, Leech, Grub--demon students Tom and Krissy--simulated humans

PROPS: Backpack, Bible, sandwich

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary

**SOUND:** Four wireless mics, if desired

LIGHTING: General

**SETTING:** A high school cafeteria (it's actually a set in a simulation

room, but the audience won't know that yet)

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TOM enters and sits. He is followed by SQUIRM.

**SQUIRM:** Hey there. Another bad morning, huh? You said the wrong thing to Kelly, you got a C- on your English quiz, and Laura intercepted that note you wrote about how annoying her late night phone calls can be. Face it, life's going down the drain. You're in a funk. You're a loser. And there's nothing you can do to change that. No one to make you feel better. Nothing you can do to—

TOM pulls his Bible out of his backpack.

No, don't do that. No. No!! Anything but that! You put that Bible away, or-

TOM opens the Bible.

Aw, man, stop reading the Bible! Stop it! You hear me? Please?

A bell rings. KILLJOY enters with the other demon students. TOM freezes.

KILLJOY: Okay, Squirm, that's enough.

**SQUIRM:** Just another few seconds, professor. I almost had him.

**KILLJOY:** Another few seconds, he'd have been on the mission field. Back over there with your classmates.

**SQUIRM:** I'm sorry, sir.

**KILLIOY:** It's a common mistake, Squirm. Half your classmates made the same error. You see a Christian reach for their Bibles, and you go into panic mode.

**LEECH:** But how are we supposed to stop them once they get there?

**KILLIOY:** Hey, you stop them before they get there. Squirm here came on much too hard with that loser talk. Might as well take the kid by the hand and lead him straight to church if you're going to talk like that.

**SQUIRM:** Really?

**KILLIOY:** (Sighs) How many times do I have to tell you? No direct confrontation! Come at them from the side. Sideways attacks keep the Bible in the bag. Sideways attacks will keep this kid from acting on what he reads.

**GRUB:** Yeah, right.

KILLJOY: You don't believe me? Watch and learn. Start it up, Howie!

TOM starts moving again.