

THE NEWLY SAVED GAME

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Two Christians appear on a game show with Jesus hoping to show how well they know him, only to come up VERY short.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Go as far as your stage and tech limitations will let you on the game show atmosphere. Draw the audience into it and it will make it more memorable.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F

THEME: Christian Living; Discipleship

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 7:21-23

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Illustration

CHARACTERS:

Bob—the game show host

Dave—a prideful believer

Kelly—an ignorant but humble believer

Jesus

PROPS: Three chairs, a podium, poster signs as described in the script

COSTUMES: Suit for Bob, biblical costume for Jesus, nice clothes for Dave and Kelly.

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A game show set

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BOB: Hello, everyone, and welcome back to the Newly Saved Game! Now that our contestants have written down their answers to today's questions, let's bring out their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

JESUS enters and sits between DAVE and KELLY.

BOB: And here's how we play. We'll ask the Lord to answer the same questions our contestants just answered. Then we'll see what answers our contestants gave and learn just which one of these two knows their Lord and Savior best. At the end of the round, our audience will get to vote on which contestant they think is a long time believer, and which one is Newly Saved. Kelly, are you ready?

KELLY: *(confident)* Yes I am!

BOB: Dave, are you ready?

DAVE: *(very cocky)* I am. And may I just say, it's really an honor to be sitting here next to the big guy himself.

BOB: Okay, brown nose. Question number one: when should God's people pray?

JESUS: Prayer is communication with the Father. My Father wants all of his children to have an intimate relationship with him. Therefore, you should pray constantly.

BOB: Pray constantly. Kelly, let's see what you answered.

KELLY holds up a sign that says, "When I'm in trouble."

Kelly said she should pray when she's in trouble.

A horn sounds.

Oh, I am sorry, Kelly. No points for that. Let's see if Dave has a better answer.

DAVE holds up a sign that says, "When I want something."

Dave said, when I want something.

DAVE: If I may say something here. Praying constantly means we should also be praying when we want something, so technically, I am right.

The horn sounds.

BOB: No you are not. No points awarded to either contestant as we go to question number two. The question is, what is the most important commandment?

JESUS: Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. And love your neighbor as