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THE S.A. TEASE

by Christina Morales

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A student taking the SATs is surprised to find that each of the questions is centered around spiritual issues--and can't always be answered with "multiple choice."

DIRECTOR'S TIP: It might be helpful to have a couple of other nonspeaking "students" also on stage at desks, to complete the illusion of a formalized test in progress.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Youth, Spirituality

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: James 1:2

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Sermon Introduction

CHARACTERS:

TESTING ADMINISTRATOR

STUDENT

PROPS: Booklet for administrator; test booklet and pencil for student

COSTUMES: Modern dress (professional for administrator)

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A classroom

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STUDENT is at desk. ADMINISTRATOR is at front of classroom.

ADMINISTRATOR: Welcome to the SATs. I know that you are all nervous, but I'm sure you will do just fine. Please take out a number 2 pencil and fill in the bubbles fully. If you do not know an answer, keep it blank and return to it when you have finished the section. You may review the section you have just worked on, but you may not move ahead. You may begin.

Moves off to one side and watches students.

STUDENT: (*Speaking to himself*) Question number one: You get laid off from work and can no longer pay your house payment. God is:

- A) testing you.
- B) going to perform a miracle.
- C) punishing you.
- D) All of the above.

Gee, I don't know. I'll skip that one and get back to it.

Question two: You have had diabetes for ten years. You need:

- A) more faith.
- B) to pray more.
- C) to help others in the same situation.
- D) all of the above. (*Annoyed and questioning*) What kind of test is this?

Raises hand and ADMINISTRATOR comes over.

ADMINISTRATOR: Yes, may I help you?

STUDENT: I think I got the wrong test. We didn't learn any of this in school.

ADMINISTRATOR: No, this is the right test. This is the SAT: The Spiritual Analysis Test.

STUDENT: The Spiritual Analysis Test?

ADMINISTRATOR: We want to see how God is working in your life, especially during tough times.

STUDENT: Then there are no right answers on this test. God does different things for different reasons. We can't guess why we go through trials.

ADMINISTRATOR: Then what's the point of going through trials?