

THE SCARY MONKEYS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A commercial for a new product that makes it easier to flee temptation.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The timing is important to build comic intensity, so keep the pace moving and be sure the sound technician is quick with the monkey cues!

TIME: 3 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

THEME: Temptation

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I Corinthians 10:13

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Youth services; sermon illustration

CHARACTERS:

BLADE - A real troublemaker

CHARLIE - A kid who wants to do good

AMBER - A kid hosting the commercial

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired; SFX: scary monkeys, chain-saw

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up. Blade enters, stage left. Charlie enters, stage right.

BLADE: Hey, Charlie, a bunch of us guys are going to go shoplifting. You wanna come?

CHARLIE: Shoplifting? But that's illegal!

BLADE: Come on, Charlie, you want to fit in, don't you?

CHARLIE: Yes. But I don't want to go to jail.

BLADE: The only way you go to jail is if you get caught - or you rat on us! Come on, Charlie, what do you say?

CHARLIE: Golly. I want to fit in, but I don't want to get in trouble. And stealing is a sin. Why oh why am I so tempted to do it? I wish I had more will power.

Amber enters from stage left.

AMBER: Hey kids, having trouble with temptation? You don't need more will power. What you need is something that will get you out of that tempting situation just as fast as possible. You need something to make you FLEE temptation. You need the Scary Monkeys.

Sound effect of some terrifyingly scary monkeys.

BLADE: What's that noise?

CHARLIE: It's the scary monkeys! Run!!!

Charlie and Blade run off stage right.

AMBER: See how powerful and effective the Scary Monkeys are? Scary Monkeys are the perfect solution to resisting peer pressure and escaping temptation. The Scary Monkeys will keep you from stealing.

Play the monkey sounds. Charlie and Blade run from stage right to stage left, screaming in terror.

Cheating in school.

Play the monkey sounds. Charlie and Blade run from stage left to stage right, screaming in terror.

Trying drugs and alcohol.

Play the monkey sounds. Charlie and Blade run from stage right to stage left, screaming in terror.