

## BACK TO REALITY

by DIANNE MUELLER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** While eating dinner, a family discusses the youth mission trip from which the kids just returned.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Don't give in to the temptation to play Zoe and Danny as spoiled brats. They aren't. They are regular kids who took a week out of their lives to serve others. Danny got more out of the experience than his sister, but even he is now back to his own reality and isn't letting the lessons he learned about serving others affect his "normal" life. Play these characters as real, flawed people.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2F, 2M

**TOPIC:** Serving

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Luke 9:48; Matthew 23:11; Luke 22: 24-30

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon starter; youth message

**CHARACTERS:**

**MOM:** she does a lot for her family and is trying to raise kids who care about others

**DAD:** the head of the household; doesn't want his kids to be spoiled

**ZOE:** teenaged girl; didn't quite grasp the point of serving other

**DANNY:** teenaged boy; came closer to understanding the point of serving others than his sister, but the message didn't really sink in

**PROPS:** Lounging chairs, table, table setting, some food, dessert, milk jug, rolls, extra napkins, cell phones, portable video game (optional).

**COSTUMES:** Everyday clothes

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Living room and dinner table

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*ZOE and DANNY are lounging in chairs or on floor relaxing, watching TV, or playing on phones. MOM is setting the table.*

**DAD:** Hey kids, what are you doing?

**ZOE:** Just veggin’.

**DANNY:** Yeah, I am completely exhausted. I could probably sleep for a week.

**MOM:** Hey everyone, it’s time for dinner.

*Kids jump up, showing they are not as tired as they profess, and ZOE, DANNY, and DAD sit at the table. MOM stands, admiring her family.*

**MOM:** It is so nice to have everyone home for dinner tonight.

**DAD:** So, how was the youth mission trip?

**ZOE:** It was awesome.

*MOM sits down.*

**MOM:** Oops. I forgot the rolls. I’ll be right back.

*MOM gets back up and goes to kitchen to get rolls.*

**DANNY:** Yeah, we got to work in this homeless shelter. There were actually a lot of kids there, which surprised me. A group of us played games with them.

**DAD:** Oh yeah, what kind of games?

**DANNY:** Well, they didn’t have any balls or anything, so we got an old can and started kicking that around. It was fun. After a little while, I remembered that I had my football in the van, so I went and got it. Then we kinda played football.

*MOM walks back in with rolls.*

**DAD:** What do you mean kinda?

**DANNY:** Well, you know, as much as you can in the middle of a street. There weren’t any fields or yards to play in. I felt bad for them, so when we left, I gave this one boy my football.

**DAD:** *That was really thoughtful.*

**DANNY:** Well, I just thought, they don’t have anything to throw around, so maybe they would like to have my ball to play with when we’re gone. Who knows? Maybe they’ll remember us, too.