

CATCH 'EM AND CLEAN 'EM

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Two people “fishing for men” learn that there is no “catch” too unclean for Jesus.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Evangelism

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 4:18-20

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Illustration, Evangelism Training

CHARACTERS:

COLBY & KATE: Christians

JESUS

PROPS: Two curtains, fishing poles, dolls and action figures

COSTUMES: Fishermen's outfits

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A pond

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Two curtains are on stage, one in front of another. A stagehand with a selection of dolls, action figures, etc. A small step/platform is behind the second curtain. COLBY and KATE enter carrying fishing lines. They stand on the platform and begin fishing, facing the audience, between the curtains.

KATE: Colby?

COLBY: What?

KATE: Are we being too literal?

COLBY: No, you fool, we were told to be fishers of men, so we're fishing for men.

KATE: Oh.

COLBY: Yeah.

KATE: But Colby?

COLBY: What now?

KATE: Can we really call it fishing? I mean, you fish for fish. So wouldn't this be like ... manning?

COLBY: Just keep fishing.

KATE: You mean manning.

COLBY: Whatever.

They resume their fishing. COLBY's line gets a tug.

COLBY: Hey, hey, I got one!

KATE: Pull it in!

COLBY lifts his line, seeing a doll attached to it.

KATE: Wow, that one's a beaut!

COLBY: Are you nuts? We don't want that one!

KATE: Why not?

COLBY: Are you kidding? Just look at her.

KATE: *(Looks closer)* Yeah? So?