

ERIC LOSES IT ALL

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Eric finds it harder and harder to praise God as he loses every animal he loves in his life.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The humor in this skit comes from repetition. Lisa and Eric's interactions should be played the same way every time, with Lisa wailing and howling and Eric slowly burning to a breaking point.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

TOPIC: Praising God when things go wrong

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Job 1

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Kids' ministry

CHARACTERS:

ERIC - a Christian boy

LISA - Eric's overly dramatic sister

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Kids clothes

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired;

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A kids' bedroom

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Eric enters. He gets on his knees at center and prays.

ERIC: Lord, thank you for this day. Thank you for loving me, and thank you for giving me your Word to help me live my life. Thank you for all the blessings you've given me. I praise you because you are God. I am so thankful for everything you have given me.

Lisa enters.

LISA: Oh my goodness, oh my goodness, Eric, your goldfish is dead!

ERIC: My goldfish? What happened to my goldfish?

LISA: The cat ate him! Oh my goodness, oh my goodness!

Lisa exits. Eric is sad.

ERIC: No! Not my goldfish! Not my little Goldie! (*prays*) Lord, thank you for the nine months I got to enjoy Goldie. Thank you for fish tanks and fishy friends. Even though I am sad, I will still praise you.

Lisa enters.

LISA: Oh my goodness, oh my goodness, Eric, your cat is dead!

ERIC: My cat? What happened to my cat?

LISA: He choked on the goldfish! Oh my goodness, oh my goodness!

Lisa exits. Eric is a little sadder.

ERIC: No! Not my kitty! Not my little Mr. Belvedere! He was so soft and fuzzy and sweet. I can't believe this happened! (*prays*) Lord, thank you for Mr. Belvedere. Thank you for five long years of kitty friendship. I'm sure going to miss him. Even though I am sad, I will still praise you.

Lisa enters.

LISA: Oh my goodness, oh my goodness, Eric, your puppy is dead!

ERIC: My puppy? What happened to my puppy?

LISA: He tried to eat Mr. Belvedere, and... and... he choked on him! Oh my goodness, oh my goodness!

Lisa exits. Eric is getting a little mad.

ERIC: No! Not my Truffles! I just got him! He was my newest best friend, and I... I... I...