

GREETING THE CHURCH

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: A talkative visitor greets members of the church he's visiting, rather than waiting to see if they greet him.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: If your congregation is unlikely to handle drama this up close and personal, you could do this onstage with actors playing church members in pews beside and behind Barry.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Church Life

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 5:47

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Illustration, Intro

CHARACTERS:

BARRY—a talkative church visitor

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Odd-looking suit for Barry

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: Spotlight

SETTING: Church

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BARRY is seated in the audience. He should be oddly dressed, preferably sitting with people the actor playing the role doesn't know, and should be seated before church begins. When the time comes for the drama, a spotlight goes on him in the audience.

BARRY: Well hey there, buddy. How are ya? Nice shirt you got there. I think I have that same one, 'cept in bright green. I like loud colors. Like me, you know? Hahaha!

Boy, this is some nice church you have here, isn't it? I've never been in here before, myself. Usually sleeping it off on Sunday mornings, ya hear me? Huh? Huh? Hahaha! But lately, I've been feeling a pull back to that old-time religion, you know? My mom died, and her words have been haunting me. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he'll feel so guilty for straying, he'll go right back to it." Hahaha! Boy, mom was great with the guilt. Why else would I be here, right? Hahaha!

BARRY looks behind him.

Hey, how you folks doing? Good stuff! You guys got kids here? How are the kids programs, huh? They rockin' out down there or what?

Turns back to the first guy.

Can you believe the stuff they do in kids' worship these days? In my day it was flannelgraph stories and the occasional scary puppet. Now they got light shows, video screens, and long hairs rockin' the guitar. I don't know if it's church or a K.C. and the Sunshine Band reunion! Hahaha!

Pause.

Kinda quiet in this church. You folks are a little quiet. Well, I guess it's church, and we want to be reverent. But even so, people need to open up a little. You know? *(Looks at the couple behind him)* Lighten up, have some fun! *(Back to the first guy)* Aw, I know. This must be terribly uncomfortable. Here I am, the visitor, greeting you, the church member. But I'm in sales, so chatting people up comes natural for me. Heck, some days, I just can't stop myself, you know? Hahaha.

Yeah, meeting people is never a problem for old Barry. But I feel sorry for those quiet ones, you know? The folks that slip in, curious to see what this church thing is like, only to feel completely snubbed because no one, I mean no one talks to them! Isn't that sad? *(To the folks behind him)* That's sad, huh? *(Back to the first guy)* To think people come into the house of the Lord, where everyone is welcome, and they're not welcomed.

Not that that happens here, right? Nope, I can tell you folks are friendly. Doesn't matter how someone dresses, how they act, *(Nudges the guy beside him)* how they smell, hahaha! Doesn't matter, everyone's welcomed with open arms in this church. Right?