

## I WANNA BE A COWBOY

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Joey's childhood dreams of becoming a cowboy are continually frustrated

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The football player and Eastwood roles can afford to be a tad overdone for comedy's sake. Joey should be hilariously outmatched

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M

**THEME:** Choices, God's will

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 29:11

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker service; sermon illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

JOEY - a guy who wanted to be a cowboy when he was a kid

FOOTBALL PLAYER

JOHN WAYNE EASTWOOD - a great cowboy actor

**PROPS:** Cap gun, football

**COSTUMES:** Kid's cowboy costume & Dallas Cowboys T-shirt (JOEY), football uniform (PLAYER), adult cowboy costume (EASTWOOD)

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Not specified

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*Joey enters from stage left, wearing a kid's cowboy hat, shirt, and bandana and carrying a cap gun.*

**JOEY:** Yee ha! Howdy, partner! Don't I look like a cowboy? Boy, when I was just a kid, there was nothin' I wanted more than to be a real cowboy! I was gonna bust broncos and herd cattle and fight bad guys and ride off into the sunset. I had cowboy hats, cowboy boots, cowboy shirts, and cowboy PJ's. I was as close to a real cowboy as I could be. And that's as close as I ever got too. You see, as I got a little older, I learned that the cowboy stuff was all in the past. Sure there are cowboys today, but today's cowboys have cell phones. And sneakers. And they don't shoot bad guys any more. I was a little disappointed to say the least. But soon, I had another dream.

*Joey takes off the hat and bandana.*

Because I learned about a different kind of cowboy. This one's real. It's modern. And if I could become one, I could make a lot of money. Yes, sir, I had a new dream. I was going to be...

*He opens his shirt, revealing a Dallas Cowboys T-shirt.*

...a DALLAS Cowboy! I knew that all I had to do was become a football star, and my dreams of being a real cowboy would come true.

*Have someone toss him a football from off stage. If possible, have Joey bobble the ball before securing it in his arms.*

I was gonna be a quarterback - no, a running back - No! A half back. Running backs had to be super fast. But half backs only had to be super tough. And I was super tough! But there was a problem.

*The football player races on stage from stage left and nails Joey, driving him to the ground. The football player gets up growling. He takes the ball and spikes it in Joey's chest before stomping off.*

Everybody else was tougher than me.

*Joey gets up. He starts to put his cowboy clothes back on.*

I was never gonna be a Dallas Cowboy. But I could be another kind of cowboy. I could be a cowboy actor! I got into drama class, and I did pretty well. I played Mortimer in Arsenic and Old Lace. I played Captain Von Trapp in Sound of Music. I played Hamlet! But it was all paying my dues so I could reach my ultimate goal - being a cowboy actor in the movies I loved as a kid. It was all going well too, until I got to my college audi-