

LOVING THE GAME

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Katie and Mike try to understand their friend David, whose intense love for baseball drives him to spend as much time as he can practicing and playing the game.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The skit does not mention Jesus or Christianity but is a parable about loving God and spending time with him. Use as a sermon illustration.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Christian Living, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 10:38-42

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Youth/Young Adult Service, Singles Group

CHARACTERS:

KATIE—ball player

MIKE—ball player

DAVID—a guy who loves the game

PROPS: Baseball stuff

COSTUMES: Modern dress; baseball attire for David

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Neighborhood sidewalk

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KATIE and MIKE sit on stage, bored.

MIKE: So what do you want to do?

KATIE: I don't know. There's not a lot to do on a Saturday afternoon.

MIKE: That's only because you're not using your imagination.

KATIE: Okay, what do you "imagine" would be fun to do?

MIKE: Lots of things. We could...umm, throw stuff off a bridge. We could find some frogs and race them. We could go to the mall and pick up chicks.

KATIE shoots MIKE a look.

MIKE: And guys. We can pick up dates.

KATIE: I don't know. I guess we could watch a movie or something.

MIKE: Hey, is that David?

KATIE: Oh, yeah! I bet he'll do something with us.

MIKE: Yo, David!

DAVID enters, carrying a ball, bat, and glove.

DAVID: Hey, guys, what's up?

KATIE: We were just sittin' around bored, looking for something to do.

DAVID: Well, you guys can come to the field with me. I'm going out to practice.

MIKE: You mean baseball?

DAVID: Yeah!

KATIE: David, practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DAVID: Team practice, yes.

KATIE: So why are you going out to the field? Did Coach make you come to an extra one?

DAVID: Nope. I just want some extra practice.

KATIE/MIKE: HUH?

MIKE: You WANT to practice?