

MASTER OF THE HOUSE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A Christian friend tries to help a mother with an out of control child understand the need to discipline her son.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Find a young actor to play Jimmy who can be VERY over-the-top. The nastier, the better. Make it a girl if need be, but the brattiness of the kid is key. Angie's fear and cowering can make the situation even more upside down.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Parenting

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 22:15

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Family or Parenting Conference, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

Angie – a mom with an out of control child

Tina – Angie's friend

Jimmy – a brat

PROPS: Living room furniture, cheese puffs bag (unopened), soda, remote control, school bag, Bibles

COSTUMES: Modern dress for all the characters

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A nice home

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ANGIE and TINA sit on the couch in a nice living room.

ANGIE: Thanks so much for coming over this afternoon.

TINA: Thank you for inviting me. It's nice having the time to really get to know one another.

ANGIE: I know. Sunday School's great, but we don't get much time to talk.

TINA: We should do this with all the ladies one afternoon.

ANGIE: All the ones that don't work, anyway.

TINA: That's true.

ANGIE: Oh, my goodness! Look at the time. I've gotta get this place straightened up.

ANGIE starts cleaning up their area.

TINA: You expecting more company?

ANGIE: No, but Dan will be home in two hours, and Jimmy will be home any minute.

TINA: Jimmy?

ANGIE: Our son, Jimmy.

TINA: Get out of here. I didn't know you had a son!

ANGIE: Really?

TINA: You never mention him. And I've never seen you with any kids at church.

ANGIE: Yes, well, Jimmy's not a fan of church. He quit going a few years back.

TINA: What's that?

ANGIE: He just doesn't see what the big deal is with God.

TINA: Really?

ANGIE: I don't understand it, Tina. We read the Bible to him. We took him to Sunday School. But he thinks God's a big push over and not worth his valuable time.

TINA: Sounds like your typical teenager.

ANGIE: Oh, Jimmy's not a teenager yet. God a few years to go on that.

TINA: What?