

## NAMESAKE

by ALICE BASS

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A mother and son talk about his Grandfather, who seems strange and a bit distant. The mother helps the boy understand his Grandfather better. The relationship to the Grandfather is an image of our relationship to God.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Have lots of fun with this script. The character names and their stereotypes are self-explanatory and should help the actors with character development. To keep the ending a surprise, don't make Woman sugary sweet throughout. She's pleasant, but not sugar-coated.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Relationships, Spirituality

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Psalm 29:2, Psalm 86:9-10

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Illustration, Can be used as a replacement for a children's sermon

**CHARACTERS:**

GEORGIA - A woman in her 30's or 40's (mother to Kenny)

KENNY - A boy, ten years old

**PROPS:** Book

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** General

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## NAMESAKE *by Alice Bass*

*The scene opens with Kenny onstage. GEORGIA enters.*

**GEORGIA:** Kenny, are you all packed and ready to go?

**KENNY:** No, not yet.

**GEORGIA:** Kenny, what is going on? You've been moping around for two days. I don't understand, aren't you excited about our trip?

**KENNY:** I dunno. I just really want to stay here with my friends.

**GEORGIA:** But your Grandpa is so excited about seeing you.

**KENNY:** Yeah, right.

**GEORGIA:** You don't want to see Grandpa?

**KENNY:** No, I mean, yes... I mean I dunno... He scares me.

**GEORGIA:** He scares you? What do you mean?

**KENNY:** He just sits there and reads all the time. He's always so quiet and I feel like I bother him when I'm around.

**GEORGIA:** Your Grandpa loves having you around.

**KENNY:** I just don't know how to talk to him.

**GEORGIA:** Maybe you need to learn his language.

**KENNY:** Mom, he speaks English.

**GEORGIA:** I know he speaks English. But, you know, he is different than your friends. And since Grandpa doesn't roller blade, you have to find something else to talk about. You have to get to know him. *(handing Kenny a book).*

**KENNY:** What's this?

**GEORGIA:** This is a book of poetry your Grandpa wrote.

**KENNY:** He wrote a book? I thought he was an English teacher.

**GEORGIA:** He was. He taught poetry at the University and wrote a couple of poetry books.

**KENNY:** Okay, that's cool. But I don't understand poetry.