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SACRIFICE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Two baseball announcers call the final game between Satan's Demons and Jesus and the Saints, when Jesus makes a sacrifice to win the game for his children.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This script requires two actors with lots of charisma. The author suggests that the scene can be enhanced with additional sound effects such as a cheering crowd and ambient baseball stadium noise. He also suggests that a creative video person could create graphics showing each player's name, photo, and statistics. If you decide to use some of these enhancements, be careful to keep them just that—enhancements to the action onstage. Don't let the cool graphics and sound effects overpower the work of the actors. You want to make sure the audience hears everything they say.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Easter, Salvation

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Isaiah 53:5

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Easter

CHARACTERS: DON and JERRY—sports announcers

PROPS: Microphones, a sports desk

COSTUMES: Suits

SOUND: Two wireless microphones; SFX of baseball being hit

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A press box

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DON and JERRY are on stage in matching jackets at a sports desk.

DON: Well, this is it, ladies and gentlemen. Game seven of the Ultimate World Series: the pivotal final chapter of the spiritual battle between the Demons of Hell with their plucky manager Satan, and the Saints of Heaven, led by the all-time leading hitter Jesus Christ.

JERRY: This has truly been a classic battle, Don, with both teams suffering hard losses. They've left everything out on the field, and after all this war we are scoreless in the bottom of the ninth inning; the Saints are up to bat.

DON: And don't forget, Jerry, there will be no extra innings. Either the Saints score and take the victory, or Satan will be the victor.

JERRY: Indeed, at stake is the fate of all mankind. Will they spend eternity separated from God, or will his players open the door for man and God to walk side by side?

DON: What a spectacle, Jerry. Who would have ever guessed that when the Lord promised Adam and Eve he would restore them to himself, his ultimate redemption would come not through war, but a baseball game?

JERRY: Not I, Don. It's not scriptural, or historically accurate in the least. But it is rife with metaphor.

DON: We have one out already, as Satan gets his best closer in the game. Make no mistake; this demon will bring the heat.

JERRY: And he's bringing the heat against the man they call the Rock. Peter steps up to the plate, takes a couple practice swings, and stares down the pitcher.

DON: This is one loyal player, Jerry. He told his team captain he would follow him anywhere.

JERRY: The pitch—

Baseball hit sound.

And it's a line drive down the right baseline! Peter races to first and just beats the throw.

DON: One out, one on, as the player whom Jesus loves steps into the batter's box.

JERRY: The first of the Sons of Thunder, John steps into the batter's box. He takes a practice swing or two. Here comes the pitch—ball one.