

WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A daytime talk show host invites two scary guys and a little girl to talk about what they fear.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: You can add theme music and stage hands to make this seem like a real TV talk show.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2F, 2M

TOPIC: Fear

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 23:4

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any, Halloween

SUGGESTED USE: Children's services

CHARACTERS:

RICKI: Stereotypical daytime talk show host

DRACULA: The real Count Dracula

THE BOOGIEY MAN: Scaring kids is a job to him—one he takes seriously

MARIE: A young girl who is at peace with the things she used to fear

PROPS: Four chairs

COSTUMES: Dracula costume; monster costume; suit for Ricki

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A talk show set

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Four chairs are on stage. Ricki sits in one stage left, angled toward the others slightly. Dracula sits beside Ricki, and the Boogey Man next to Dracula. The stage right chair is empty.

RICKI: Welcome to the Ricki Jenny Rafael show. Today's topic: fear. I'm joined today by two people who have caused a lot of fear for a lot of people. Say hello to Dracula.

DRACULA: Hello.

RICKI: And the Boogey Man.

BOOGEY: Hey, Ricki. Big fan, babe.

RICKI: Count Dracula, a lot of people are very afraid of you, but I want to know what you are afraid of.

DRACULA: I'm afraid of stakes.

BOOGEY: Stakes?

DRACULA: That's right, stakes.

BOOGEY: Aww, you're crazy. I love steaks! I could go for a nice filet mignon right now.

DRACULA: Not that steak, hairy face. Stakes! Wooden stakes! The kind that can go through my heart and make me all dead and stuff.

BOOGEY: Ohhhh, that kind of stake. I was gonna say.

DRACULA: I see a tent with some wood stakes around it keeping it up? Brrrr. Gives me the willies.

RICKI: Any other fears, Drac?

DRACULA: Garlic, crosses, mirrors, holy water. Oh, and the sun. I really don't like that thing!

RICKI: Isn't that interesting? How about you, Boogey Man?

BOOGEY: Well, Rickster, there's only one thing that gives this monster the creeps: kids.

RICKI: Kids?

BOOGEY: I know, it's weird, right? I live in kids' bedrooms, under the beds, in the closets. But kids really frighten me!

DRACULA: Then why do you live under their beds? Why don't you move some place? Like Edmonton?