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“Story”

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What	A trio of storytellers tell three Biblical stories, the Story of Zacchaeus, Jesus heals a man born blind, and Eutychus raised from the dead. These stories are told to reflect the fact that Jesus has the heart of a storyteller and that scripture is living and active.
Who	3 Actors
Why	Luke 19, John 9 & Acts 20
Time	Approximately 7 minutes

A note from the playwright: *This piece is highly theatrical and should be staged with as much creativity as your context allows. Actors will portray multiple characters through the script, these changes should be evidenced by unique physical and vocal choices rather than elaborate costume changes. Actors should be costumed in simple contemporary cloths and the Set and props should be minimal, only enough to tell the three stories. In the Original staging of the piece the set consisted of a hat rack and a stool. Each character had one item of clothing or a single prop that was unique to them. The different characters should be played honestly but without taking themselves too seriously.*

ACTOR 1

Storytelling is a foundational part of our world.

ACTOR 3

And the cool thing about Jesus, was that he was-

ACTOR 2

A carpenter?

ACTOR 3

Yes actually, but I was going to say was he-

ACTOR 2

Cause like can you imagine having a table made by Jesus... it would be like the best table ever...

ACTOR 3

I think we are getting off track...

ACTOR 2

Right... sorry...

ACTOR 3

So, the cool thing about Jesus was that he...

ACTOR 2

Literally walked on water!!

ACTOR 3

That's true but what I was going to...

ACTOR 2

You know I tried that one time... got right up to the edge of the pool and took a step..... I wish I had put on a swimsuit first...

ACTOR 1

ACTOR 2!

ACTOR 3

We are getting sidetracked... I wanted to talk about how Jesus

ACTOR 2

Went into the desert and spent 40 days...

ACTOR 1

ACTOR 2! Let ACTOR 3 finish...

ACTOR 2

Oh... my bad... I get really excited sometimes...

ACTOR 3

What I've been trying to say is that the cool thing about Jesus, was that he was a storyteller!

ACTOR 1

Absolutely. One author describes Jesus as "God telling stories".

ACTOR 3

Jesus told stories using parables. A parable is a short story that illustrates a deeper, valuable truth or lesson.

ACTOR 2

That's one of the things I love most about Jesus, when he came, he chose to use stories that were accessible and impactful to anyone who heard them, regardless of their education level, race or gender.

ACTOR 3

Tonight, we want to tell you some stories from the greatest collection of stories every made, the Bible.

ACTOR 1

Here is a story from the Word of The Lord, as it is written in the book of Luke Chapter 19

All

The Story of Zacchaeus

ACTOR 2

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

ACTOR 3

A man was there by the name of Zac; he was a chief tax collector and was very wealthy.

(ACTOR 3 puts on “a blazer with money as a pocket square” from the prop locker and becomes Zac- big frat boy energy)

ACTOR 1

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was so short, he could not see over the crowd.

ACTOR 3

Woah! Why I gotta be short?

ACTOR 1

Don't blame us! Blame Luke!

ACTOR 3

(Begrudgingly gets onto knees)

I'm going to have a talk with Luke.

ACTOR 2

Now back to the story! So Zac ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus as he was walking by.

(The ACTORs create the sycamore tree and ACTOR 3 climbs it)

ACTOR 1

When Jesus reached the tree, he looked up and said to him,

ACTOR 2

“Zacchaeus come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

(Zac falls from the tree)

ACTOR 3

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

(to Jesus)

At my house? Let me check with my mother first! Just playing, she's cool with it!

ACTOR 1

When the people saw this and began to mutter.

ACTOR 1

“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” EW. Said one of the people.

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