

## Hall of Fame

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### Theme:

This play shows how we tend to judge a person's greatness by the human accomplishments that he is able to complete rather than how he is judged in God's eyes. When we realize that we can only complete trite accomplishments compared to what Christ did for us on the cross we realize that we are foolish to reject His ultimate accomplishment.

### Biblical Reference:

Psalm 138:5

May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the LORD is great.

### Approximate Running Time:

10 minutes

### Props:

A pad of paper.

A pen.

### Cast of Characters:

**Fred:** Fred is a non-Christian friend of Ted's. He is critical of Ted for his belief in Biblical stories, but he slowly becomes more and more interested in the stories of the Bible until he accepts what Christ has done for him.

**Ted:** Ted is a strong Christian who is not afraid to share his faith with those who are around him. He is always looking for the opportunity to tell of his faith to those who are around him, whether they be Christians or non-Christians.

**Note:** You can go replace the names of sports stars with ones that you're a big fan of!

Scene:

Ted is sitting on stage working on his homework. Fred enters, notices Ted, approaches him and asks him what he's up to.

Fred: Hey, Ted. What's happening?

Ted: Oh, hi, Fred. I'm just doing some of my homework.

Fred: Homework? On a Saturday?

Ted: This is homework from my youth group. It's due tomorrow, so I have to get it done today.

Fred: Well, what was your assignment this time? Maybe I can help you out.

Ted: Well, this time I have to write down the names of the people that I would pick for the "Best of all Time" Hall of Fame.

Fred: That's easy. I bet #1 is Jim Kelly or Therman Thomas.

Ted: Actually, No, I don't have them down on my list.

Fred: Oh, well, then you must have Andre Reed or Bruce Smith.

Ted: No, I don't have them either.

Fred: What about Reggie White, Emmitt Smith, or Troy Aikman?

Ted: No, I don't have any football players down on my list at all.

Fred: Oh. Well, how about hockey players. I'm sure that you'd have Wayne Gretzky or Pat LaFontaine?

Ted: Nope. No Wayne Gretzky, No Pat LaFontaine.

Fred: Well, then how about Steve Yzerman or Brett Hull?

Ted: Nope.

Fred: How about Bobby Orr or Ray Borque.

Ted: Nope. I don't have any hockey players or football players on my list at all.

Fred: Do you have any baseball stars?

Ted: Nope.

Fred: How about basketball? Michael Jordan has to be on any all-time sports hall of fame list.

Ted: Nope. In fact, I don't have any professional athletes on my list.

Fred: Well, then how about some of our great presidents, like George Washington, or Abraham Lincoln.

Ted: No, I don't have any presidents down here either.

Fred: Well, come on Ted, if you don't have any sports stars and you don't have any presidents, then you must have some sort of movie stars on there.

Ted: No, I don't have any movie stars down on my list either.

Fred: You didn't write down Tom Hanks, Bruce Reynolds, or Mel Gibson?

Ted: Nope.

Fred: Why not?

Ted: I don't think that they've done enough to be listed on the best of all time hall of fame.

Ted: You've got to be kidding me. If these kind of people didn't make it, then who do you have written down so far?

Ted: Well, so far I have Jesus, Jonah, Noah, and Moses.

Fred: Who in the world is Noah?

Ted: You don't know who Noah was? I thought that everybody knew who Noah was. Didn't you ever go to Sunday School?

Fred: No, I never went to Sunday School, but you've got me interested in this Noah guy, so why don't you tell me about him now.

Ted: Okay. Noah was a man who loved God. He lived in a time when most of the people in the world hated God. Like the way that the world is right now. God told him that He was going to destroy the world with a flood, and that Noah should make a huge boat so that he and his family could survive.

Fred: Wow. How big was the boat?

Ted: It was bigger than a football field.

Fred: Wow, that's big. Why did he need a boat that big?

Ted: Because he was told to put two of every kind of animal on the boat.

Fred: Why did he have to give the animals a ride?

Ted: So that they could repopulate the face of the earth.

Fred: That's a good idea. So, did the flood really come, or did he end up turning the ark into a floating zoo?

Ted: Yeah it rained. In fact, it poured for 40 days and 40 nights straight. And then it finally stopped raining.

Fred: Wow, that's more than a month of nothing but rain. So, what kinda' shape was the grass in when it stopped raining?

Ted: There was no grass left. In fact, everything was completely under water. Some of the water evaporated up into the clouds, and some drained into the earth, and finally the water lowered enough for the land to dry out.

Fred: And then what did they do?

Ted: God told them to repopulate the earth. That was a pretty big job so they had to start in on it right away.

Fred: Wow. How many people were there on the ark?

Ted: Eight.

Fred: And now there are millions of people on the earth.

Ted: Yep. Everybody that is now living is somehow related to one of those eight people.

Fred: Hey, we could be cousins 1 million times removed on the side of Noah's family!

Ted: That's right. In fact - we are.

Fred: That's really cool. Who else did you say was on your list?

Ted: Jonah. Do you know who Jonah is?

Fred: No, I don't know that guy either.

Ted: God was telling Jonah to do something and Jonah didn't want to do it, he kept trying to trick God and hide from Him. So God send along a big fish and it swallowed Jonah up and ate him whole. And he lived inside of the fish's belly for three days and nights.

Fred: You mean that he was still alive in the fish's stomach?

Ted: Yep, he spent most of those three days and nights pleading with God and promising that "if God could get Him out of the problem that he was stuck in, he would do anything that God wanted him to do.

Fred: You've got to be kidding me.

Ted: No, it's true.

Fred: You believe that a man was able to live in the stomach of a whale for three days?

Ted: Yep. In fact, I believe that everything that is in the Bible is true.

Fred: You know, I've heard people say that prayer that Jonah said when he was in the belly of the wale. Do you think that they might be related to him?

Ted: Maybe, but a lot of people say those kinda' prayers because they think that God will get them out of any tough situation that they are stuck in. They don't really know God, they're just trying to use Him to help themselves out of a difficult situation.

Fred: What's wrong with that?

Ted: God doesn't just give you something because you beg Him to give it to you.

Fred: Well, then how does someone get something from God?

Ted: You can ask all you want, but God knows what is best for all of us. Well, who would you rather have making the decisions, you or God? Remember God knows everything.

Fred: Well, God, of course. I'm not totally stupid. [Pause.] Ted, do you really believe that those two stories are true?

Ted: I sure do. I must admit there was a time that I wasn't sure if they were true or not. But God has become so real in my life that I don't doubt it for a second.

Fred: But you don't hear about any of this stuff happening any more, do you?

Ted: Not these kinda' stories. But God is still doing things in people's lives. I could tell you stories for hours about how I know that God is real, and that all of the old Bible stories are true.

Fred: So you must believe in a heaven and a hell, too.

Ted: You bet. Hey, there are times that just the thought of going to heaven someday is enough to get me through a bad day.

Fred: Well, how do you know if you get to go to heaven or not?

Ted: That's a great question. It's probably been asked by the most people of any other question ever. It's also brings me up to the #1 person in my hall of Fame ... Jesus Christ.

Fred: Why does he get #1?

Ted: He died so that we can all go to heaven.

Fred: That's it? One guy died so that we could all go to heaven? What about me? Does that mean that He died for me too?

Ted: That's right. Jesus died once so that everyone can be forgiven from their sin. All that we have to do is believe that He did it and accept what He did as a gift. Once we've done that then we can learn more about it.

Fred: I believe it, I mean I think that I do, and I'll accept it as a gift, so tell me more about it.

Ted: Well, Fred, you see, when we break God's rules it's called sin. We all sin. In order to forgive us of our sin, God needs to receive a blood sacrifice. In the old days they used to kill sheep and goats and stuff like that, but then Jesus came to earth and died once for all of us. He was the perfect sacrifice to God and His sacrifice was enough to save us all from our sin.

Fred: Wow.

Ted: Jesus gives you the ability to accept or reject His gift. It's up to you.

Fred: Well, it sounds as if I'd be nuts to reject that great of a gift.

Ted: That's for sure. Well, let's go into the other room and we can pray together.


Fred: Okay.

[*They begin to exit.*]

Ted: Then, after we pray, I can tell you more about what the Lord has done for you.

[*They exit.*]

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