

I Guarantee You

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Theme:

This play conveys the fact that Christians know that the promises that God has made regarding our lives will come to pass. We can trust that we'll never have to look for guarantees from God because we know that His word is true.

Biblical Reference:

Psalms 145:13

The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

Approximate Running Time:

5-10 minutes

Props:

A Table with two chairs.

Two pairs of scissors.

A Sunday Paper complete with coupon sections.

Cast of Characters:

Beth: Beth is a Christian woman who has a well defined faith. She is good friends with Kim.

Kim: Kim is a Christian woman who has a well defined faith. She is good friends with Beth.

Notes:

The character names may be changed to those of the actresses.

Scene:

Kim and Beth are sitting at a table. They are going through the Sunday Morning Paper cutting out coupons. Their conversation is casual as they weed through the pile before them.

Beth: I can't believe all of the junk that people are trying to sell. [*Showing Kim a page.*] Look at this stuff. I should say, look at all this junk. I mean, can you believe that people actually buy this junk?

Kim: I know. Just look at this picture [*showing her a page*]. You can tell that it's made, like really cheap, and that it wouldn't last all that long.

Beth: Oh, wait, listen to this one. Not only does it claim to be the best product available since the beginning of time, but it says right here that... [*reading*] it's guaranteed for the life of your kitchen.

Kim: The life of my kitchen? So, what do they do if your kitchen is dead all ready?

Beth: I don't know, maybe the guarantee is void or something like that.

Kim: Oh, look at this one. [*Reading.*] We guarantee satisfaction or your money back.

Beth: If I were them, I'd be surprised that they got my money in the first place.

Kim: Yeah, mine too.

Beth: Here's a good one. [*Reading another.*] Satisfaction guaranteed or we'll buy it back.

Kim: That sounds like a used car commercial.

Beth: Well, it isn't. It's for some fruit juice maker. The ad says that it's supposed to be easy but from the picture here it looks like it's pretty complicated.

Kim: Do you think that they'd buy it back if it got run over by a car or something like that?

Beth: [*Searching the ad for details.*] No, I don't see anything like that mentioned. I'm sure that as soon as you do try to get your money back or complain about the way that the product works they'll quote some small print legal jargon and weasel their way out of having to give you your money back.

Kim: Well, let's just say that they do give you your money back and have you send their juice maker back. What do they do with it then? They'd probably have like hundreds of returned juice makers. They can't sell them again, can they?

Beth: I don't think so. Maybe they give them out as Christmas presents to their relatives.

Kim: Well, only if they haven't been run over by a car. [*They laugh.*]

Beth: Hey, I wonder if any of their relatives would try to return them so that they could get their money back?

Kim: I know that I would if I were them.

Beth: Here's another good one. [*Reading another.*] We guarantee that you'll be satisfied. Our reputation rests on your satisfaction.

Kim: Well, at least they're honest. Most of the other ads seem to think that their reputations rest on whatever they can make us believe about their product.

Beth: That's like making the truth up out of thin air as you go along.

Kim: Truth just doesn't work that way.

Beth: Hey, you know, I just thought of something. We're sittin' here going through the paper criticizing these ads because they have stuff in them that we can't trust.

Kim: Yeah?

Beth: Well, isn't it great to know that we can't do that with the Bible?

Kim: Yeah!

Beth: I mean, we can read the Bible and know that every word in it is telling us the truth, straight from God's mouth. We don't have to look for the hidden legal jargon, we don't have to wonder if what we're reading will live up to its promises, and we don't have to worry about getting something that's a dud.

Kim: And we know that all of the guarantees that are in the Bible will be given to us...guaranteed.

Beth: Guarantees...hum. What kind of guarantees do you find in the Bible? I mean, there aren't any claims to get your money back or anything like that. I mean, if we die and find out that Heaven isn't as great as the Bible promises that it will be there's no way for us to live our life over or anything like that, right? I'm not trying to be critical, but I'm wondering if the Bible has any sort of a guarantee? What do you think?

Kim: Well...the Bible does have a bunch of promises in it. Promises aren't really guarantees, but I guess that we could consider the promises in the Bible guarantees because they come straight from God.

Beth: That's right. And we believe that the Bible is God's word for us, so that means that the things that are in the Bible are one hundred percent true.

Kim: And coming from God, that's so much better than any guarantee we can get from man. I mean, if you can't trust something that God said, then who can you trust?

Beth: That's right. So what kind of Bible promises can you think of?

Kim: Well, the Bible promises that God will never leave us or forsake us (1), it also promises that God never lies (2), that He desires to love and protect us (3), that Jesus will return for us (4), and that Christ will give us eternal life in heaven (5).

Beth: That's Great Kim. You know, I wonder why people don't believe that the promises in the Bible are true.

Kim: Maybe it's because they've been taken by these kinds of guarantees [*holds some coupons up in the air*] and they can't trust anything that they read.


Beth: That's too bad, because I know that life would sure be scary if we couldn't count on God coming through with His promises.

Kim: I agree. Hey, let's take this coupon, [*cutting one out*] and go get ourselves some pizza. Look, it's guaranteed fresh or we won't have to pay.

Beth: That sounds good to me. [*They begin to exit.*] I wonder what they mean by the word fresh?

[*They exit.*]

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References:

- 1 Deut. 31:6, Deut. 31:8, Joshua 1:5, 1 Kings 8:57, Hebrews 13:5
- 2 Num. 23:19, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18
- 3 Deut. 23:14
- 4 John 21:22, 2 Corinthians 13:2
- 5 Matt. 19:29, Luke 18:30, John 3:15&16, John 5:24, and others