

Oh Say, Can't You See?

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Theme:

Many Christians are actively searching for God's vision for their lives, not realizing that all that God requires of us, hopes for us, and has planned for us is contained within the Word of God. This play points out the foolish ways we search for God's vision and compares it to how easily we can find the answers.

Biblical Reference:

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Approximate Running Time:

5 minutes

Props:

A duffel bag filled with as many magnification or vision devices you can get your hands on. There should be binoculars, a magnifying glass, a microscope, a big ole' pair of sunglasses, granny glasses, a one-eye eye piece, an old pirate one eye scope, the scope from a gun, a telescope, etc.

A pew

A Bible

Cast of Characters:

Josh: Josh is a Christian young man who has found some interesting ways to search for God's vision for his life.

Beth: Beth is a Christian young woman who is well founded in the Bible. She knows that the answers to our search for God's vision for our lives are found in the Word of God.

Notes:

Either character can be played by a member of either sex. The names of the characters can be changed to those of the actors.

Scene:

The stage is set with a pew from the church. If you can't set the stage with a pew, set it with a row of chairs simulating a pew. The Bible is positioned on the pew.

*[Josh enters, sets his duffel bag on the pew, takes out the binoculars, and begins to look around the church, inspecting the floor, ceiling, and walls. He puts the binoculars down on the pew and takes out the telescope and repeats the inspection of the church. He puts the telescope down on the pew and takes out the magnifying glass. He walks around the front of the church in search of clues. Beth enters, notices what Josh is doing, follows him around to see what he is doing. By now Josh is on his hands and knees engaged in his search for clues. Josh's search for clues causes him to turn abruptly and he notices Beth's feet. He begins to inspect her feet, then begins to work his way up her body with the magnifying glass, to her face. As he sees her face he jumps back as he screams in fright. Then he laughs.]*

*[Note: The opening scene can be played up as much as you'd like. Have fun with the physical humor of the situation of how Josh is searching and how Beth is reacting to what she sees. It would not be inappropriate for Josh to walk up and down an aisle, to have Beth follow just behind josh, to see what he is doing, or make up something that is appropriate to your unique church situation.]*

Beth: Very funny.

Josh: Yeah, it was very funny. You should see what your face looks like in this thing. *[Holding the glass up to her face so that the audience can see the effect.]*

Beth: Cut it out.

Josh: No, I really was scared. No fooling. Do you know that you have some mammoth hair in your nose?

Beth: *[Offended.]* I do not.

Josh: Yes you do, wanna' see? *[Holding the magnifying glass up to her nose and looking again.]* You got a mirror?

Beth: Get that thing away from me. No, I do not want to see. What in the world are you doing with all this stuff, anyway?

Josh: I'm looking for something. What's it look like I'm doing?

Beth: What are you searching for?

Josh: I'm searching for God's vision for my life.

Beth: What?

Josh: Did I stutter? I said, I'm searching for God's vision for my life?

Beth: Okay. But what are you doing with this magnifying glass?

Josh: This is going to begin to sound a bit redundant, but I'm searching for God's vision for my life.

Beth: With that?

Josh: Well, I've been trying to find it for a while now, but I can't quite grasp it.

Beth: Where have you been looking?

Josh: I've looked everywhere. I've looked under the pulpit, in the choir loft, under the pews, and you should see the stuff that lives under the pews, I've looked...*[name specific parts of your church]*...and in the pastor's office. You don't want to know what kind of stuff lives under his desk. Believe me!

Beth: Are you gonna' tell me you've been looking in here? You've been looking for God's vision for your life in the church building?

Josh: *[Beginning to feel ashamed of himself.]* Well, yeah, I mean where else would I look?

Beth: *[Looking through the things on the pew.]* And you're using a magnifying glass, a telescope, and a pair of binoculars?

Josh: Well, yeah, I mean I wasn't finding it with my naked eye, so I thought that I had to use some sort of a magnification device. Is that wrong?

Beth: *[Looking through the duffel bag. She pulls one item at a time out of the duffel bag, identifies it as she presents it to the audience, then places it on the pew. Then...]* Were you planning on using all of these things to find God's vision?

Josh: Yeah.

Beth: You have got to be kidding me.

Josh: I'm not kidding me.

Beth: This has to be one of your jokes.

Josh: No, I'm not joking. I'm serious.

Beth: You really think that you have to look around the church with this kind of stuff in order to find God's vision for your life?

Josh: *[Dead serious.]* Yeah, I really do.

Beth: *[Realizing that he is broken.]* Josh, you don't have to use any of these things to find God's vision for your life.

Josh: You know where to find God's vision for my life?

Beth: Yeah. I know where to find it.

Josh: Where?

Beth: [*She picks up the Bible.*] It's right here Josh. Everything that you need to find God's vision for your life is found right here. You don't need any of these things, unless you're having a hard time reading, all you need to find out what God wants you to do with your life is the Word of God. The Word of God has everything [*emphasize everything*] you need to find God's vision for your life. In fact, John 10:10 says that Jesus came that you can have life and have it more abundantly. And the details as to how you can have that abundant life are all in here.

Josh: I didn't know that.

Beth: Here, you take this and begin to read it.

Josh: Right now?

Beth: You've been searching for how long?

Josh: Gee, I don't even know how long.

Beth: Then yeah, you take this and go read it right now. I'll clean up these things and get them back to you later.

Josh: Thanks. Beth, I can't tell you how much I appreciate this.

Beth: No problem. I only wish you had come to me sooner.

Josh: Me too. [*He opens the Bible and exits while leafing through it.*]

[*Beth begins to put the things on the pew back into the duffel bag. She selects a goofy pair of glasses, acts as if they are really cool, puts them on, and proudly walks out with the duffel bag in hand.*]

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