

Cover 2 Cover

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- OVERVIEW: SKIT written at Junior High/Senior High Level.
6 Actors minimum (will accommodate up to 16 actors)
3 Main Characters with multiple lines.
3 or more Additional Characters with one to two lines each.
- THEME: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
- SYNOPSIS: A person wanders into what seems to be a typical store and finds it to be anything but typical. Here people's questions and problems are addressed by the sending out of Bible verses, which are portrayed by various actors.
- SETTING: Typical store. Table and two chairs at CENTERSTAGE LEFT angled to face the audience. Banner over table or on wall with store name: "COVER 2 COVER".
- PROPS: Microphone and telephone on table. Notepads and pens, etc.
NOTE: For a more modern atmosphere, salespersons may wear wireless headsets instead of having telephone and microphone on desk.
- COSTUMES: Characters portraying BIBLE VERSES may carry signs or wear tags with their Bible References on them. **NOTE:** *If they carry a sign, the verse could be written on the back so that they can read it if necessary.*
- SOUND: Ringing Phone sound.
- CHARACTERS:
- SPECTATOR Person who wanders into the store.
SALESWOMAN There to send out Bible verses in answer to life's questions.
SALESMAN There to send out Bible verses in answer to life's questions.
MAN Comes to store seeking answers for questions.
BIBLE VERSES Repeat Bible verses.
NOTE: 3-12 actors are needed to play the parts of the Bible Verses. Actors may "double up" and appear as more than one verse during the skit. (As the skit is written, 7 VERSES are needed onstage at the end.)
- LENGTH OF TIME: Approx. 10 – 12 MINUTES

All Bible References are set in italics. Please make sure they are read exactly as written. You may wish to put the Bible verses up on the screen or give the actors cue cards.

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SKIT – COVER 2 COVER

[CURTAIN OPENS with SALESMAN and SALESWOMAN standing or seated behind desk. SPECTATOR ENTERS STAGE RIGHT as phone rings.]

SALESWOMAN

(Speaking to caller) Good Morning, Cover 2 Cover... How may I help you? You're having problems raising your child? Oh, yes, ma'am, we have verses to help with that. I'll send them right out. You're welcome. And thank you for calling Cover 2 Cover!

SALESWOMAN

(Calling over microphone) Colossians 3:20 and 21, would you please come to the front for immediate deployment?

[BIBLE VERSES, COLOSSIANS 3:20 AND 3:21, ENTER STAGE LEFT running. As they run in, face the audience, and stop they say their Bible verses VERY LOUDLY!]

COLOSSIANS 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

COLOSSIANS 3:20 AND 21 (TOGETHER)

(Saluting Saleslady) Colossians 3:20 and 21 reporting for duty, ma'am!

[SALESWOMAN CROSSES to them and hands them a slip of paper]

SALESWOMAN

See the lady at this address. She's having problems raising her child.

COLOSSIANS 3:20 AND 21 (TOGETHER)

(Saluting Saleslady) Yes, ma'am!

[COLOSSIANS 3:20 AND 21 EXIT STAGE RIGHT running and saying their verses again as they run offstage!]

COLOSSIANS 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

[SALESMAN STANDS and CROSSES to SPECTATOR]

SALESMAN

Hello! Welcome to Cover 2 Cover! May we help you?

SPECTATOR

Um, yeah... I guess so. What kind of place is this???

[PHONE RINGS. SALESWOMAN answers and speaks silently on phone. She makes notes and seems to be answering questions.]

SALESMAN

Well, this is a Bible reference store.

SPECTATOR

Never heard of one.

SALESMAN

People call or come in with their questions and problems and we help them find Bible verses that apply. Sometimes we dispatch the verses out to them. Watch...

SALESWOMAN

(Into Microphone) Psalm 56:3 to the front, please... ON THE DOUBLE!!!!

[IMMEDIATELY PSALM 56:3 ENTERS from STAGE LEFT and stands at attention. SALESWOMAN hands PSALM56:3 a slip of paper.]

PSALM 56:3

(Saluting) PSALM 56:3 reporting on the double as requested, ma'am!

SALESWOMAN

Thank you for answering so promptly! Go to this address and comfort this child. And please hurry, 56... The child is AFRAID!

PSALM 56:3

(Saluting again) Yes, ma'am!

[PSALM 56:3 EXITS STAGE RIGHT running and shouting Bible Verse]

PSALM 56:3

(Shouting) When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

SPECTATOR

Wow! That was impressive! Do things always move so fast around here?

SALESMAN

A child was AFRAID, sir. We take that very seriously around here.

SPECTATOR

Oh, of course.

[MAN ENTERS STAGE RIGHT and CROSSES to SALESMAN.]

MAN

(upset) You've got to help me, please. I don't know what to do. I'm at the end of my rope!

SALESMAN

Of course, sir. We here at Cover 2 Cover are happy to help you find the answers you need in the Holy Bible. What seems to be the problem?

[MAN and SALESMAN step away from SPECTATOR to talk privately. Audience cannot hear their conversation. SALESLADY STANDS and CROSSES to SPECTATOR.]

SALESWOMAN

May I help answer your questions, sir? My associate seems to be in conference.

SPECTATOR

Well, yes. I guess I was wondering if you use all of the Bible.

SALESWOMAN

Oh, of course. Like our name says, we use the whole Bible... Cover 2 Cover. I like to say that we believe in the whole Bible... from Genesis to Maps.

SPECTATOR

Genesis to Maps?

SALESWOMAN

It's a joke, sir. Just a little Bible humor.

SPECTATOR

Well, I always thought that there were parts of the Bible that were out of date or that had been proven wrong.

SALESWOMAN

Oh, no sir. In fact, over the years the Bible has been proven true over and over again by human experience and by archeological findings. But that's not really why I believe the Bible is true.

SPECTATOR

It's not?

SALESWOMAN

(Very certain) Oh, no sir. I believe the Bible is true because God says it's true.

[MAN and SALESMAN finish speaking privately. Now audience can hear them.]

SALESMAN

Oh, yes, sir. I believe I have just the verses for you. Just a moment, please. *(Calling over microphone)* Proverbs 3:5-6, and Proverbs 3:7-8 would you please come to the front?

[PROVERBS 3:5-6 AND PROVERBS 3:7-8 ENTER STAGE LEFT quietly]

SALESMAN

(Speaking to VERSES) Thank you for coming. I'd like for you to accompany our brother home. He is in great need of your wisdom and instruction.

MAN

Oh, thank you. Thank you!

SALESMAN

You're welcome, sir. And remember, we'll be here when you need more verses!

[PROVERBS 3:5-6 and PROVERBS 3:7-8 put their arms across MAN'S shoulders. They walk together STAGE RIGHT saying their verses to him, quietly and politely.]

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

PROVERBS 3:7-8

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

[MAN and PROVERBS 3:5-6 and PROVERBS 3:7-8 EXIT STAGE RIGHT]

SPECTATOR

Say, he looks pretty bad. Is he going to be OK?

SALESWOMAN

Oh, yes sir. Didn't you hear the part about "bringing health to your body and nourishment to your bones"?

SPECTATOR

Oh, yeah, I did. Hey, before I forget... a minute ago you said that you believe the Bible because God says that it's true. Can you prove that?

SALESWOMAN

I can show you the verses, sir. It's up to you to believe them. *(Calling to SALESMAN)* Friend, would you call up the "Scripture Packet" please?

SALESMAN

(Calling over microphone) Scripture Packet: John 10:35, 2 Timothy 2:16-17 and Psalm 19:7-11, please come to the front.

[VERSES ENTER STAGE LEFT and FACE AUDIENCE. Then they say their verses.]

NOTE: The VERSES may be divided up as necessary based on the number of actors available. Be sure to do at least the first 3 verses. (The remaining ones may be omitted if necessary.) A long string of actors across the stage is always fun. For extra humor the last actor in the string could be the smallest person and/or have the most lines, etc.

JOHN 10:35

Jesus said “...*the Scripture cannot be broken...*”

2 TIMOTHY 2:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

PSALM 19:7

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

PSALM 19:8

*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

PSALM 19:9

*The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.*

PSALM 19:10

*They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.*

PSALM 19:11

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

SPECTATOR

Wow! Those are great verses! Old Testament, New Testament and Jesus Himself. Say... Can I take a few of these home with me?

SALESWOMAN

Oh, yes sir. Take them all.

SPECTATOR

Great!! *(stops)* Uh... What's the charge?

SALESWOMAN

Oh, there's no charge, sir. That's all been taken care of.

SPECTATOR

Really? How's that?

SALESWOMAN

Jesus paid it all, sir. He paid for everything when He died for our sins on Calvary.

SPECTATOR

And that's it?

SALESWOMAN

That's it. Because of Him, you have access into this great repository of wisdom, instruction and knowledge.

SPECTATOR

And how late are you open?

SALESWOMAN

We're open whenever your Bible is, sir.

SPECTATOR

That's great! HEY! I just remembered! I was reading a Bible that I found in the drawer of my hotel room just before I fell asleep... And the next thing I knew, I was here!!

SALESMAN

Yes, sir. And we hope you'll come and visit us often. Good night, sir.

SPECTATOR

Good night. And, thank you!!

ALL (TOGETHER)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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