

Real World Skit

You and an assistant will act out this skit about idols. Bring props to add interest!

Two students are watching the end of a baseball game at the park.

Student 1: Looks like your brother's team is gonna win this one.

Student 2: Yeah! *(yells out toward the ball field)* Yay, Jason! *(looks back at Student 1)* Hey, what's wrong?

Student 1: *(looking a little sad)* I really want to join a baseball team.

Student 2: So why don't you? You'd be great.

Student 1: Because they have games on Sunday mornings—and even weekend trips.

Student 2: So?

Student 1: So I wouldn't be able to go to church sometimes. I just wouldn't want it to become an idol.

Student 2: An idol? Like that TV show, Pop Idol?

Student 1: No, of course not. You know—like what Miss Palmer was telling us about in Sunday school last week.

Student 2: Uh. I don't remember the lesson. What was it about?

Student 1: *(looking frustrated)* Weren't you listening in class? *(laughs suddenly)* Wait—I just remembered—that was one thing we were supposed to learn from the lesson.

Student 2: Huh? Learn what?

Student 1: Listening! We're supposed to *listen* to God's Word. You know, like King Josiah did when someone read the Book of the Law to him. It was God's Word, so he listened. *(pauses)* You didn't hear that either, did you? Sounds like you need to listen a little better in class!

Student 2: Probably. Anyway . . . what about this idol thing? I guess I missed that, too.

Student 1: The people were worshipping idols, you know, statues and things they made themselves—false gods.

Student 2: That's weird. What happened?

Student 1: King Josiah took all of them away so the people would worship only God.

Student 2: That's good. They should've known better, though.

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Student 1: Yeah. But Miss Palmer said we have idols sometimes, too.

Student 2: Whaaat? I don't worship any old statues.

Student 1: Not like statues, silly. Miss Palmer said idols could be other things—anything. Even good things.

Student 2: I don't get it. How could a good thing be an idol?

Student 1: Because an idol is anything that we put before God, like fun stuff, school, or even sports.

Student 2: Oh, I see now.

Student 1: Didn't you hear anything from that lesson?

Student 2: *(shrugs)* Guess not.

Student 1: *(sighs loudly)* So anyway, that's why I'm afraid if I join a team, it'll become an idol. If I start missing church because of games, it'll probably pull me away from God.

Student 2: *(shrugs again)* Well. Sounds to me like you've already got it figured out. Don't join the team.

Student 1: *(looks at friend and smiles)* Hmm. I guess you're right. Thanks! I knew it would help to talk to you. And to think, you weren't even listening last week.

Student 2: *(catches breath and puts hand over mouth)* I just remembered. . . .

Student 1: What?

Student 2: No wonder I didn't hear anything from last week's Sunday school lesson. I wasn't there last week.

Student 1: *(laughs)* Oh, that's right, you weren't. Where were you?

Student 2: *(looking embarrassed)* I—uh—stayed home to play my new computer game. Guess I need to make sure I don't have an idol, too.

Student 1: Hey. You know what? We should help each other keep away from idols.
(looks at phone) Oops. My mom's calling me. I gotta go. Hey! Tomorrow's Sunday. See you at Sunday school?

Student 2: Definitely!