

Drama Script

(DRA002)

Argument in the car

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DRAMA: “ARGUMENT IN THE CAR” (DRA002)

Aim of Script: To show how easy it is to walk the path of unforgiveness and to keep a “record of wrongs” against another person.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship service this script could be preceded by saying that Jesus taught that if we are going to truly receive forgiveness from God our Father, then we need to be willing to forgive other people when they sin against us. Forgiving others is often hard.

The script could be followed by teaching people how to forgive others who have sinned against them.

Main themes: Forgiveness

Biblical references: Matthew 6:12, 14-15, 1Corinthians 13:5

Cast: Driver (D) – “Wife”, Passenger (P) – “Husband”, Offstage voice (O)

Props: Two chairs at the front of the church/room.

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(Enter P followed by D and they make their way to the 2 chairs.)

P: Have you got the keys?

D: Of course I have.....are you expecting me to drive again?

P: Yes...you’re no good at map reading.....come on let’s get going.

(D mimes driving)

P: Left, left.....

(D mimes turning right and P shouts even louder)

P: Silly woman I told you to turn left, now you have turned right.

(D reacts angrily)

D: Who are you calling a silly woman?

P: Never mind about that....I would have thought by your age you could have at least learnt to have told your left from your right – it’s a very simple fact you know.

D: Like you have learnt the simple fact that evening meals don’t just make themselves!

P: Where are we? We’re getting lost and it’s entirely your fault!

(Both move forward suddenly and then back, as if they have hit something)

- P: Now look what you've done....you've scratched the front of the car. How ridiculous is that. Haven't you got your glasses on?
- D: You know I don't wear glasses. It was an accident....I didn't deliberately decide to hit the front of the car.
- P: What are you doing now? Can't you control this vehicle? You are useless, totally useless
- D: That's it....I'm not driving any further. I have had enough of your insults. *(D stands up and "gets out of the car" followed by P)* You never stop nagging. It was the same the day we drove to Chichester....nag, nag, nag
- P: But that was over 3 years ago....haven't you forgotten that?
- D: No I haven't, and you said then that I was a careless and slow driver
- P: Nothing has changed there then has it?.....I don't know how you managed to hit the front of the car just now.
- D: Like I don't know how you managed to cut the wire on the hedge trimmers last week – how careless is that....?
- P: Don't start on about the hedge trimmers – I only cut the hedge because you were going on and on about your mother and I wanted some peace and quiet
- D: Peace and quiet my foot – you are the one who plays your music so loud that we had that awful visit from the police asking us to turn it down because the neighbours had complained. I have never been so embarrassed in all my life.
- P: Talking about embarrassment; how do you think I felt at my work's Christmas party last year when you told my boss to go and take a walk outside to sober up?
- D: Now you are being unreasonable
- P: Like you are when you take more than half your share of the duvet each night and I end up getting cold.
- D: And you eat more of your fair share of any chocolates we are given
- P: And you forgot to buy me a present for my birthday 5 years ago
- D: And you made a great hole in my best shirt when you ironed it 7 years ago
- (Both start pointing at each other)*
- P & D: And you....*(both freeze pointing at each other)*
- O *(slowly)*: Jesus says, "Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others" (Matt 6:12 CEV)