Distractions, distractions
DRAMA: “DISTRACTIONS, DISTRACTIONS”
(DRA025)

Aim of Script: To show the sort of distractions that the devil likes to throw across our paths when we try to read our Bibles or pray.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by teaching about the importance of regularly reading our Bibles for we need to feed our spirits with God’s words. However, when we sit down to read our Bibles or pray our minds can often be bombarded with other thoughts.

The script could be followed by teaching that the devil doesn’t want us to read our Bibles and grow in our relationship with God, so he will try and stop us. One of the devils tactics is distraction and this normally begins with a thought in our minds. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us when we sit down to pray or read our Bibles and learn to resist the distractions that come into our minds.

Main themes: Distraction, Bible reading, Devil

Biblical references: Matthew 4:4, Mark 4:15, Ephesians 6:11-12, James 4:7

Cast: Ruth or Robert. (The part could be played by a woman or a man)

Props: Bible, Bible reading notes, mobile phone, chair, television remote control, TV times magazine

(Enter Ruth with Bible and Bible reading notes. She sits down on a chair centre stage)

Ruth: Time for my Bible reading. Let’s have a look now…..what is the passage I need to read today?

(Ruth opens up the Bible reading notes).

Ah yes…… Luke chapter 9 verses 12-17

Luke…..ah yes…..I need to ring Luke. I must tell him that I can come to his party next week.

(Ruth picks up the mobile phone and dials)

Hi Luke, it’s me, Ruth……..fine, fine, how are you? Just ringing to say that I’d love to come to your party next Friday evening. Do I need to bring anything? OK…..if you’re sure…..yes…..looking forward to it. Bye.

Now where was I? Oh yes….Luke chapter 9 verses 12 to…….hang on a minute…… 12…..that’s the time of the film I want to see tonight on channel four. I had better set up the recorder on my television before I forget.

(Ruth gets up from the chair, picks up remote control of the TV and points it towards a pretend TV)

Mmmm….. I’m not sure I can remember how to do this. It is all so complicated these days. Ah….here’s the menu…..and the guide and if I press that button we should be done…..great…..all sorted.
I wonder what the write up in the paper says about the film. Now where’s my paper?

(Ruth looks around and then finds paper over the other side of the stage. She picks up the paper and opens it)

Where’s the TV page? Here we go. Now let’s see what it says about my film - “desperate denials from damaged deranged dark fiends.” Mmm… a violent, dark and heavy film, with very strong language. I’ll have to make sure I watch that film in the daytime.

Now what was I doing? Oh yes I’m doing my Bible study.

(Ruth goes and sits down on the chair again and picks up Bible and notes)

Luke 9:12-17. “Late in the afternoon the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowds away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here”. He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish…..”

Bread and fish….that makes me feel really hungry. It seems like ages since breakfast, although it’s only nine o’clock in the morning. (looks at watch).

I know what I need….. a nice thick tuna sandwich. Oh blow I haven’t got any tuna left…..I remember using my last tin up on Saturday. Now I’ve thought about it, I’m just going to have to nip out to the shops and get some.

(Ruth’s mobile phone rings. She picks up the phone and stands up. As she talks, she moves further and further away from the chair and her Bible)

Oh hi Susan…… no I’m not doing anything at the moment. Yes I’d love to come over and have a cup of coffee…..you haven’t got any tuna have you? You have. Oh be a dear and make me a tuna sandwich will you…..I’ve got this terrible craving for one!!

(Exit Ruth)