

# Drama Script

(DRA026)

## Who is really welcome?

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## DRAMA: “WHO IS REALLY WELCOME?” (DRA026)

- Aim of Script:** To challenge people about who they think is really welcome in God’s family.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by asking the question, “Who do you think is really welcome in God’s family?”
- The script could be followed by asking people who they think is really welcome in God’s family. Is it those who look respectable people, the good and the religious? What about the people who do wrong things? Are they welcome or should they be kept out of God’s family? Jesus spent time with “sinners” and tax collectors in his day and the religious people weren’t happy about that so Jesus told them a story – the parable of the prodigal son. The parable could be read from Luke 15 and then the question of who is welcome in God’s family could be answered by saying that anyone who comes to Jesus will not be turned away, but welcomed.
- Main themes:** Welcome, God’s family, judging
- Biblical references:** Luke 15:1-2,11-32, Mark 9:37, John 6:37, James 2:1-9
- Cast:** Official, dirty person, business man (BM), child, beautiful lady, traffic warden (TW), off stage voice
- Props:** Clipboard for the doorman, dirty clothes for dirty man, briefcase and suit for business man, traffic warden’s outfit for traffic warden.

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*(Enter Official who sits down at a desk which is angled to one side of the centre stage. He has a clipboard in front of him – this could contain his script. Once the official is settled a dirty man shuffles in and stands before his desk)*

Official: Name:

Dirty person: Fred

Official: And what do you do then Fred?

Dirty person: I’m unemployed and pretty penniless

Official: So....unemployed and pretty penniless Fred....is there any reason why you think you might be welcome to join God’s family?

Dirty person: None at all.....I’m well aware of my sins but.....

Official: Stop right there.....we don’t need penniless sinners messing up God’s family. Off you go...

Dirty person: But Jesus has paid for my sins.....

Official: I said.....off you go. I don't think that your type is welcome in God's family.

*(Dirty person turns away looking very sad. On walks a Businessman in a suit and carrying a briefcase)*

Official: Name

BM: Edward

Official: Welcome Edward. I hope you don't mind me asking, but what do you do for a living?

BM: I am a judge

Official: Sir you would obviously be very welcome to join God's family.

BM: Thank you very much. I must say that I am rather relieved as I had heard a rumour that only those who had come to Jesus and repented of their sins were welcome in God's family...

Official: Don't worry about sins Sir....we can make an exception in your case for such a hard- working and upstanding member of the community.

BM: Thank you very much.....

*(Business man walks off in the opposite direction from the dirty person. On walks a child)*

Official: Name:

Child: Leyla

Official: Leyla you are far too young to join God's family. Come back when you are grown up and when you can contribute something.

Child: But I love Jesus and.....

Official: Don't be cheeky.....now hop it!

*(Child walks off in the same direction as the dirty man. Beautiful lady walks on)*

Official: Uh huh, what have we here....a right stunner?

Lady: Excuse me?

Official: I'm sorry madam, what is your name?

Lady: Esmerelda Louise Petunia Hopkins

Official: Esmerelda....you are just the perfect sort of person that God wants in his family. Jesus is waiting to welcome you behind that door.....he will be wowed by your beauty.

Lady: Who's Jesus? I've never heard of him?

Official: God's Son....

Lady: Right....

*(Lady walks off in the same direction as the businessman. Enter a traffic warden)*

Official: You have a nerve turning up here

TW: Why?

Official: Everyone knows traffic wardens are mean and corrupt. Why do you think that you would be welcome to join God's family?

TW: I know Jesus and He knows me by name

Official: Maybe....but traffic wardens in God's family.....whatever next? Hop it.

*(Traffic warden walks off in the same direction as the dirty man and the child)*

Official: I don't know. Some people have a nerve turning up here expecting to join God's family. They are neither respectable nor beautiful. Just as well I'm here to sort out the wheat from the chaff.

Voice off stage: Who do you think God welcomes into his family?