

Drama Script

(DRA031)

Who do I obey?

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DRAMA: “WHO DO I OBEY?” (DRA031)

Aim of Script:	To encourage Christians to listen to Jesus’ voice and then obey what He says.
Use of Script:	In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by teaching that Jesus is King and as King He is worthy of our worship and our obedience. We need to learn to listen for his voice when we have to make choices each day, so that we can obey Him. The script could be followed by teaching people that we learn to recognise Jesus’ voice speaking to us as we spend time with him; reading our Bibles, praying and meeting with other Christians. You could follow this with a time of prayer where you invite people to offer each part of their lives to the Lord.
Main themes:	Obedience, Choices
Biblical references:	Matthew 7:24-27, John 14:15, 14:23, Romans 6:13, 1John 2:3, 5:3, Hebrews 10:25
Cast:	Narrator, Anyone, Devil, Friend, Father, Colleague, Jesus
Props:	Anyone is dressed in ordinary clothes with a placard saying “Anyone.” Box of cornflakes, box of Rice Krispies, Bible, TV remote control, mobile phone, Bible reading notes. The Devil is dressed in red with a placard saying “Devil.” Friend is dressed in sports dress with a placard saying “Friend” and carrying a tennis racquet. Father is dressed in ordinary clothes with a placard saying “Father” and holding a sherry glass. Colleague is dressed in smart clothes with a placard saying “Work Colleague” and Jesus is dressed in white with a placard saying “Jesus.”

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(Enter Anyone who stands centre stage facing the congregation. Enter rest of the cast who stand in a line behind “Anyone” acting as the various “voices” that Anyone hears)

Narrator: “Anyone” was a very ordinary person just like you or me. Every day she was faced with lots of different choices; some simple choices like whether she had cornflakes or rice-krispies for breakfast.

(Anyone picks up boxes of Cornflakes and Rice-Krispies. She mimes choosing one of them & then puts both down)

and other more difficult choices like whether she went to her Bible study group or sat in front of the TV to watch “EastEnders”.

(Anyone picks up Bible and a TV remote control. She mimes choosing one of them & then puts both down)

The problem was that every time she had a choice to make there always seemed to be lots of voices telling her what to do.

- Anyone: Life seems to be so complicated. So many people telling me what I should do, but who do I listen to? Who should I obey?
- Narrator: One beautiful sunny Sunday morning, Anyone said to herself:
- Anyone: It looks like a good day to pack up a picnic and go and relax by the river. I think I'll give church a miss.
- Narrator: At that point another voice entered her head saying:
- Devil: What a good idea. Church is so boring and they won't miss you just this once. You deserve a good rest. Hurry up before anyone catches you.
- Narrator: Anyone was just thinking about what food to pack up for her picnic when the telephone rang. *(Sound effect of telephone ringing. Anyone picks up mobile phone)*
Good morning Anyone speaking.
- Colleague: Good morning Anyone. I wonder if you could do me a favour. Could you cover my morning shift so that I can take my family to the beach for the day? I'll make it up to you another time.
- Narrator: Anyone sighed and her heart sank. How could she say "no" to her colleague?
- Anyone: Oh dear. I had planned to do something else. Let me have a few minutes to think about this. I'll ring you back.
- Narrator: So Anyone put down the phone and sat and thought. *(Anyone puts down the mobile phone)* Before long the phone rang again *(Sound effect of telephone ringing. Anyone picks up mobile phone)*
- Friend: Hi Anyone. Ready for a game of tennis? We said we would have a game when the weather got better and this morning looks perfect. The weather man says it will be raining by this afternoon.
- Anyone: I'm not sure I have time this morning. Let me call you back in ten minutes when I have decided what to do. *(Anyone puts down the mobile phone)*
- Narrator: Anyone was now in a real dilemma. Should she help her work colleague, or should she go and have that game of tennis? Should she go with her original plan of taking a picnic and chilling out by the river? As she was thinking about this the phone rang again. *(Sound effect of telephone ringing. Anyone picks up mobile phone)*
- Father: Hi Anyone - time for a chat?
- Anyone: Oh dad it is so good to hear your voice. I'm in a bit of a pickle and I need your help. When I woke up this morning I thought that I'd go and chill out by the river with a picnic instead of going to church. But work has called and they want me to go in and one of my friends wants to play tennis. What should I do Dad?

- Father: Well your mother asked me to ring you to invite you to come round for a glass of sherry and a natter with your old folks. That should sort out your problem - eh - see you in in fifteen minutes.
- Narrator: When Anyone put the phone down, (*Anyone puts down the mobile phone*) she felt rather depressed. With so many choices, what should she do? While she was looking into space her eyes spotted her Bible. She picked it up (*Anyone picks up the Bible & Bible reading notes*) with her Bible reading notes and turned to the verse for the day which was Hebrews chapter ten verse twenty five.
- Jesus: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing.
- Narrator: Anyone realised that the Lord was now speaking to her and He was saying that she shouldn't give up her habit of going to church just because it was a nice morning. Suddenly the confusion lifted from Anyone's mind and she knew what she needed to do. She picked up the phone (*Anyone picks up mobile phone*) rang her work colleague and said:
- Anyone: I'm sorry but I can't help you out today at work, because Sunday morning is when I go to church.
- Narrator: She then rang her friend and said:
- Anyone: I'm sorry but Sunday morning is when I go to church. Next time it looks nice outside I would love to play tennis with you.
- Narrator: She then rang her father and said:
- Anyone: I will call round and see you and mum after I have been to church. (*Anyone puts down mobile phone*)
- Narrator: Anyone then thought through the choices she had faced that week. Somehow it had all seemed so difficult. There had always been so many voices trying to tell her what to do.
- Devil: Don't bother getting up early to read your Bible.... there's no point. You need your beauty sleep.
- Friend: Why won't you come out gambling with us on Wednesday....it is going to be an amazing evening especially as all the drinks will be free?
- Father: Your mother and I think that it is about time that you started saving seriously for when you get married. You really should stop giving away so much money to the church.
- Colleague: Just help yourself to stamps from the office like the rest of us do - no one will notice.
- Jesus: If you love me, you will obey me.

Narrator: Anyone realised that she had to make a choice. She had to choose whom she was going to listen to and obey. As she sat and thought, she realised that there was no choice really because there was only one person who was worthy of her obedience. With that she bowed her head and said,

Anyone: King Jesus please help me to listen to you and to obey what you say. Amen.

Narrator: Anyone then picked up her Bible and went off to church, knowing a deep peace within her heart. *(Anyone picks up Bible and exits. Once she has gone the rest of the cast exit)*