

Drama Script

(DRA006)

The telephone calls

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DRAMA: “THE TELEPHONE CALLS” (DRA006)

- Aim of Script:** To show some of the ways that the devil speaks into our minds, to try and tempt us to sin.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by teaching that we are all tempted by the devil to sin and it often works in a similar way with the devil putting thoughts into our minds.
- After the script you could teach about how to resist temptation when it comes across our paths.
- Main themes:** Temptation, Deception
- Biblical references:** Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 6:13, James 1:13-15,
- Cast:** Person called “Anyone”, “Devil” offstage (speaking through an off stage microphone)
- Props:** Easy chair. Next to that is a table with a telephone on it, a copy of the Radio Times (or similar TV magazine) and a Bible.

(Anyone walks on, sits down on easy chair, picks up Radio Times and begins to read it)

Anyone: I wonder what’s on the television tonight.

(After a few seconds the telephone “rings” and Anyone answers it.)

Anyone: Hello, Anyone speaking.

Devil: *(Speaking very smoothly)*

Good evening Anyone. What a hard day you’ve had today.

Anyone: Oh yes you’re right....it has been really hard in all sorts of ways.

Devil: *(Speaking very sympathetically)*

I know.....poor you. You really deserve a nice evening in to relax. You really need to watch that X rated film you have just seen reviewed in your Radio Times.....it is coming up shortly on channel five.

Anyone: I’m only going to watch the news as I have home-group tonight.

Devil: It is so lovely and warm in here and you are so tired. Just put up your feet now and relax.

(As Devil talks Anyone starts to relax, sliding down into the chair).

Why not ring for a pizza... a nice pepperoni one..... spoil yourself a bit....you don’t need home group tonightwhat you really need to do is watch that film.

Anyone: I don’t think I should watch that sort of a film as a Christian.

- Devil: What's the problem.....every other Christian does? And how will a little film hurt you? God doesn't mind you watching...you need to rest...it says so in the Bible.
- Anyone: Mmmmm. I don't suppose it would hurt me.....really....just this once.....and I am so tired. *(Suddenly jolts upright)* What am I doing? I need to make my tea so that I am ready for home group. I haven't time for listening to this.
(Hastily puts down the telephone.....and stands up)
Now what shall I cook for tea tonight?.....I'd better hurry up.
(Telephone rings again and Anyone answers it standing up)
- Anyone: Hello, Anyone speaking.
- Devil: That was a very interesting piece of news that Suzy told you about herself today. I'm sure the rest of your office would love to hear all about that. Why don't you ring Beryl? If she knows.....everyone else in the office will know before you even get to work tomorrow. Go on, you've just time to ring her before you go to home-group.
- Anyone: But Suzy said it was confidential.....she trusted me to keep it to myself. I don't want to let her down.
- Devil: Oh come on....don't give me that. That's the most exciting bit of news you've heard in a long time.....imagine what fun you could have if you passed that on...and anyway no-one likes Suzy. She's so stuck-up that people will be delighted to hear that she isn't really Little Miss Perfect.....
- Anyone: Mmmm I'm not sure I should break a confidence. *(Sits down on the chair)*
- Devil: Do you have such a short memory? Didn't she tell everyone last month about how you had run over the bosses' cat in your car, even though you had specifically told her that she was to keep this news confidential?
- Anyone: Oh that was so embarrassing.....and yes that was pretty mean.....I guess it would serve her right.....but it's not right to talk about people behind their backs is it? *(Leans back further in the chair)*
- Devil: Where did you get that from? There is absolutely no harm with sharing a very interesting piece of news with a few of your closest and best friends..... you need to share this.....you know you do.
- Anyone: Maybe I do....but I'm not sure I should.
- Devil: Imagine how popular you would be.....wouldn't that be great after being so unpopular last month?
- Anyone: It would be great....
- Devil: Exactly....come on Anyone.....it's not like you are murdering someone or kidnapping someone.....just tell Beryl.....one little phone call won't hurt anyone.....and Beryl at least would love to hear how naughty Suzy has been.....after she supported you so much last month.

- Anyone: Yes....I'll give Beryl a ring....(*picks up phone then stops....*)
No.....wait a moment.....I think I ought to see what it says in my Bible.
- Devil: Noooo you don't want to be looking at that....put it away...quickly....ring Beryl NOW.....
- Anyone: Last week at homegroup we studied some verses from Ephesians...yes...here we are..... Ephesians 4:29.....
- Devil: Put it away.....don't be so boring....that stuff isn't relevant for us now in the 21st century.
- Anyone: *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*
That's the truth.....Hang on.....you were lying when you said it didn't matter what I said. God seems to think it does matter.
- Devil: Aaaaaaah, put that Bible away.....I can't bear it. (*All goes silent*)
- Anyone: Hello....hello....ohhe seems to have hung up. Oh look at the time....I haven't got time for tea now.....I must get to my home group....(*puts down telephone, picks up Bible and walks out quickly*)
- (*Exit Anyone*)