

Drama Script

(DRA007)

The life of King Swatup

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DRAMA: “THE LIFE OF KING SWATUP” (DRA007)

- Aim of Script:** To show that knowing about somebody is not the same as knowing them personally.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by a short talk, explaining that sometimes people think Christianity is all about obeying rules or having knowledge about God. What Christianity is actually all about is a wonderful invitation from God to know Him and be known by Him.
- The script could be followed by reinforcing the point that we are invited to “know” God personally and be known by Him. This could then lead into a talk where people are encouraged to make time to get to know God better.
- Main themes:** Knowing God
- Biblical references:** John 17:3, Matthew 7:22-23
- Cast:** Three contestants (C1, C2, C3) and quiz master (QM)
- Props:** A large chair for the Quiz master with a table in front of them. A smaller chair for the contestant set up opposite the quiz master. Three chairs for the contestants to one side. Some sort of timing device that “pings” after 15 seconds. “Mastermind”¹ theme music.

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(“Mastermind” music plays as 3 contestants walk on and sit down, followed by the quiz master)

QM: Good morning / afternoon and welcome to a new edition of Mastermind. We have three contestants today who unusually have all chosen the same subject. They will be answering questions on the “Life of King Swatup.” So if I could have the first contestant please.

(C1 moves over to sit in the contestant’s chair)

QM: Your name please

C1: Esmerelda

QM: You have fifteen seconds to answer questions on “The life of King Swatup” starting from now. What was King Swatup’s first dog called?

C1: Mmmm.....pass

QM: Which subject did King Swatup achieve a grade A in at GCSE?

¹ “Mastermind theme music can be found at www.youtube.com putting “Mastermind theme tune” in the search bar.

C1: How am I meant to know that?.....pass

QM: When did King Swatup last eat fish?

C1: What a ridiculous question.....I'm guessing now.....last year?

QM: No I'm sorry, it was three years ago at a banquet with King Harald of Norway. He was so ill afterwards he vowed he would never eat fish again.

Esmerelda, I'm afraid you didn't get any of the questions right and you passed on two. King Swatup's first dog was called upswat and he achieved a grade A GCSE in physics. May I ask why you chose this subject when you didn't seem to know anything about King Swatup?

C1: I thought I did know about him.....but obviously not enough. I hadn't had a chance to read his book.....that was my mistake.

QM: Could we have our next contestant please.

(C1 leaves the chair and C2 sits down)

QM: Your name please

C2: George

QM: You have fifteen seconds to answer questions on "The life of King Swatup" starting from now. What was unusual about King Swatup's birth?

C2: He was born on a train travelling at over 100mph at the time.

QM: That's right. Next question. What is King Swatup's favourite food.

C2: Mmmm....that's more tricky. I have read so much about him....but I've never actually met him. Could it be steak?

QM: No. I'm afraid it is tripe and onions. And for your next question, what makes King Swatup bad tempered in the morning?

C2: How am I meant to know that? I've never even spoken to the man. Pass

QM: George you have scored one point and you had one pass. What makes King Swatup bad tempered in the morning is a cockerel next door that starts singing at 5am. I must admit that I am very surprised that you have never met King Swatup. It might have been a good idea to have at least had a chat with him before this morning.

C2: I know. I thought that reading his book would be enough.

QM: I see....next contestant please.

(C2 leaves the chair and C3 sits down)

QM: Your name please

- C3: Yaffa
- QM: You have fifteen seconds to answer questions on “The life of King Swatup” starting from now. Where was King Swatup when his first child was born?
- C3: At a film premiere evening.....I remember it well.
- QM: Correct. What insect is King Swatup frightened of?
- C3: Frightened of? I would say phobic of! Wasps. If one comes anywhere near him he gets in a total panic – knocking things off tables, shouting....
- QM: *(Interrupting)* Right thank you....yes wasps is the correct answer. Final question. I have to say this is rather hard. What is King Swatup’s pet hate?
- C3: Oh that’s not hard. It’s being lied to. He cannot bear it.....it will put him in a foul mood for days.
- QM: Correct. Well done Yaffa – you have scored three points. I am most impressed. How did you know so much about King Swatup?
- C3: I know him very well actually.....we have been married for the last twenty years.
- QM: Aaah.... So Yaffa knows King Swatup personally.....that’s how she did so well in our quiz today. Next week we will be back on air, same time, same place. Good morning.

(Music plays as QM, and C1, C2, and C3 walk off)