

Drama Script

(DRA012)

The chains of lying

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DRAMA: “THE CHAINS OF LYING!” (DRA012)

- Aim of Script:** To demonstrate that sin binds us up, so that we become “slaves” to it.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by a short talk about slavery and how slaves aren’t free to do what they want to do, but have to obey their master. Introduce the concept that sin binds us up so that we become “slaves to sin.”
- The script works well if it is immediately followed by teaching that Jesus is the One who can bring freedom to us. He brings us freedom from sin and freedom from guilt so that we are free to know our Heavenly Father and live the life He created us to live.
- Main themes:** Slavery of sin, Lies, Freedom, Forgiveness
- Biblical references:** Romans 6:15-23, Galatians 5:1, John 8:34-36
- Cast:** Narrator, Billy, Mum, Teacher, “Devil” dressed in black who wraps Billy up in ropes.
- Props:** £5 note for mum, £4 in coins for teacher, £6 in coins for mum, school bag for Billy, bags of sweets, large rope, letter

- Narrator:** One morning, just before school, Billy’s mum called him and said:
(Enter Billy’s mum to the front of church)
- Mum:** Billy.
(Enter Billy to the front of church)
- Billy:** Yes mum
- Mum:** Here’s £5. Could you buy Grandma some milk and pop it in to her on your way back from school tonight?
- Billy:** OK mum.
(takes £5 from mum, puts it into his pocket, and picks up school bag)
- Mum:** Have a good day.
- Billy:** Bye mum.
(Exit Billy)
- Narrator:** Billy went off to school and at the end of the day, discovering £5 in his pocket, he went to the sweetshop and spent it all on sweets. He had completely forgotten that the £5 was his mother’s money and meant for milk for his Grandma.
(Billy and mum enter to the front of church)

Narrator: When Billy arrived home his mother asked him how his Grandma was and instead of telling his mother the truth, Billy said:

Billy: She was fine mum....

Narrator: Which was the first lie Billy told his mother.

(Billy stands centre stage and Devil starts to wrap Billy's body around with a rope, but not around his legs)

Mum: Could I have the change Billy? There should be £4.

Narrator: Thinking quickly on his feet Billy said:

Billy: I hope you don't mind mum but I lent the money to Henry for his bus fare because he had lost his today. He promised to pay me back tomorrow.

Narrator: And that was the second lie that Billy told

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body but not around his legs)

Mum: OK Billy, but make sure you bring the money home tomorrow

(Exit mum)

Narrator: The next day when Billy got to school he knew that he had to borrow £4 to give back to his mother that night. He asked all of his friends if they could lend him £4, but none of them had any money. *(Billy mimes appropriately)*
So in desperation he went to his teacher and said:

(Entrance Teacher)

Billy: Please miss, could I borrow £4. I am meant to be seeing my Grandma in hospital after school and I forgot to bring the bus fare with me.

Narrator: And that was the third lie Billy told.

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body but not around his legs)

Teacher: Of course you can Billy. I hope your Grandma soon feels better.

(Teacher gives Billy £4 and then exits)

Narrator: That evening Billy knew he would have to pay back his teacher the next day and so he decided to invent a school trip that he had to go on with his class. So as not to make his mother suspicious, he decided to ask her for £6.

(Entrance mum)

Billy: Mum, I need £6 for a school trip tomorrow.

Narrator: Lie number four

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body but not around his legs)

Mum: Where are you going?

Billy: Oh, to the tower of London

Narrator: Lie number five

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body but not around his legs)

Mum: Why hasn't the school sent a letter home?

Billy: Well....they did, but I lost it.

Narrator: Lie number six

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body with some around his legs)

Mum: Billy, you can be so careless. Here you are..... £6. Oh by the way, your Grandma rang tonight and she said that you didn't take the milk round last night. What happened?

Billy: I did take the milk round mum. Grandma must be getting rather forgetful.

Narrator: Lie number seven

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body with more around his legs)

Mum: Yes you're right. Grandma is getting very forgetful. Well as long as you took her milk round.

Billy: Of course I did mum, and I fed her cat for her.

Narrator: Lie number eight

(Devil wraps more rope around Billy's body so that he can barely move.....with the devil making it obvious that he is holding the end of the rope and when he pulls it....Billy has to follow)

Narrator: The next day Billy went to school with the £6 to pay back his teacher, feeling very relieved that he hadn't been found out, *(Billy mimes appropriately)* when his teacher said to him:

(Entrance teacher, Billy hands over £6)

Teacher: Thank you Billy. I do hope that your Grandma is feeling a bit better. I am sure that she was pleased to see you..... I am so looking forward to seeing your parents tonight at parent's evening.

Narrator: Billy had forgotten it was parent's evening. Knowing what a kind heart his teacher had, she would probably ask his mother how his Grandma was. Before he had time to think that problem through, his teacher was saying something else to him:

Teacher: Billy please take this letter home. I have decided to take you and the rest of your class on a school trip as we haven't had one for a while. We are going to Madame Tussauds.

(Exit Teacher)

(Billy stands with his head down with the Devil looking triumphant)

Narrator: Billy went home from school that afternoon not knowing what to do. He was caught in a web of lies. He didn't know how to get out of the web, and soon all of his lies would be found out. How could he ever get free?

(Exit all)

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