

The Waiter

THE SKIT

In this skit, Bryan and Kate have gone out to eat at a nice restaurant. They encounter a waiter who treats Kate very badly.

Leader Tip

Your small-group leaders or teen volunteers could perform this skit for your kids, but children enjoy the spotlight, too! Whoever you choose as your cast, meet with them beforehand to practice their entrances and exits.

YOU'LL NEED

THE SCENE

A table at a restaurant

THE SIMPLE SETUP

A table with 2 chairs, set with 2 plates. The waiter will bring out the glasses.

THE CAST

- Waiter
- Bryan
- Kate

THE PROPS

- table
- 2 plates
- 2 chairs
- pitcher of water
- 2 glasses
- 2 menus (paper folded in half works fine)

ACTION!

*The scene opens with Bryan and Kate entering the restaurant and sitting down at the table.
The Waiter enters soon after.*

WAITER

Good evening. I'm your waiter, and I'll be taking care of you tonight. Have you been to Jack's Grill House before?

KATE

No, we haven't, but we've heard great things.

WAITER

Ah, yes. Well! You're in the right place. I'll be back in a minute. Please look over the menus while I'm getting your drinks.

KATE

But we don't have any menus.

WAITER

(A little briskly) Well, don't let that stop you. *(Exits.)*

KATE

That was a bit odd.

Waiter returns with a pitcher of water and two glasses.

WAITER

Some drinks to get you started. Water for the mister. *(Puts the glass down and pours the water in the glass.)* And the lady. *(Pours the water on the table first; then puts down the glass.)*

KATE

What in the world...!

WAITER

Now, would you like to place your orders?

KATE

(A little stunned) But...we haven't gotten menus yet. *(To her husband)* Bryan. Honey?

BRYAN

(To the waiter) We'll need just a minute before we order.



WAITER

Very well. I'll be right back, take your time. *(Exits.)*

KATE

What on earth is going on here?

Waiter returns.

WAITER

Now, what would you like as an appetizer?

KATE

We still need menus!

WAITER

Very well. *(Exits.)*

KATE

Bryan, are you going to say anything? I don't know if I want to stay here, if this is how he's going to treat me all night.

Waiter returns.

WAITER

OK, menus! *(Hands a menu to Bryan.)* One for the awesome guy, and one for the demanding lady. *(Drops Kate's menu on the ground.)*

KATE

Hey!

BRYAN

Now, Kate, honey, we promised that we'd have a good night out. Let's just try to enjoy it. *(To Waiter)* I'll try the cheese sticks.

WAITER

One order of cheese sticks, and for the lady?

KATE

(Glaring, then sighing, softening a bit) What kinds of soup do you have?

WAITER

We don't have soup. We're all out of soup.

KATE

Hmm...OK. Just a salad for me, then.

WAITER

Oh, we don't have salad. But we do have a lovely array of soups you can choose from.

KATE

You just said you didn't have soup.

WAITER

Or we have salad. Your choice.

KATE

I'll try the soup. What kinds do you have?

WAITER

Ohh. Fresh out.

KATE

(To Bryan) Is it me?

BRYAN

Kate, honey, let's just order our food. It'll be OK.

KATE

OK?!

Waiter starts to pour more water for Kate.

WAITER

More water?

KATE

No!!

WAITER

Very well then. Appetizers to start?



BRYAN

OK. We'll just order our food. Do you have cheeseburgers?

WAITER

Yes, best burgers in California.

KATE

(Under her breath) But we're in Colorado.

BRYAN

I'll have a cheeseburger.

WAITER

Burger with cheese. Excellent choice. *(Fistbumps with Bryan; then turns to Kate.)* And what do you want?

KATE

(Giving up) What do you recommend?

WAITER

I recommend the soup and salad. Scrumptious.

KATE

(Grimacing) I'll try that.

WAITER

Excellent choice. I'll be right back with your appetizers. *(Exits.)*

KATE

But we didn't order any...oh, good grief. What is with that guy? I'm starting to get angry! I can't believe you haven't said anything! Are you going to defend me at all?

BRYAN

Now, Kate, sweetie, don't get bent out of shape. I'm sure he's a nice guy, just maybe a little off tonight.

Waiter returns.

WAITER

Your cheeseburger will be right out, sir, but, ma'am, I'm sorry, we're all out of soup and salad.

KATE
I'm so surprised.

WAITER
Would you care for more water?

KATE
No! Look, I've been patient, but you're not even listening to me! You're being very disrespectful!

WAITER
(Staring blankly) I'm sorry, what were you saying?

KATE
Argh!!! That's it! Bryan, are you going to do *anything*?

BRYAN
(In the middle of a drink of water) Sorry, what?

KATE
If you're not going to do anything when I'm being treated with such disrespect, then I'm leaving!

Kate exits.

WAITER
More water?

BRYAN
Yes, thank you.



The Waiting Room

THE SKIT

In this skit, a girl and a boy meet in a hospital waiting room. Through talking, the boy helps the girl pray for her dad, who was in an accident.

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YOU'LL NEED

THE SCENE

A hospital waiting room

THE SIMPLE SETUP

Place a desk with the Receptionist sitting behind it on one side of the stage and a row of three chairs on the opposite side. Place a magazine on the middle chair.

THE CAST

- Mom
- Emily
- Dad
- David
- Receptionist (nonspeaking part)

THE PROPS

- 3 chairs
- desk or table with chair
- magazine

ACTION!

The scene opens on the waiting room. Mom enters with her daughter Emily and sits the girl down in a chair.

MOM

Stay right here, honey. I have to go talk to the nurse. Will you be OK?

Emily nods.

MOM

OK, I'll be back as soon as I can. And Emily (*pausing*), everything will be OK.

Mom leaves. Emily weakly smiles. She looks around, picks up a magazine, looks at it, and sets it down. Receptionist catches her eye, smiles, and nods. Emily smiles back, then looks away.

Dad enters with his son David and sits the boy down with a chair between him and Emily.

DAD

Stay right here, son. I have to go talk to the nurse. Will you be OK?

David nods.

DAD

OK, I'll be back as soon as I can. And David (*pausing*), everything will be OK.

Dad leaves. David weakly smiles. He looks around, picks up a magazine, looks at it, and sets it down. Receptionist catches his eye, smiles and nods. David smiles back and then looks over to Emily.

DAVID

Hi.

EMILY

Hi.

DAVID

My dad told me to wait here.

EMILY

My mom told me the same thing.

Pause.



DAVID

I wish they had TV in the waiting room. I always have to read the same magazine.

EMILY

Are you here a lot?

DAVID

Not a lot, but I've been here before. What about you?

EMILY

First time.

DAVID

It's OK. My dad said everything is going to be OK. He never lies.

EMILY

How does he know that?

DAVID

(Shrugging) Dunno. He just does.

Pause.

DAVID

Are you here with both your parents?

EMILY

Yeah. My mom got a call from the hospital, and she pulled me out of school, and we came right here. I think...*(pauses)*...she said my dad was in an accident.

DAVID

Oh, no. I'm sorry, is he OK?

EMILY

I don't know. My mom told me to wait. *(Pauses.)* I'm really scared. I'm not sure what to do. *(Pauses.)* I wish they did have a TV.

DAVID

Have you tried praying?

EMILY

Yeah. But...I don't know what to pray.

DAVID

My dad tells me to pray for "strength and courage."

EMILY

Strength and courage?

DAVID

Yeah. He always says, "It's the two things you always need and the two things that God has a lot of." (*Shrugs.*)

EMILY

Hmm. Strength and courage?

DAVID

Yeah.

Pause.

EMILY

Will you tell me what to say?

DAVID

Sure. It's easy. My dad says that talking to God is like talking to your best friend.

It's like this. Dear God (*Emily repeats each phrase after David*), I don't know what's happening. But I pray for strength and courage. I know you are watching over me and my family, the way you always do. In Jesus' name, amen.

EMILY

Amen.

DAVID

See? Not so hard. You feel better?

EMILY

Yeah. Yeah, I do. Strength and courage.



Dad comes back in.

DAVID

Dad, is everything OK?

DAD

Yep, but I have to talk to Emily.

EMILY

Me?

DAD

Yes, I'm the doctor who's going to take care of your dad.

EMILY

(Turning to David) Your dad's the doctor?

DAD

(To Emily) Everything's going to be OK; he's going to be just fine.

DAVID

Told ya.

DAD

Do you want to come back and see him?

EMILY

Yes! *(Pauses, turning to David.)* Thank you.

DAVID

I'm glad he's OK.

Dad and Emily leave.

DAVID

Dear God, I pray for a TV in the waiting room.