



Count on it

Living in the certainty of God's Word



DRAMA SKETCH: GOD IS HERE

For use with children aged approx 7–9 in the Junior Church programme.

A: (*Sweeping up – A mimes stepping on a piece of chewing gum which sticks his shoe to the floor – with a long sticky string*)

Trouble, trouble, trouble. It's just one thing after another.
Everything's gone wrong. (*He gets gum off shoe*)

B: Oh, stop moaning and get on with it.

A: Look at us, picking up litter, emptying bins and sweeping the streets. We shouldn't be doing this. In our own country we were rich.

B: All that's in the past. There was a war. We lost. We're not in our own country any more. The winners got the good stuff – we got this. Get used to it. Get over it.

A: But... but... God was supposed to look after us. What happened? *Where is God?*

ALL: God is here. God is now. You can count on it!

B: God did look after us. We're alive, aren't we? We even have jobs... we're really lucky to have any job at all.

A: But this is an awful job. The only jobs we can get in this country are awful jobs. Jobs that nobody else wants to do. I expected God to look after me. And here I am doing this rotten stuff. Before the war, when we were back home, when we were rich I always felt that God was right there looking after me. But I don't feel like that now. So I'd like to know – *Where is God?*

ALL: God is here. God is now. You can count on it!

A: Oh yeah? I'm not so sure. God was in our country, in the old days. But I don't think he's here.

B: Twit.

A: What did you say?

B: Twit. Look over there.

A: (*Looks*) And?

B: What do you see?

A: Hills. Trees. Grass. Dandelions.

B: And how did they get there?

A: Well, they grew. Apart from the hills. They're just ...well...*there*.

B: And who put them there?

A: I don't suppose anyone *put them there*. THEY'RE JUST THERE. They're hills. Part of the planet. Creation.

B: Exactly. Part of God's creation. The hills, the grass, the trees, the dandelions. So if God made all these things, then he's here, isn't he? He wouldn't just wander off and leave them.

A: I suppose not...

B: And he hasn't left *us* either.

A: Oh no?

B: No. We won't be sweeping streets for ever. God will get us out of this. He's promised. And God keeps his promises.

A: Well...maybe. But life here is so tough. It's hard to believe things will ever get better.

B: That's what the Book's for. It's full of stories to help us remember that God will never leave us. Never let us down.

A: (*Putting his hood up*) Oh, now it's starting to rain.

B: Good.

A: Are you mad? We'll get soaked.

B: Rain. One of God's ways of helping creation along. When it rains all the green stuff grows. Rain does the job God means it to do.

A: Hmm. Yes, I'm sure rain's wonderful – but it's so*wet*.

B: Rain is reliable. You can trust rain to turn up and make everything green. It never fails. Just like God's message.

A: Yeah, yeah.

B: You know you wouldn't be half so miserable if you'd just tune in to God's message.

A: Like I said, *Where's God?*

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A: *(To audience)* You're beginning to get on my nerves.

(To B) You're not going to let this drop, are you? Go on then. Tell me about the message.

B: It's powerful. Every story and every saying in God's book is powerful. They stick in your head and change the way you think. They grow into brilliant ideas. They change us.

A: I don't want to change. I like me the way I am.

B: What, miserable and moaning?

A: Cheek!

B: If you trust the stories in the book you won't be miserable any more, because you'll know - you'll know in your heart and soul and in your very bones that God will always be here for you. He'll never stop taking care of you. He'll never let you down.

And you'll stop asking that stupid question!

A: What question?

B: WHERE IS GOD?

ALL: God is here. God is now. You can count on it!

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