

A script from



"Denial"

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- What** While at their youth group meeting, Maddie and Christy are quick to judge Peter for his denial of Christ, but don't realize their own actions are just as bad.
Themes: Peter, Easter, Faithful, Hypocrisy, Fear, Courage
- Who** Leader
Maddie
Christy
Caleb
Valerie
Various other students
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Chairs
5 Bibles
Paper
- Why** John 13:33-38, John 18:15-18, John 18:25-27
- How** Have the chairs facing upstage with the actors back to the audience. Elevate the Leader so he/she can be seen over the actors and have him/her face the audience. It's as if we're sitting in the audience of the youth group meeting. Christy and Maddie are sitting in the back and turn towards each other, "cheating out," so that the audience can see and hear what they are saying.
- When Caleb and Valerie read their lines, have them stand and face the "youth group" so that they are actually facing out to the real audience.
- The Leader should mime his/her teaching while Christy and Maddie are talking.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes

Leader: Please open your Bibles to John 13 verse 33 and follow along with me.

Note: All scripture in this script is from Bible.org.

(Reading from Bible) Children, I am still with you for a little while. You will look for me, and just as I said to the Jewish religious leaders, 'Where I am going you cannot come,' now I tell you the same. "I give you a new commandment – to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples – if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!" Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? I tell you the solemn truth, the rooster will not crow until you have denied me three times!"

We're almost out of time, but before we go, I want read a few passages and leave you with this thought: Do you think Peter wanted to deny Christ? I don't. I think, at times, denial is simply the result of habitual sin and misconstrued justification of our actions.

Christy throws a piece of paper to get Maddie's attention. Christy and Maddie's conversation takes place in a stage whisper while the youth group Bible study is continuing.

Christy: You got practice tomorrow?

Maddie: Yeah, coach is calling extra practices now that we're going to State.

Christy: So, you won't be at church?

Maddie: Oh, I'll be there, just might be a little late.

Christy: You coming on the youth group retreat next weekend?

Maddie: Absolutely! Softball can't keep me from that. I've been looking forward to it all year.

Christy: What chapter is he in?

Maddie: John 13. What a lame passage.

Christy: Seriously! I mean, I know Peter eventually becomes this great guy and everything, but I just don't get how he denies Christ.

Maddie: And right after Jesus predicts it.

Christy: I just don't think I would have done that.

Maddie: Me either.

Leader: Caleb, would you read the next part out of John 18?

Caleb: Sure.

(Reading from Bible) Simon Peter and another disciple followed them as they brought Jesus to Annas. (Now the other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, and he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard.) But Simon Peter was left standing outside by the door. So the other disciple who was acquainted with the high priest came out and spoke to the slave girl who watched the door, and brought Peter inside. The girl who was the doorkeeper said to Peter, "You're not one of this man's disciples too, are you?" He replied, "I am not." (Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire they had made, warming themselves because it was cold. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.)

*This time **Maddie** throws a paper airplane at **Christy**. The following takes place in a stage whisper.*

Maddie: So, did Mike call you last night?

Christy: Yup.

Maddie: And?

Christy: He asked me to the prom!!

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ENDING:

Christy: You're lying to your parents?

Maddie: Not really lying. I'm just not going to tell them. *(Justifying her actions)* Besides I've been trying to witness to the girls all year. I think if I go to the party and just have a few drinks, then we can be better friends. And maybe I can eventually tell them about Christ.

Christy: That's a good idea. You should invite them to youth group.

Maddie: I don't tell anyone I come here.

Christy: Why?

Maddie: It's hard to explain, but I just don't think my friends would understand. They would think I was weird.

Christy: Well, have fun at the party.

Maddie: Thanks. And keep me posted on Mike!

Christy: Sure thing!

*Both girls return to their Bibles and give **Leader** their attention.*

Leader: One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Lights out.