

A script from



“Pick a Father”

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What Teenagers have a difficult time understanding the advice and guidance from their parents . . . just as all of God’s children struggle with the direction of their heavenly Father. **Themes:** Father's Day, Dad, Parenting, Family, Rules, Boundaries, Obedience

Who Lori
Dad/Father #3
Host
Father #1
Father #2

When Present Day

Wear (Props) Living room type of chair is in one area of the stage
Teenage girl’s bedroom in another area of the stage
Game show setting in another area of stage-including a partition and 3 stools
Optional- game show music and applause sound effect

*You can go as big or as small with these settings as you want.

Why Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, Psalm 119:105

How Keep the dialogue conversational and energetic. Stay on top of queues and keep the pace moving.

Time Approximately 6-8 minutes

Dad reading in chair as daughter, Lori, approaches.

Lori: Dad, I need to ask you something.

Dad: *(Still reading)* What is it, Lori?

Lori: There's this guy that I know...he's a junior in high school and he's real cool...and well, he asked me out this Friday night...and can I go?

Dad: We have had this discussion before, Lori, and you know that you're not allowed to date until you are sixteen.

Lori: It's not fair! I'll be fourteen tomorrow, and everybody else my age can go out on dates!

Dad: Don't raise your voice, Lori!

Lori: I want to go!

Dad: You'll have your chance to date when you get older. In the meantime, there's lots of opportunities to do things with your friends.

Lori: That's not the same! You just don't understand! You never let me do the things I want to do!

Dad: Now Lori...

Lori: Other dads let their daughters date!

Dad: Lori, I wish you would try to see...

Lori: I wish I had another father! *(Runs to another part of the stage, her room, and sits down pulling her pillow tight. Dad exits the stage.)*

He thinks I'm still a little kid. He won't let me do anything! I wish I had another father...I wish I had another father! *(Buries head in pillow and dream sequence begins.)*

*In another area of the stage, a game show atmosphere begins, where there is a **Host** and three men sitting on stools. **Father #3** is Lori's father. The **Host** comes to **Lori** and takes her to the game show section of the stage. A partition keeps **Lori** from seeing the men. Game show music could be used in this transition with an applause sound effect.*

Host: Lori, welcome to the exciting game show called "Pick a Father."

Lori: Where am I?

Host: This is the show that allows adolescents, whose fathers are still treating them unfairly, like kids, to pick a father who will respect them as a young adult!

Lori: I don't understand.

Host: Has your father been too hard on you lately?

Lori: Yes, I think so.

Host: Does your Dad have harsh rules that keep you from doing the things you deserve to do as a mature teenager?

Lori: Yes, he does have lots of rules...

Host: Well, today is your chance to do something about this unfair situation, because you get to PICK A FATHER. We have three fathers who will answer questions for you. After you hear their answers, you get to pick the father that you want...not the one that you got stuck with in real life!

Now Lori, go ahead...ask your first question!

Lori: Okay, this seems crazy, but I'll give it a try.

Father #1...what kind of rules would you have for me if I were your child?

Father #1: (*Very excitable*) Rules...who needs rules? Rules get in the way of having fun, and that's what I want my children to do...have fun! If you were in my family, you would have no restrictions, no punishment, no chores, no rules...just fun, lots and lots of fun!

Lori: Father #2...same question.

Father #2: (*Unemotional*) What was the question? I wasn't listening.

Lori: If I was your child, what kind of rules would there be for me?

Father #2: You make your own rules in my household. You take care of yourself...that's how you learn. Don't bother me with rules. I don't have time to worry about them...or you, for that matter.

Lori: How about you, Father #3, what rules would you have for me?

Father #3: (*Who is Lori's real Dad*) Lori, everyone needs rules to live by. I would let you know what standards I would expect from you. This would help you grow to be more responsible. Rules don't have to take the fun out of life. They help us learn to respect ourselves and others.

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ENDING:

Lori: Who will I pick? What do I do?

Fathers all speak at the same time over and over.

Father #1: Just have fun!

Father #2: I don't care what you do!

Father #3: You can't date until you are sixteen.

Lori continues to squirm and talk out loud. She makes her way back to her bed and buries her head in her pillow. Game show people disappear.

Lori: I just want to go on the date! Who will understand me? I wish... *(stops and suddenly awakens ; looks at clock beside her)* I must have fallen asleep. It's after midnight...my birthday...it's real happy too! I can't date. I'm still treated like a kid, and I'm probably grounded for the way I talked to my dad!

Knock on door.

Dad: *(Peaking in on daughter)* Are you still awake? Sorry about our fuss a little earlier. We can talk more tomorrow. *(Kisses her on forehead)* I love you, birthday girl! *(He leaves.)*

Lori hugs pillow tightly. Lights out.