

A script from



“Abilities”

by

Eddie James and Saddleback Players

What	Two friends want to be used by God, and after trying to use their own strengths they find that being available to God is the most important thing. (Themes: Abilities, Spiritual Gifts, Being Available, Serving)	
Who	Mark	Steve
When	Present day	
Wear (Props)	Boy band song- 15 minutes	
Why	1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Samuel 17	
How	Have fun with this one. This is a great opportunity to utilize some of the “hams” in your group to develop their comedy, but also to learn that there is a place in the kingdom for funny Christians.	
Time	Approximately 6-8 minutes	

Mark and Steve enter, having just finished watching television.

Mark: Dude, *Touched by an Angel* is possibly one of the best shows in television history. I mean, she's got great abilities. She's helping people, helping God, and she's Irish, too.

Steve: I wish I was Irish.

Mark: I wish I had abilities.

Steve: I was going to say that, but the Irish thing overruled it. *(Pause)* I don't really have any abilities. All I'm good at is playing on the computer.

Mark: Well, I'm good at something.

Steve: What's that?

Mark: I'm good at watching *Touched by an Angel*.

Steve: Right. *(Beat)* You used to play baseball, didn't you?

Mark: Yeah, right up until the fourth grade when I took a slider right in the face. *(Beat)* Hey, don't you work at the Burger Barn? Didn't you get Employee of the Month?

Steve: Yeah, but after I put out that grease fire with my hair, it's never been the same.

Mark: Dude, it's okay.

Steve: I still have nightmares.

Mark: Uh, let's think about what we can do.

Steve: We're Christians.

Mark: Yeah. We could do something at the church. We could be priests.

Steve: Dude, that could happen.

Mark: Totally. Like the guys on channel forty. The guys who are like... *(Adopts "televangelist" voice)* "My brothers and sisters, I am happy you're here today. Welcome and hallelujah! Now touch the screen and feel what I'm telling you. 'Cause I say you are forsaken."

Steve: Not that kind of pastor. I mean like a *(Your youth leader/pastor)* type of pastor. *(Adopts that leader's personae. NOTE: It would be best to use your leader's vernacular, but use the following as a jumping-off point)* Welcome everybody, welcome. Welcome to *(Name of meeting or*

church). I know we've welcomed you six or seven times already, but I just want to thank you for coming. You know we get to experience this wonderful playground we call earth, and God gives us the Bible...

Mark: Dude. Hearing (*Leader*) twice in one sitting is illegal in some counties, so let's just stop. What else could we do?

Steve: We could still work at the church.

Mark: Yeah, like we could pick up trash or something.

Steve: Yeah, or we could be greeters.

Mark: Greeters, yeah, I got you.

Steve: Dude, that could happen.

Mark: Totally happen. (*As greeter, hands Steve a piece of paper*) Oh, hey, hi! I see you forgot one of these. It's an outline for the sermon.

Steve: No, I'm alright.

Mark: (*Insisting*) No, trust me.

Steve: No, no.

Mark: You'll be lost. C'mon.

Steve: I don't really want one.

Mark: You'll feel left out.

Steve: Thanks, but no thanks.

Mark: Look, buddy, this is my job, and I have a quota to meet. Now, you'll take one and like it. And remember the (*Name of church*) motto: God loves you. Have a nice day.

Steve: Um, dude, I don't think that job's for you. You'll just scare people away.

Mark: I thought I was pretty good.

Steve: Um, no. (*Beat*) Well, we're in drama. And people think we're funny.

Mark: They do?

Steve: Yeah, but that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Mark: Right. Under here (*referring to himself*) is a lot of seriousness.