

A script from



## “Avoiding the Primrose Path”

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- What** Two friends follow a narrow path to a scenic view, but are tempted by an easier path leading to quicksand. **Themes:** Walking with Christ, Encouragement, Support, Temptation, Narrow Gate
- Who** Jeff  
Sam
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Hiking Clothes  
Hiking Equipment (i.e. backpack, walking stick, camera)  
Bible  
Ace Bandage for Jeff’s leg  
Adhesive Bandages  
White or Pink Face Paint
- Why** Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:23-24
- How** Actors should appear as if they have been hiking for a long period of time. They can stand slightly stage right and periodically move stage left in small increments throughout the skit to indicate some progress on the path. However, this movement should not be distracting, nor take them any significant distance. Also, be sure to point above the audience heads rather than at the audience when referring to the other path.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Sam and Jeff enter. They are dressed in their hiking gear.*

**Sam:** *(tired and frustrated)* Are you sure this is the right way?

**Jeff:** Yes! Remember, we got the directions from the Lead Hiking Guide who said He carved out the path Himself. Plus, He gave us a pretty detailed map *(holding up the Bible in his hand)*.

**Sam:** What do you think is taking so long? We're kind of jammed up here and no one ahead seems to be moving much. *(Gestures in front of him)*

**Jeff:** I don't know. Just be patient! If you'll recall, the Guide also told us that it wouldn't be an easy hike. But, remember the awesome view He described at the end? Plus, He said He would meet us there with a huge picnic so we can eat and enjoy the scenery. *(Rubbing hands together in anticipation and excitement)* It's totally going to be worth it!

**Sam:** *(still complaining and looking toward the front of the line)* Actually, I don't think this line is moving at all. We're never going to reach the lookout point at this rate! And I'm hungry and tired and hot!

**Jeff:** Sam, no one said going this way was going to be a walk through the park. We're moving so just chill out.

**Sam:** *(sighs)* Fine. But, I don't think I'm going to be able to scale anymore of those boulders we encountered a few miles back. *(Scratching)* Plus, I'm pretty sure that the last batch of weeds we navigated through was full of poison ivy. *(Slaps at something on skin)* Either that or I have so many bug bites that I can't tell the difference anymore.

**Jeff:** Sam, just try to focus on the positive side of our adventure and the goal. It's totally going to be worth it when we get through to the view and yummy food!

**Sam:** *(shrugs and then looks off-stage toward audience and brightens)* Hey, Jeff! Look at that path *(pointing off-stage, toward the audience, but above their heads)*. It's 6-person wide and people are hiking really fast. It's even lined with primroses! It's beautiful! Let's go over there.

**Jeff:** Hmm... *(looks down at the Bible like a map)* No. I don't think so. It says here that direction *(pointing above the audience heads)* is opposite of the way we need to go.

**Sam:** *(frustrated)* Well...maybe it's the journey instead of the destination that's important! *(Looking above audience again and squinting)* They look happy and—hey! Does that say free wi-fi, bug spray, and Slurpees over there? Are you kidding?! I've been going through internet

withdrawal since we started! Maybe we can pick up their signal *(takes out his phone and starts to type on it furiously)*.

**Jeff:** Really?

**Sam:** *(disappointed)* Nothing. Too far away I guess. *(Wheedling tone)* Come on, Jeff. Let's go over there. What can it hurt? What does this path offer...other than sore feet?

**Jeff:** *(trying to be encouraging)* Listen, Sam. We decided to take this path because it's worth it at the end. I know it's been a rough hike, but we've come this far and I trust our Guide. According to His directions, that way *(pointing above audience heads again)* goes to an area with lots of quicksand. It's dangerous.

**Sam:** *(muttering and slapping at another bug)* Sinking sand is starting to sound pretty good. Isn't wet sand supposed to be good for treating bug bites?

**Jeff:** *(rolls eyes)* We are not going on the other path.

**Sam:** *(unconvinced, looking toward the front of their own path and squinting)* It looks pretty narrow up ahead. I'm not sure I can even squeeze through that next section.

**Jeff:** You can squeeze through. Sam, I'll help you. Plus, we have really good directions right here about how to make it through the tight spots. *(Taps the Bible)*

**Sam:** *(perplexed)* How are you being so positive about this hike, Jeff? I mean, you have as many bug bites as I do and you even twisted your ankle a few miles back *(gesturing to wrapped leg)*.

**Jeff:** I know, Sam. But look...the Guide said His good friend would be on the path to help anyone who needs it, including us. He wrapped my leg, remember? Plus, I have you! In fact, everyone we've encountered on this path has been encouraging and ready to lend a hand. We're going to make it. We just have to stick with it. I'm telling you...it's going to be worth it—a fabulous view, a victory meal, and fellowship with these other awesome hikers waiting for us at the end of this path.

**Sam:** *(still a little hesitant, but recommitted; patting Jeff on the back)* Okay. You've convinced me, but you know...I wouldn't turn down a Slurpee right about now!