

“Boxbob Learns About Lent: Good Works”

Script 4

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What In this humorous skit for children, Boxbob wants to do a good work for Lent, but he is having a hard time figuring out what to do. This can easily be performed in person or online.

Themes: Lent, Good Works, Kid's Ministry, Online Worship, Covid-Friendly

Who Boxbob
Boxsue

When Present

Wear (Props) Boxbob and Boxsue are played by a male and female, who are each wearing boxes. The boxes should not reach below the Boxies' waists. Boxbob wears black glasses which have a piece of masking tape on the nose piece. Boxsue wears a ribbon in her hair. There is a small table center stage with a pot, a spoon and a saltshaker on it.

Why Matthew 25:35

How Boxbob is likeable, but goofy while Boxsue is self-assured. Play up the relationship between goofy Boxbob and serious Boxsue. This skit can be done online or in person. Our church sent a copy of the script to a family who acted it out and recorded it. Then we showed it during Lent. There are four other Boxbob Lent scripts in the series.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Boxbob enters and walks over to the table which has a pot, with a spoon in it. He begins stirring and tasting. He adds a little salt and makes a face, then Boxsue walks in.

Boxbob: Here, Boxsue, taste this.

Boxbob holds spoon up to Boxsue's mouth and she pretends to take a sip.

Boxsue: *(makes face)* Ugh. What is that? It tastes like salty socks.

Boxbob: Yeah, I thought so, too. What does it need?

Boxsue: I don't know. What is it supposed to be?

Boxbob: Lentil soup.

Boxsue: *(sets spoon down)* Well, it doesn't even really taste like soup. What did you put in it?

Boxbob: I've never made soup before. But I figured it couldn't be hard. So, I put some water in the pot, added some lentils and then added some salt.

Boxsue: Hmmm. I've seen my mom make soup and that's not the way she does it. I think she puts a bunch more stuff in.

Boxbob: Well shoot. This seemed like such a good idea. But now, it just seems way too complicated.

They move around in front of the table and sit on it.

Boxsue: Why are you trying to make lentil soup, anyways?

Boxbob: I was going to take some to my neighbor, Mr. Riley.

Boxsue: Oh! Is he sick?

Boxbob: No, but he's kind of old. I thought maybe it would make him happy.

Boxsue: Why soup? Why not cookies or a loaf of bread?

Boxbob: *(counts on his fingers as he enumerates what he has done so far)*
Because, first I lent a quarter to my sister. But she swallowed it and I got in trouble for giving it to her. Then, I tried being silent while Mom was watching TV, but I only lasted a minute so she asked me to leave the room. Then, I gave Suzie a valentine, but she just thought it was weird because it wasn't Valentine's day. Then I got the idea to make lentil soup and give it to Mr. Riley.

Boxsue: None of that explains why you want to take some lentil soup to your neighbor.

Boxbob: It's the season of Lent, so I am trying to do good works. My Sunday School teacher said that doing good works during Lent helps us think about all the good works Jesus did for us. Especially dying on the cross so we could go to heaven.

Boxsue: So, you're doing good works by making really bad soup?

Boxbob: LENT-il soup. Don't you get it?

Boxsue: *(puzzled)* No.

Boxbob: I thought it would be fun if my good works had the word "lent" in them. Get it? For LENT? That's why I **lent** something, tried to be **silent**, gave a **valentine** and then made **lentil** soup. Only so far, they haven't been good works. They've just made people mad at me. *(puts elbows on knees and head in hands)*

Boxsue: *(puts arm around him)* It sure seems that way.

Boxbob: *(dejected)* Can you think of anything else I could try.

Boxsue: *(playing along)* Do you have a taLENT?

Boxbob: Besides annoying people?

Boxsue: *(nods)*

Boxbob: *(brightening and sitting up straight)* Mom says I have a talent for burping. *(burps)*

Boxsue: That doesn't seem like a good work.

Boxbob: It is in China. They say if you burp after a meal, it's a way of saying the food was good. I could burp after every meal. *(burps again)* Maybe I better practice.

Boxsue: *(putting hands over her ears)* Stop! Somehow, I think your mom would find that more annoying than you talking during a TV show. I know I do.

Boxbob: *(looks up as he thinks)* My teacher says I am pretty good at reading.

Boxsue: Then what good work could you do with that?

Boxbob: I could read to my little sister. She's always in the way when Mom is trying to cook supper. I could read to her then.

Boxsue: That would definitely be a good work.

Boxbob: It would be a hard work.

Boxsue: You just said you are good at reading.

Boxbob: I am.

Boxsue: Then why would it be so hard?

Boxbob: Because I have to get so many things ready.

Boxsue: I don't understand. I thought you would just need to find a book and a quiet place.

Boxbob: *(acts out what Suzy does as he explains)* No. Whenever someone reads to her, Suzy likes to grab the pages and tear them out, so I will need some tape to fix them. And she drools all over everything, so I will need an apron so I can stay dry. And, a lot of times, she squirms around and then runs off. *(gets off table and stands)* I better go find my running shoes so I can chase her down.

Boxsue: *(gets off table beside him)* No wonder your mom needs your help. But, if you read to Suzie every night, then maybe she will get better at listening. And, maybe your dinners will be really good because your mom will have more time to make them.

They turn to leave.

Boxbob: Yeah. I just hope she doesn't make lentil soup for supper.

Boxsue: Why?

Boxbob: It tastes like salty socks.

The exit. Lights out.