

“Boxbob Learns About Lent: Prayer”

Script 2

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What In this humorous skit for children, Boxbob wants to get better at praying during the Lenten season, but he can't figure out how to do it. This can easily be performed in person or online.

Themes: Lent, Prayer, 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. He wears black glasses which have a piece of masking tape on the nose piece. Boxsue wears a ribbon in her hair. Boxbob is carrying a really long list, the longer the better.

Why Romans 12:12

How Boxbob is likeable, but goofy while Boxsue is self-assured. Play up the relationship between goofy Boxbob and serious Boxsue. This script can be done live, or as part of online worship. In my church we asked a family to act it out and record it and we will air it during the Lenten season. There are four more Boxbob skits in the series about Lent.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Boxbob enters with an extremely long list. He stands center stage and appears to be reading it and mouthing words although the audience can't hear what he is saying. After a beat, Boxesue enters. She walks over to Boxbob and picks up the free end of the list and studies it.

Boxesue: Hi Boxbob. What's this list of names for? Are you having a party? *(pauses and points to list)* Look! My name is on it. Yay! I love parties.

Boxbob: No, it's not for a party. It's my prayer list. My Sunday School teacher said that the season of Lent is a time for us to get closer to Jesus and one way to do that is to get better at prayer. When I want to get better at running, I run more, so I figured to get better at prayer, I needed to pray more.

Boxesue: *(impressed)* Well, it's always good to spend more time talking to God. Is that why you have such a long list?

Boxbob: Yeah. I copied everyone's name out of the phone book and I'm gonna pray for all of them every day.

Boxesue: What will you pray for?

Boxbob: I am asking God to bless them. Like I do at night in my bedtime prayers. You know...God bless Mommy and Daddy, God bless Aunt Sue. *(he points to a place on the list that is about a third of the way down)* I've done this much and it only took me five hours.

Boxesue: You are going to be pretty busy for the next forty days.

Boxbob: Yeah. And I haven't figured out how I'm going to eat, or sleep, or go to school.

Boxesue: That will be hard. You're going to be pretty hungry in forty days.

Boxbob: I wouldn't mind skipping school, but I never thought about skipping meals. *(balls up list and tosses it on floor)* Shoot! I'll never get better at praying.

Boxesue: *(pacing while she speaks)* You know, when I was trying to get better at swimming, I took swimming lessons. My teacher taught me **how** to swim and then I got better. Maybe getting better at prayer isn't just about spending more time praying. Maybe it's also about learning **how** to pray.

Boxbob: But I know how to pray. You do it like this. *(holds hands in prayer position)* Or sometimes we bow our heads at church and sometimes we

even get down on our knees. I don't see how someone can teach me how to get on my knees better.

Boxsue: When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, He taught them the Lord's Prayer.

Boxbob: I already know that: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Boxsue grabs his hand and joins in for the rest. They swing their joined hands as they speak.

Both: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. *(they turn and high five each other)*

Boxsue: You said that pretty good.

Boxbob: See what I mean? I'm already good at the Lord's Prayer. Unless... maybe it would be better if I sing it. *(sings to tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb)* Our Fa-ther who art in heaven, art in heaven art in heaven. Our Fa-ther who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Boxsue: *(shaking head no)* No. Definitely No!

Boxbob: I could try shouting it: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...!

Boxsue: That would be better for someone who is hard of hearing maybe. But I don't think that's what your teacher meant about getting better at prayer, either.

Boxbob: *(dejected)* I'm a prayer failure.

Boxsue: What do you pray for every day?

Boxbob: *(staring up into space and counting on fingers)* Well, I say a blessing before breakfast, lunch, and supper. And I say my bedtime prayer. Only, when I say my bedtime prayer, I am always afraid that I will forget to bless someone and then they will have a bad day and it will be my fault. So, I just started asking God to bless everyone in the whole world. And then I worried about my dog and cat, so I asked Him to bless all the animals, too. Should I be blessing plants, too? Ugh! Prayer is so confusing.

Boxsue: I think the plants are fine, Boxbob. But, if you are saying table blessings and bedtime blessings, maybe you could get better at praying by

adding another **kind** of prayer. Pray the Lord's Prayer during the day sometime. Or say a prayer of thanks.

Boxbob: Hey! Learning to pray in a new way would be like becoming a better swimmer because all the best swimmers I know can do backstroke, and freestyle and butterfly and breaststroke. *(dejected)* I'm not a very good swimmer. I can only doggy paddle.

Boxsue: You're right.

Boxbob: You think I'm a bad swimmer, too?

Boxsue: No. I think adding a new kind of prayer will help you get better at praying.

Boxbob: Okay, well, I think my new prayer will be a prayer of thanks. I'll pray one every day. And I know exactly what I'm thankful for, right now.

Boxsue: What?

Boxbob: I'm thankful that I got rid of the list and I can eat again. Let's go get lunch. I'm starved.

They exit. Lights out.