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## "Bully for You"

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What This Readers Theater takes a modern-day look at the story of Jesus' death from

the perspective of bullying.

Themes: Jesus, Bullying, Forgiveness, Revenge, Violence, School Violence

**Who** Reader 1

Reader 2 Reader 3

Reader 4 Reader 5

When Present

Wear (Props)

4 black binders for scripts

Why Isaiah 53

**How** All Readers should work together to keep a good rhythm and pacing. You can

really paint a picture here with your words and help your audience see the "crowd" and how we're not that much different than they were. This script is

ideally performed by high school students.

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**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

## **Readers** enter and address the audience.

Reader 1: Hey, did ya here about the freak that got killed?

**Reader 2:** You mean that freak that lived on the street?

**Reader 3:** He was in a gang, you know.

Reader 4: Duh.

Reader 5: He was soooo weird.

Reader 1: No wonder those bullies beat him up.

Reader 2: He had it coming, you know.

**Reader 3:** I heard he got kicked out of school.

Reader 4: He was, like, totally rude to his teachers.

**Reader 5:** He made fun of them. The bullies were right.

Reader 1: Yes, we were. He had it coming.

**All:** Absolutely.

**Reader 3:** If only he hadn't been so, so—

Reader 4: Weird.

Reader 5: I think we've established he was weird.

Reader 1: He was so weird.

Reader 2: Unpredictable.

Reader 3: Different. Deserved to get beat up.

**Reader 4:** I heard someone thought he had, like, the devil in him.

**Reader 5:** He was always talking about his Dad.

**Reader 1:** He blamed his Dad for him being so weird?

Reader 2: No, he just talked on and on about him. Yawn.

Reader 3: His Dad was weird, too, I bet.

Reader 4: Must be.

**Reader 5:** I hear his gang is out for revenge. For his death, you know?

Reader 1: I heard his gang is, like, broken up and scattered.

Reader 2: He hung out with losers ALL the time.

Reader 3: Tell me about it.

Reader 4: All those, those, icky people.

Reader 5: He loved them. Weird.

Reader 1: Loser.

All: Losers.

Reader 2: You said something about his gang.

**Reader 3:** I heard one of them turned him into the cops.

**Reader 4:** And then the loser tries to defend himself in court.

All: He lost.

Reader 5: Gotta admit. Although he was weird and all, no one deserves—

**Reader 1:** —to have nails pounded through their hands.

Reader 2: And feet.

Reader 3: Heard he was screamin' all sorts of crazy things when he was dying

Reader 4: Bet he was madder than—

Reader 5: Actually—

Reader 1: He wasn't mad.

**Reader 2:** Man, if that had been me and my friends ditched me and let me die like that—

Reader 3: He forgave 'em.

**Reader 4:** Forgave them.

Long pause

**Reader 5:** Revenge would have been better. He forgave them. Big deal. He died. His gang should have gotten revenge.

Reader 1: On the cops.

Reader 2: On the traitor.

All: Revenge.

Long pause

Reader 1: Hope he doesn't beat us up one day.

Reader 2: Huh? He's dead.

Reader 1: Someone said they, like, saw him, like, alive.

Long pause

All: Weird.

Black out/CURTAIN

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