

A script from



## **"I Don't Fit In"**

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- What** Do you and your friends make it easy for people to feel loved by you and by God, or do you make it feel difficult? Because when you lose a teen from your group, you're not just losing a person – you could be losing a soul. (Themes: Reaching Out, Compassion, Listening, Selfishness, Church, Youth Group, Girls, Sharing)
- Who** Small group leader                      Girl 2  
Suzy    Girl 3  
Girl 1    2-3 other girls
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Tissue for each person  
2 – 3 girls have cell phone  
2 girls have lip gloss  
Pen & paper for Leader
- Why** Philippians 2:1-2
- How** Try not to go so over-the-top with characters and personalities that we miss the message. The tendency sometimes is to play all girls as "valley girls". This is a great opportunity to teach your girls how to play characters that are real. Have them observe behaviors of other people and incorporate them into their characters.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

**Leader:** OK girls, we have to wrap up our small group time, so let's do our prayer requests. Does everyone have their tissue, just in case we cry? *(everyone holds up a tissue box)* Super. Now, since Suzy is visiting for the first time with Lauren, let me take a sec to explain to her what this time is for. Suzy, this is a very serious time where *(girls start whispering to each other and giggling)* we talk about things we would like to pray about – maybe someone's going through a hard time or a family member is sick; it can be anything. We share those things and pray about them. *(angrily snaps fingers at talking girls)* Does that make sense, Suzy?

**Suzy:** Yeah.

**Leader:** OK girls, no more talking. Let's listen to what everyone has to say. Who would like to go first?

**Girl 1:** I'm getting my braces off on Friday, and I'm really excited!

**Others:** Cool! No fair, I want mine off.

**Leader:** That's great. I'll write that down as a ... praise.

*Girl 2 raises hand*

**Leader:** Yes, thank you for raising your hand.

**Girl 2:** I really want a new cell phone... *(interrupted)*

**Girl 1:** *(excitedly)* So do I! Mine is so lame; it doesn't even have a camera on it.

**Girl 2:** *(continues)* ... so my mom said, *(mockingly does a mom-sounding voice)* "Then you had better start praying for money." So, I guess she would want me to put that on the prayer list.

**Leader:** OK, how about we'll pray that God would place on your heart whether that's really an important need or not.

**Girl 2:** Hm... I'll have to check with my mom, but I guess that's OK for now.

*Suzy raises her hand while Leader is writing Girl 2's prayer request down; girls don't notice Suzy, and Girl 3 jumps in with her request.*

**Girl 3:** Oh, I have one... *(dramatically sad voice)* just pray that I'll have fun at Prom next weekend, because *(she starts to cry)*...

**Others:** Aaawww... don't cry...

**Girl 3:** ... because the biggest nerd in school asked me to go with him.

**Others:** *(gasp)* Nooo.... What are you going to do?... You could fake a seizure...

**Girl 3:** He asked me six months ago, so there was no chance for anyone else to ask; my mom said I *had* to go with him. He's so irritating and... greasy; actually, please pray that I get extremely sick, like fever and puking would be good.

**Girl 2:** I have a really sad request too. My mom's sister's friend's daughter's hamster has a weird disease – it's losing all of its fur.

**Others:** Ooooh, gross... That's disgusting... I used to have a hamster. He was so cute.

**Leader:** OK, thank you for sharing.

**Lauren:** I just want to pray that Suzy can come back next week with me.

**Leader:** *(grateful for a sincere request)* Absolutely. That's wonderful, Lauren. Thank you. Anyone else?

*Suzy attempts to raise her hand again.*

**Leader:** Sure, Suzy... go ahead.

**Suzy:** Well, my parents have really been fighting a lot lately.

**Others:** Are you serious?... Wow... That's so sad... I hate it when that happens.

**Suzy:** I'm scared they're going to get a divorce, *(girls start whispering and talking, a few are looking at their cell phones; a couple of girls pull out their lip gloss comparing flavors/smells)* and, um, I wish I could do something to *(looks around noticing most of the girls aren't paying attention)* um... to make things better, so that won't happen.

**Leader:** *(talks loudly to try to regain attention)* Wow, Suzy, that must be really hard to go through, don't you think, girls? *(they look up and shake their heads yes)* Is there anything else you would like to add to that, Suzy?

**Suzy:** That's all, really. I just want them to stay together.

**Leader:** Suzy, thank you so much for sharing. I know this must be a difficult time for you. We will definitely pray about that *(she looks at watch)*. Oh, goodness, it's time to break for lemonade and cookies, so we're not going to have time to pray, but who will commit to praying for these things during the week? Especially for Suzy and her parents.

*Awkward silence as leader looks around at the group.*

**Leader:** I know that we all know what it's like to hurt like Suzy's hurting, so who will pray this week?