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## "Idol Games"

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**What** A zany game show opportunity goes wrong when contestants that all sin is a

form of idolatry. Themes: Youth/Teens, Idolatry, Sin, Humor

**Who** Karson (game show host)

Kim (game show hostess)

Lisa (contestant) Norah (contestant) Jake (contestant)

**When** Present Day

**Wear** Buzzer or bell is needed as sound effect

(Props) This takes place on the set of a game show. The set can be as elaborate or

simplistic as desired; however, host and hostess should appear as glitzy and

"cheesy" as possible.

**Why** Romans 3:19-26

**How** Contestants can be teenagers or young adults. Either way, energy must be high

throughout. At the beginning, lines must be spoken quickly (while still heard

clearly!), without breaks in between.

**Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

Lights up on a game show stage. Hosts **Karson** and **Kim** are in glitzy outfits with glitzy smiles. Contestants and team members-**Lisa**, **Norah**, and **Jake**-are on a platform behind a table.

**Karson:** Hey, hey! Welcome to Million Dollar Lineup, where it pays to have your

things in order! (points to a list which is face-down at the contestants'

table) If the list is a go, you bring home the dough.

**Kim:** Let's meet today's contestants! All the way from Skaneateles, NY, we

have from the Grace Chapel Youth Group [insert name and place of your own youth group]... Lisa! Norah! And Jake! (all wave enthusiastically).

Are you ready for today's challenge?

**All three:** (Unison, as if scripted) Weeeee're ready!

**Karson:** (Again indicating the face-down list) All you have to do to win one

million dollars is correctly rank these sins in order of "badness." You'll rank the least offensive sin first, with the worst sin being at the bottom.

**Lisa:** Oh, phew! That's easy.

**Karson:** Kim, give us five minutes on the clock. (Bleeping game show noise) On

your marks. Get set. GO!

**Lisa**, **Norah** and **Jake** flip the poster board over and begin talking excitedly.

**Lisa:** Okay, so it's probably easiest to start at the bottom. Murder is definitely

the worst.

Norah: Got it!

**Lisa:** And then adultery.

**Jake:** Whoa, hold it! Adultery? Witchcraft is way worse.

**Norah:** (Hand poised to write) Why?

**Jake:** Witchcraft is basically worshipping the devil.

**Norah:** So is worshipping the devil worse, or not as bad as murder?

**Lisa:** Murder is definitely the worst.

**Norah:** So, murder, then witchcraft, then adultery.

**Jake:** No, wait. Hypocrisy. Cause you could be cheating on your wife and

beating your kids, and then go out in public and pretend you're a saint.

**Norah:** Wait. So now is hypocrisy at the bottom? (*Erasing frantically.*)



**Lisa:** I still think murder's the worst.

**Norah:** Okay, fine. Murder it is.

**Jake:** Don't forget blasphemy. Isn't that the "unpardonable sin"?

**Norah:** So I guess that should be last? (Starts erasing again.)

**Lisa:** You know what, let's just start at the top instead. What's the least bad?

**Jake:** Gluttony. Everyone knows that's not really a sin anymore.

**Lisa:** Unless it's an addiction. But that's the exception.

**Norah:** And then only some addictions, right? I mean, the Bible doesn't say

anything about Ben and Jerry's...

**Jake:** Next let's say "lying." That's not really a big deal either.

**Lisa:** Not a big deal?! My parents split up because of lying!

**Jake:** So...I guess it depends on the lie?

**Norah:** If no one gets hurt, it's still okay, right?

**Lisa:** Yeah, except "nobody gets hurt" is usually a lie too. Personal experience

talking here!

**Norah:** So does lying go above or below slander?

**Lisa:** Aren't they the same thing?

**Norah:** No, slander is... (giving up) Here, you do it!

**Lisa:** Greed, theft, lust, betrayal, fraud, violence... this is impossible!

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## **ENDING:**

**Lisa:** So really, it all comes down to—

**Jake:** One thing, really—

**Norah:** The first commandment:



All three: "You shall have no other gods before Me."

There is silence for a minute as this sinks in. Then...

**Kim:** Thank you, Grace Chapel! And now for our next team, all the way from

Portland, Maine...(she continues miming as if she is talking)

**Lisa:** Wow. And that's that. Wow.

**Norah:** It's not worth it, Lisa.

**Lisa:** Not worth it?

**Norah:** Think about what we just told them. Where is our hope, anyway? In a

perfect God? Or in this?

**Karson:** Folks, welcome to Million Dollar Lineup! You get the right order, you

retire in Florid'er!

**Lisa:** Okay, you're right. Let's get out of here!

**Jake:** Ice cream? I'm buying.

**Norah:** Great! (As they exit **Norah** should talk until they are all off stage) Cause

we said ice cream doesn't count, right? I mean, in moderation...

Lights out.