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"If Teen Jesus Had AI"

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What After learning that kids are using AI chatbots for *everything*, Timmy is assigned by his Religion teacher to answer "What Would Jesus Do with AI?" While the question stumps him, it becomes an opportunity for Timmy and his mom Janet to talk about how only God can tell us who we truly are.

Part of the *Train Up A Child Series*, it's a funny and touching skit to help believers of all ages know and remember what they believe.

Themes: Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, Parenting, Childlike Faith, Back to School, Baptism, Identity

Who Timmy (played by an actor who can look under 10 yrs)
Janet, his mom, in her 30s

When Present day, anywhere in America.

Costumes Casual or lounging clothes for life at home

Props A tablet, a table and chairs; a laundry basket

Why Matthew 3:13-17

How The characters have a fun rapport, teasing out of deep trust and love.

Time 2-3 minutes

Timmy is sitting at a table in the kitchen, staring at the ceiling. The family's tablet sits on the table. Janet walks in holding an empty laundry basket and looks at him for a moment, then follows his gaze to the ceiling.

Janet: Is it leaking again?

Timmy jumps in his chair, noticeably shocked.

Timmy: Mom!

Janet: What?

Timmy: Why'd you sneak up on me like that?

Janet: Sneak up on you? I walked in here and stood right beside for you, clearly in plain sight. But don't worry, I'm used to being invisible when I'm with the laundry. You know how many loads I've done today?

Timmy: Maybe that's what he'd do.

Janet: What?

Timmy: The laundry.

Janet: Who's this now?

Timmy: Jesus.

Janet: Okaaaay.

Janet drops the basket on the table and feels his forehead.

Janet: No temperature.

Janet checks his pulse.

Timmy: What are you doing?

Janet: Checking for symptoms. Maybe it's a stroke?

Timmy: I'm ten.

Janet: They're rare at your age, but I saw it once on Web MD. Staring into space. Blanking out. Normally you're running around the house and driving me bonkers about supper.

Timmy: I'm just stumped.

Janet: About what?

Timmy: What teen Jesus would do with AI?

Janet: Well, that wasn't on my bingo card for the week.

Timmy: Mine either. But the question's been bugging me.

Janet: Sounds sus. Is it an assignment?

Timmy: More like a debate. We were talking about AI in school, you know, artificial intelligence...

Janet: Never heard of it.

Timmy: In religion class and Mr. D asked "WWJD"?

Timmy pauses to see if she's following and is about to explain, when Janet jumps in with:

Janet: What Would Jesus Do?

Timmy: Okay, so you've heard of it?

Janet: Heard of it? I wore the bracelet in youth group! Got me out of a terrible almost-first-kiss situation with Brandon Engel. He was this Emo kid who the girls sort of liked and he was about to kiss me but I held up the bracelet-

Janet holds up her wrist like Wonder Woman in her defensive pose. She quickly realizes that Timmy is just staring at her in disbelief and embarrassment, which causes her to talk faster and explain herself.

Janet: So, Emo is short for "emotional" and it was this whole style where people, well, teens in my day, would express their sadness and feelings of being misunderstood through what they wore: their dark clothes and black makeup and depressing music. Brandon had this sort of dreamy quality, but –

Now she's staring at the ceiling. Finally she stops.

Timmy: Ew, mom.

Janet blushes and sits down at the table.

Janet: All that to say, I know what WWJD means. So, how did AI come up?

Timmy: Well, Mr. D said that Jesus used the technology of his day: hammers, nails—wheelbarrows if they had them. For the family trade of carpentry, you know, to do the job that needed to be done. So I asked if Jesus lived today, would he use AI?

Janet: Good question. So what did Mr. D say?

Timmy: He made a new hashtag. WWJDAI.

Janet: Cute.

Timmy: Not really. Then he gave us an assignment.

Janet: I see.

Timmy: So what do you think? Would he use it to figure out how to fold laundry?

Janet: I mean, he could just snap his fingers and the laundry would fold itself. That's always fascinated me about Jesus. He could have just spoken to a pile of wood and to the nails laying on the ground and commanded them to form a chair without lifting a hammer.

Timmy: That'd be cool.

Janet: I know! But, scripture doesn't record that sort of thing. He could transcend the natural laws, but he subjected himself to them. So, I guess if he used AI, it'd sort of be in the same way he used a hammer.

Timmy: That's what I was thinking. To help him with various tasks.

Janet: Exactly. So, what's troubling you?

Timmy: Well, Mr. D in an earlier class shared that lots of kids my age use AI chatbots for a lot of things. As companions, as therapists, as guides. They're asking it questions all the time... about *everything*.

Janet: Are you going to ask me if you can start vibe coding again?

Timmy: No, because I know the answer.

Janet: So?

Timmy: Mr. D said that kids seek out chatbots more than they seek God through prayer and that AI is telling kids who they are.

Janet: Yikes.

Timmy: It's shaping who we are.

Janet: That's really sobering.

Timmy: That's what's bugging me, I guess. What would teen Jesus do? How would he have found out who he is if he lived today?

Janet leans back in her chair and grabs her knees. She rubs her legs and squirms in her seat.

Janet: That's... now that's a big question. (*looking around the room*) Is your dad still out in the garage? I'd love to know what he has to say.

Timmy: So, what do you think?

Janet: You know, I think that Jesus would do what we all should do in any age to know who we are.

Timmy: And what's that?

Janet: Listen to the voice of his heavenly Father.

Timmy: I guess that's kind of obvious.

Janet: Yes, but not really. We think new technology changes everything, but it can't ever replace God. Right?

Timmy: I guess so.

Janet: We should never look to AI or anything else to do what only God could ever do. I love the passage in the New Testament when Jesus got baptized. You know, when the dove descended on him after he came out of the water?

Timmy: I was in a skit about it at church once. I like that story.

Janet: When he came out of the water, the voice of God boomed from heaven and said that Jesus was loved and that he pleased God.

Timmy: That's pretty cool.

Janet: That's *really* cool. And Jesus also had all the scripture of the Old Testament that basically said the same thing. AI can't replace that. AI can give us information and be a tool to help us. That's how I want to use it, but I'm not going to let it tell me who I am. I'll let my heavenly Father do that.

Timmy: I like that.

Janet: You should put that on a bracelet.

Timmy: What?

Janet: My Heavenly Father Said So. MHFSS.

Timmy: I don't know.

Janet: And get AI to prototype it!

Janet stands up and lifts the laundry basket.

Timmy: Are you saying I can get a Claude Code account?

Janet: Not a chance.

Janet kisses him on the forehead and starts to exit. Timmy picks up the tablet to go back to his homework.

Janet: Your earthly parents want you to learn how to code the hard way.

Timmy: IYSS.

Janet: What's that now?

Timmy: If You Say So.

Janet: That's my boy.

Janet winks and then exits. **Timmy** starts to type.

Timmy: Hey chatbot, how can I convince my parents to let me download Claude Code?

Janet: *(from offstage)* I heard that.

Timmy looks in her direction and smiles.

Timmy: Just kidding!

Lights fade to end the play.

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