

A script from



“Most Valuable Praiser”

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- What** “Most Valuable Praiser” parodies popular sports cast programs to emphasize the need for cultivating an appropriate mindset during corporate worship.
Themes: Worship, Praise, Spiritual Discipline
- Who** Billy Hilly- a good ‘ole boy
Junior Senior Junior- subtle and refined
Linda Smith- honest and earnest
- When** Present
- Wear** Church clothes for each character
(Props) Remote
- Why** John 4:24
- How** Linda never speaks during the performance; she instead freezes, speeds up, slows down and otherwise mimics a “play-by-play” tape in a typical sports program. She will be required to freeze, rush, and even move in slow motion as required by the script. The bigger her actions and facial expressions, the funnier it will be.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Bill: Howdy Doody all you buckaroos out there in the wild, wild world of worship! Welcome to "Worship-date": your weekly wrap-up of all things praised, prayed and paid for the glory of God. This is good old Bill Hilly—

Junior: And I'm Junior Senior Junior. Quite a morning wouldn't you say Bill?

Bill: You ain't just whistling Dixie, Junior. I haven't seen a service with so many ups and downs since pastor Tex Tate tried at preach and bungee jump at the same time.

Junior: Indeed. What started out as a weekly blessing of adoration and meditation almost degenerated into disaster for one star crowned athlete Linda Smith. Let's watch the tape (*Linda enters and begins to sing*).

Bill: She starts out in prime enough form, Junior. You can tell she knows the song by heart and is even looking for some application but once we freeze frame (*Linda freezes with her mouth wide open*)—

Junior: Exactly Bill: Once the song leader raises the pitch, Linda starts straining her vocal chords and her focus.

Bill: Even pros get distracted from time to time, Junior. The important thing is to keep your eye on the prize.

Junior: Let's roll forward (*Linda rushes through several more worship actions – singing, praying, shaking hands*).

Bill: Well doggies. This is where things start getting a might pesky. Bottom of the sermon. Two kids in mini-worship. Bladders loaded. Our gal is already showing signs of fatigue and then—kaboom—some kid up and sneezes on her.

Junior: Let's see that again in slow motion Bill.

Bill: (*Linda reenacts being sneezed on in slow motion*) You can tell that toddler must have been hoarding that blow all winter long and with Linda already out of the zone this could have caused one righteous fumble in her concentration.

Junior: Play with fire you get burned, Bill.

Bill: Sit next to an infant, you get moist, Junior.

Junior: But then out of nowhere the invitation.

Bill: A response from a rookie in the back row! He's at the front—the podium—he makes the good confession—it's good!

Junior: Saved by a save! Linda seizes the window to renew her commitment to God and his blessed assembly.

Bill: Praising our personal savior ain't for sissies, Junior. Just goes to show that worship is a team effort.

Junior: You really know the score on that one, Bill. Stay tuned after the break viewers for "This Week in Potluck."

Bill: You haven't seen nothing until you've seen an elder try and pass two hot dishes with only half a pot holder.

Junior: This is Junior Senior Junior.

Bill: And I'm Bill Hilly. You all come back and praise now, you hear?

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