

“Nothing But the Truth”

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What: It’s so hard to know what’s true and what’s false with today’s media gossip. “Trustworthy” news programs seem to become more and more like gossip magazines. Here’s a look at how it can affect us in our everyday lives. (Themes: gossip, truth, friendship, media)

Who: Jane- news anchor Laurie- eye witness
Maria- field reporter Amy- eye witness
Kelsey- field reporter Allison- eye witness
Mrs. Lufton- principal Stacy- “pregnant” girl

When: Present day

Why: Ephesians 4:26, 29

Wear (props): desk, chair, two microphones for reporters, backpacks

How: You can divide the staging area into three different spaces- one for Jane’s desk (she’s the anchor in the newsroom), one for Maria who is in the hallway and one for Kelsey who is in the cafeteria. The cameras are implied. You can also have someone record some “news” music for the beginning and ending of the skit. Keep the pacing up and have fun. Watch a few newscasts to get down the tone and inflections of the reporters.

*Note: This skit can also be videoed.

Audience: High School

Time: 5-6 minutes

Jane is sitting behind the news anchor’s desk facing the audience as if she’s speaking into a camera.

Jane: We interrupt our regularly scheduled day to bring you this breaking news story. We’ve just been told by sources that Stacy Cramer is pregnant and won’t reveal the identity of the father. We go live to Maria on location. Maria?

Maria: Jane, I’m here at Fairview High School where moments ago this story of Stacy Cramer was leaked by her friend Christy. Now, information is still coming in about this shocking situation, but we are assured that Stacy Cramer is in fact pregnant and apparently is due any minute.

Jane: Maria, what is the mood there like?

Maria: Jane, it is mass chaos. Everyone is buzzing about this development. Stacy is a well-respected member of our school and community, but we just never thought anything like this could happen to one of our own. Obviously no one is safe. Wait...excuse me...could you come here...Jane, I have here with me Laurie who is in third period with Stacy. Now, Laurie, what do you know about the situation and have you spoken with Stacy?

Laurie: Hi Kyle! I love you sweetie! Look at me! I’m on TV! Oh, uhm, I haven’t talked to her lately, but she is looking like she’s been binging lately. Stacy, lay off the French fries sweetie. You’re starting to look a little on the rotund side.

Maria: So you’ve seen Stacy eating more than usual? *(to camera)* Obviously a sign that she is having cravings. Now, Laurie, have you seen her eat anything unusual? Say, pickles and ice cream or peanut butter and anchovy sandwiches?

Laurie: Eww that’s disgusting. You’re making it sound like she’s pregnant or something.

Maria: And there you have it. Laurie Wilson, a classmate of Stacy Cramer, has just confirmed that Stacy is, in fact, pregnant and also has a life-threatening eating disorder.

Laurie: What? I didn't say... (*Maria is pushing her away trying to get her to leave*).

Maria: Back to you, Jane.

Jane: Thanks, Maria. Now we go live to Kelsey Kaylor in the cafeteria, who I believe has Stacy's best friend with her. Kelsey?

Kelsey: That's right, Jane. I'm here in the cafeteria with Amy Fannin, Stacy Cramer's BFF. Amy, tell us when you first found out.

Amy: Found out about what?

Kelsey: About Stacy Cramer's pregnancy.

Amy: Stacy? She's not pregnant. That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

Kelsey: Has Stacy told you who the father is?

Amy: What? I just told you she's not pregnant. I just saw her this morning. She's not even dating anyone. She's just friends with a lot of people.

Kelsey: So what you're saying is that Stacy has *many* "boyfriends" (*makes air quotations*) and that she will have to take a DNA test to find out who the father is. And what is Stacy hoping for- a boy or a girl? Is she going to keep the baby? Will she be kicked out of school?

Amy: Are you listening to me? I said she's not pregnant. (*Mrs. Lufton, the school principal walks by*)

Ms. Lufton: Excuse me, did you say that Stacy is pregnant?