

“Spiritual Resolution: Bible in a Year”

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What When Annie makes a resolution to read the entire Bible in a year, she discovers that it's not as easy as she expected. This comedic skit is part of the Spiritual Resolution series and fits perfectly into a series about New Year's resolutions.

Themes: New Year, New Year's Resolutions, Bible Reading, Duet

Who **Annie-** a young professional (20's-30's) who is relatively new to the Christian faith. Has a flair for the dramatic.
Connie- humorous representation of her conscience (should be played by someone older than Annie)
Kayla- Annie's friend

When Present day; church library

Wear (Props) Bookshelf
Two chairs
Side table
Bible
Smart tablet
All actors wear present-day dress-casual clothes (church setting).

Why Psalm 119:105

How This is a comic script, and it's okay for actors to exaggerate reactions.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Lights up on a corner of a church library. There are two chairs with a small side table between them. Annie sits in one chair, holding an open Bible. There is a tablet on the table next to her and a bookshelf behind her.

Annie: *(reading; a bit monotone, she's bored and struggles to say the names she's reading)* "At that time Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of— huh?"

She flips a page, frowns, and puts down the Bible; then picks it up again.

Annie: Okay. I can do this. We'll just skip a few verses. *(Trying again)* "Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was the priest of the Most High God. He blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by the Most High God, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Closes the Bible and smiles, proud of her achievement. Then her smile suddenly disappears)* Wait. What? Who's Abram?"

Annie picks up her tablet and looks around as if to make sure no one's watching.

Annie: Desperate times call for desperate measures. *(Starts typing on the tablet; pauses as a screen comes up)* OHHHHH! Abram is Abra-HAM. Like Father Abraham. "In this chapter, Abram, who will soon be called Abraham, comes to his nephew Lot's rescue after Lot has been captured by enemy kings." *(Kayla enters with a stack of papers as Annie continues reading)* "In context: Abram had given Lot first choice of—"

Kayla: Hey, Annie! What'cha reading?

Annie: *(as if caught)* Nothing. *(Starts to hide the tablet, but Kayla has already seen it)*

Kayla: Oh hey! Is that Lamp.com?

Annie: Umm—

Kayla: That's the best kids' Bible app ever. I use it with my third grade Sunday school kids all the time. There are these fun games at the end of each chapter—

Annie: Oh! Like the balloon pop one where you put the names in— *(realizing Kayla is looking at her strangely)* I mean, hey, I bet those are fun.

Kayla: And it's so clever how it's "lamp-dot-com", right?

Annie: Ummm. Kind of... ambiguous, if you ask me.

Kayla: It's one of our first memory verses in third grade, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path." So they all get it.

Annie: Oh! Of course.

Kayla: I mean, the Bible's easy to understand, once you actually take the time to read it. Okay, gotta get to my class. Have a great week! *(Exits other side)*

Annie: *(muttering to herself)* Third grade. Seriously?

Connie pokes her head out from behind the bookcase, where she has been all along. After a brief pause, Annie turns around and notices her.

Annie: *(leaps up, startled)* Aughhh!

Connie: Hi. *(Sits down in the empty chair)* Ahh, third grade. That was a great year.

Annie: What are you—

Connie: I'm your conscience. Remember, you asked God for some help with your New Year's resolutions? So here I am.

Annie: *(relaxes)* Oh yeah.

Connie: How's that Bible-in-a-year going?

Annie: *(sits back down)* It's going great. I'm already in Genesis. *(Connie gives her an odd look)* I mean, I'm already in chapter, um, fourteen. It's really great.

Connie: Oh yeah? What's happening?

Annie: Well, God created everything, and then there was the Fall, and the Flood, and then everyone built this tower and... God got mad, I think, so then Abraham came and saved everyone from the enemy kings, and now he's eating dinner with the milkman.

Connie: Huh?

Annie: I don't know, the milk guy. Milk-iz—Melkiz-

Connie: Melchizedek?

Annie: Yes! Melkiz—that guy.

Connie: Honey. How's it really going?

Annie: *(puts the Bible over her face and moans)* I don't get it.

Connie: What was that?

Annie: *(lifting the Bible off)* I don't get it. I have a college degree. I passed organic chemistry. Why is this so hard?

Connie: Have you ever read the Bible before?

Annie: Not really. I mean, my mom sent me to Sunday school when I was five. And then I started coming to this church last year. I think I know John 3:16, but that's about it.

Connie: Have you considered starting by reading the rest of John?

Annie: *(shocked)* Can you do that?

Connie: The Bible Police *have* been known to arrest you if you don't start in Genesis, but...

Annie: Very funny.

Connie: Honey, parts of the Bible were written thousands of years ago, in a culture that was completely different from ours today.

Annie: So...you're saying it's not relevant anymore?

Connie: I'm not saying that at all. What I *am* saying is that it's not necessarily easy.

Annie: Unless you've advanced to, you know, the third grade.

Connie: You need to give yourself some grace. And if you're planning to stick with it, I think you're going to need some books and some friends to help you out.

Annie: You mean, like a Bible study? I don't know...

Connie: Or maybe just another person who wants to read with you and talk about it. And there's another step you can't forget.

Annie: What's that?

Connie: When you read, you've got to ask God to show you what He wants you to see. Study guides and friends are helpful, but ultimately, it's His Spirit that gives us true insight into the Bible. And God *wants* to answer that prayer.

Annie: I might not finish it in a year then. Is that okay?

Connie: *(very solemn)* That's up for the Bible Police to decide.

Annie: Again, very funny. But thanks, that does take the pressure off. I'll pray through it and go at my own pace.

Connie: You got it. (*Scooching her chair closer*) Now give me a try at that balloon game.

Lights down.

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