“Stranger in a Strange Land”
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What
This is a creative sermon set-up skit about a stranger who shows up to church for an Easter service. He is amazed at the lengths a church would go to get his attention. (Themes: Easter, Fun, Apprehension, Laughter, Acceptance)

Who
Kevin
Julie
Greg

When
Present day

Wear (Props)
3 Bibles or notebooks

Why
See script

How
This is a short, quick skit with a big ending. The language may feel “cheesy” or too “churchy”, but we wrote it that way because there are so many visitors on Easter morning. We wanted to make sure we said the right “information” about this amazing gift we have been given through Christ. Feel free to change whatever you need to in order to fit your congregation or your “flavor” of worship. It’s a mere creative blueprint to get the wheels turning to do something amazing for Easter Sunday.

Time
Approximately 2-4 minutes
Julie and Greg are seated, and Kevin scoots past them as if trying to find a seat in a crowded aisle. In hushed tones…

Kevin: Excuse me, excuse me, sorry about that. Seat taken?

Julie: No, not at all. All yours. (beat) How are you?

Kevin: Fine, thanks. (messing with bulletin, looking a little lost)

Julie: My name is Julie. This your first time here?

Kevin: (shakes hand) Kevin. Yep, first time. This place is a little overwhelming. Haven’t been to church in a long time. To be honest with you, I thought lightning would strike me down as soon as I entered this church.

Julie: Lightning?

Kevin: Yeah, you know the stuff that comes out of the sky when it rains and thunders?

Julie: I know what lightning is…I think you’re going to be fine. (stopping to pretend like group is listening to something on stage)What made you decide to come this morning? Easter?

Kevin: No, I have a buddy who’s being baptized today. He asked if I would come support him. (or something else that would bring to him to church; it may be that he/she comes to Easter and Christmas out of duty or obligation) He’s really changed.

Julie: I know your friend appreciates you making the effort.

Kevin: It wasn’t easy. I mean, no offense, but I really feel uncomfortable in church. I’m not exactly the kind of person God “approves” of.

Greg: I’m sorry. Don’t mean to intrude on your conversation, but I’m not sure I understand.

Kevin: Understand what?

Greg: What kind of person do you think God cares about? We’re all sinners and the reason why even celebrate Easter is because Christ died on the cross for us so we could come before Him without fear.

Kevin: Well, I’m not your typical church-going sinner. I mean, I’ve messed up really bad. The stuff I’ve done could fill up a book this (makes thickness with thumb and index finger) this (makes thumb and index finger bigger) thick. It would be impossible for God to love someone like me. Besides, I’ve let Him down too many times.