

A script from



## “Ties”

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- What** Dad’s two teenagers are in a desperate last-minute quandary about what to give Dad for Father’s Day. **Themes:** Father’s Day, Family, Humor, Love, Honoring Parents
- Who** Alex  
Erin (or Aaron)  
*\*Both parts are written as teenage girls, but both roles can be played by either gender. Note that some phrases and mannerisms in the script may need to be altered if played as males.*
- When** Present day, the afternoon before Father’s Day
- Wear (Props)** Both wear casual clothes  
A lot of neckties, preferably unappealing ones  
Trash can  
Large bulletin board or peg board and thumbtacks  
Anything else that would help reinforce the setting (dad’s closet) i.e. polo shirts, work boots, golf balls, etc.
- Why** Eph 6:1-3
- How** Make sure rehearsal includes practicing shaping/tacking the ties as indicated in the script. While none of these are complicated, it’s crucial that the timing doesn’t lag while the actors manipulate the ties. Some use of slapstick comedy is encouraged.
- Time** 5-6 minutes

Lights up on **Erin**, who is sitting on the floor surrounded by neck ties and a few hangers. She is frowning as if deep in concentration. **Alex** enters and stops short at the sight of Erin.

**Alex:** What are you doing in Dad's closet?

**Erin:** Oh! *(Jumping up quickly)* Um...nothing. *(Following Alex's glance, she acknowledges the ties)* Nothing much.

**Alex:** Wait a second. Tomorrow's Father's Day. Were you in there looking through Dad's TIES?

**Erin:** *(Defensive)* Why would I be doing that?

**Alex:** Um—maybe because you wanted to see what colors he already had, before you went out and bought him one?

**Erin:** Well, what's wrong with that? I mean—even if I was going to do something that overrated on Father's Day.

**Alex:** *(Echoing)* What's wrong with that?? For starters, "overrated" is a major understatement. A tie is absolutely the worst gift you can give on Fathers' Day. It's become a joke.

**Erin:** All right, fine. It was a last ditch effort, okay? *(She sits back down.)*

**Alex:** *(Remains standing)* You're right about that. Father's Day is only seven hours away.

**Erin:** Well, I've been busy! I had finals, and then I kept getting these double shifts... By the way, what are you doing in Dad's closet?

*Alex opens her mouth like she's about to give an excuse, then stops, looking sheepish.*

**Erin:** Oh, let me guess. You thought you'd go through Dad's ties. To see what colors he already had, before you went out and bought him one.

**Alex:** Okay, okay! You got me. It was a dumb idea. I just couldn't think of anything else. *(She sits down beside Erin and picks up a handful of ties)* I've been busy too, you know. I don't know why Coach starts training the minute after school gets out.

**Erin:** So what are we going to do?

**Alex:** I don't know. But it's got to be something quick and easy.

**Erin:** Gift card to a golf course?

**Alex:** I did that last year.

- Erin:** Or to a steakhouse?
- Alex:** YOU did that last year.
- Erin:** Oh. Right.
- Alex:** World's Greatest Dad mug?
- Erin:** You mean to match the one you made in kindergarten? With the handprints?
- Alex:** Never mind. Oh! Didn't we talk about getting something monogrammed?
- Erin:** We did. Until we remembered his initials are "O.-L.-D."
- Alex:** Right. Okay, I've got nothing.
- Erin:** So what are we going to do?
- Alex:** *(Annoyed)* You already asked that. I DON'T KNOW.
- Erin:** Whoa! Don't bite my head off. We'll think of something.

*There is a long, obvious pause.*

- Alex:** Well, maybe we could do something with these ties.

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**ENDING:**

- Erin:** Honestly? Sometimes it's easy to wrap something in a box. It's harder to make time for someone. I mean, when was the last time we all just did something together?
- Alex:** That's true. It's just been so crazy...
- Erin:** It's always going to be crazy. We probably shouldn't wait for a free weekend to come up. Let's just plan something.
- Alex:** All right. I'll go get the calendar. You take care of the ties. Maybe you could organize them or something... you know, so Dad at least has a pleasant surprise in the morning?
- Erin:** Sure.

*Alex exits. Erin begins to hang the ties back on a hanger. Then she stops as if she's had an idea; and, removing a few ties again, quickly tacks them up so that they form a simple "I", a heart-shape, and a "U." She stands off to the side for a moment, admiring her work. Finally, she picks up the same really unattractive tie, deliberately throws it into the trash can, and exits.*