

A script from



## "Vines University: Rooted"

### Script 1

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**What** The fall semester has begun, and VU has a new freshman class! Meet the new students, hear about where they were previously rooted and why they decided to attend Vine University! This VU episode reminds us that as we move forward, it's helpful to remember the faithful generations that have gone before us.  
**Themes:** Abiding in Christ, Growing, Rooted in Christ, Children's Drama

<b>Who</b>	English Ivy "Ivy"	Jasmine
	Cayenne pepper "Cay"	Climbing Hydrangea
	Thomas Beef Steak "Tom"	Watermelon
	Mandeville "Mandy"	Boston Ivy
	Professor Pumpkin	Grape 1
	Dean Gourd	Grape 2
	Black-eyed Susan	Various students

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** Books  
Papers  
Pencils  
Book Bags  
Desks & Chairs  
Clipboard for Professor Pumpkin

**Why** Joshua 4:1-9

**How** The setting is a lecture hall. Ideally the professor would be angled upstage, so that the students would be seated on an angle from upstage left to downstage right. This would enable the audience to see the student's faces, while still having the illusion that the students are facing the professor.

**Time** Approximately 5 minutes

*Students* are seated in various desks. They are talking and mingling with each other. Professor Pumpkin enters with a clipboard. Dean Gourd enters right behind her.

Professor: Students. Students, can I please have your attention?

*Students* quiet down.

Professor: Please answer when you hear your name.

*She looks down at her clipboard.*

Professor: Susan, Black-Eyed Susan?

Susan: Here.

Professor: Jasmine?

Jasmine: Here.

Professor: Hydrangea, Climbing Hydrangea?

Hydra: Here.

Professor: Melon, Watermelon?

Watermelon: Here.

Professor: Mandeville?

Mandy: Mandy. I go by Mandy.

*Professor looks down at her sheet and continues.*

Professor: Pepper, Cayenne Pepper?

Cay: I go by Cay.

Professor: Very good.

*She looks down at her sheet and continues.*

Professor: Ivy? Boston—

*Ivy quickly stands.*

Ivy: (*Interrupting*) Here.

Professor: (*to Ivy*) Boston Ivy?

*Ivy sits down.*

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Ivy:

No.

Boston:

I'm Boston Ivy.

Professor:

(to Ivy) You are?

Tom:

Poison. She's Poison Ivy.

*Other students laugh.*

Professor:

You must be Tom.

Tom:

Beef Steak.

Professor:

Excuse me?

Tom:

I go by Beef Steak.

Professor:

Thomas, you are a beefsteak tomato.

Tom:

Yes, Ma'am.

Professor:

But Thomas is your name, and that is what I will call you. I have had a long line of beefsteak tomatoes in my class—

Tom:

(interrupting) My father, my grandfather, my great grandfather, my great-great-grandfather—

Professor:

(interrupting) If you are suggesting that I am old enough to teach your grandfathers I can assure you that I am not. And if you were hoping to get off to a good start, I don't mind telling you that you better start over.

Tom:

I just meant, Mrs.—

Professor:

Pumpkin. I'm Professor Pumpkin.

Tom:

Professor Pumpkin, that you must have had a number of my cousins.

Professor:

I have. You beef steak tomatoes just keep on coming.

Tom:

Our family has deep roots here at Vine University.

Professor:

And every teacher here knows all about your family's—

Tom:

(interrupting) Athletic ability? Good looks? Academic success?

Professor:

I was going to say your family's unique ability to find trouble.

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Tom: That too.

Professor: (*to Ivy*) I'm sorry. What was your name?

Ivy: (*clearly Embarrassed*) I'm English Ivy. But please, just call me Ivy.

Tom: English, huh?

Professor: You've traveled far to be here.

Mandy: (*to Tom*) Hi. I'm Mandy. I couldn't help but overhear that your family has gone here for years. Mine has too, my mother, her mother, her mother's mother. And she met my father here at University. Isn't that so exciting, to be in a place where you could meet the one you're going to marry?

*Awkward pause.*

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Mandy: Anyway, you're a beefsteak tomato; and I just love beefsteak tomatoes, and we're both wearing shades of red. Although, technically, I'm in pink. We have so much in common!

Tom: Right.

Professor: Students, thank you all for being on time. I would like to welcome you to Vine University. I am Professor Pumpkin and this is Mr. Gourd, the Dean of Students.

*Applause.*

Dean: Thank you Professor. Freshman, welcome. Let me assure you that you are not in high school anymore. Vine University is a private institution that was founded in 1808. Our dedication to learning has ranked us as the top higher education academy in the United States for all things that grow on a vine. We pride ourselves on being a school with deep roots. You are here to learn,

Grape 1: (*interrupting*) Go VU!

Grape 2: Green and white!

*Students laugh.*

Dean: (*quieting students*) Very good. (*Continuing*) We hope you have a little fun, but most importantly you are here to grow. Growth cannot begin without roots. Therefore, I would encourage you to plant yourself. Become familiar with the campus, your professors, and your fellow students. Determine that your time here will be well spent, growing

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*Applause.*

and learning how to grow. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

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*Applause.*

*Students stand, begin to mingle and exit.*

*Tom approaches Ivy.*

**Tom:** (to *Ivy*) Hey, Poison.

**Ivy:** It's just Ivy.

**Tom:** Got it. Itchy—I mean Ivy.

**Ivy:** Ha. Funny. I've never heard that one before.

**Tom:** Seriously, why did you come across the ocean to go here?

**Ivy:** Why did you walk across the *cornfield* to come?

**Tom:** I'm a beefsteak. My whole family has come here. We've had a tomato in every graduating class since this place opened.

**Mandy:** Really? My family's been coming here a long time, but not that long.

**Cay:** I'm a 5th generation pepper.

**Ivy:** And all of you wanted to come here? Why not pick something different? Something new?

**Cay:** My roots are here.

**Mandy:** My family's grown here.

**Tom:** This is the place where we learn how to be successful vines. Why would we go anywhere else?

**Cay:** (to *Tom*) Your family has really had a tomato in every graduating class?

**Mandy:** (Swooning) That's amazing.

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Tom: And we've all been captain of the football team.  
*He strikes a muscle pose.*

Ivy: *(reluctantly)* I guess that is kinda cool.  
*Tom strikes another muscle pose, thinking Ivy is impressed.*

Ivy: *(she rolls her eyes)* To follow in the footsteps of other generations, I mean.  
Cay: *(to Ivy)* Has any of your family come here before?  
Ivy: I'm the first in my family to go to University. I hope that I can grow here and establish roots for future generations too.

Tom: Well, if you want a quick tour of campus, I do know this place inside and out.

Mandy: Great. I'm in.

Ivy: *(Cautiously)* Yeah. Ok. Me too.

Cay: Can I tag along?

Tom: Let's go.

*All characters exit.*

*Lights down.*

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