

A script from



“Vines University: Exam Day”

Script 3

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- What** It’s Professor Pumpkin’s first BIG exam and Tom sleeps right through it! Will he ever pass his freshman year? Join Tom as he realizes the importance of staying connected and committing to continual growth.
Themes: Abiding in Christ, Growing, Connecting to Christ, Children’s Drama
- Who** English Ivy "Ivy" Mandeville "Mandy"
Cayenne Pepper "Cay" Professor Pumpkin
Thomas Beef Steak "Tom" Various students
- When** Modern Day
- Wear (Props)** Books
Papers
Pencils
Book Bags
Desks & Chairs
- Why** John 15: 1-11 If we want our faith to grow, we must commit to growing daily. And if we want to bear fruit, we must stay connected to the vine.
- 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

Upstage center, students are seated in desks. The lights are down and they remain frozen.

Tom and Cay enter from behind the audience and walk up the center aisle towards the stage.

Tom: It feels so good to cut loose.

Cay: I don't know. I'm having second thoughts about going to this party.

Tom: It'll be fun to just break away from the norm of college life.

Cay: I thought putting roots down and learning to grow on a vine was all about staying connected, not cutting lose or breaking away.

Tom: We can always reconnect tomorrow.

Cay: I don't know. I think I should head back. Our study group is meeting in the library. We have our first exam tomorrow.

Tom: Don't be such a shaky leaf. It's just one night. Who needs a study group anyway?

Cay: I think I do.

Tom: One party. Come on.

Cay: I really can't.

Cay exits downstage left while Tom shakes his head and exits downstage right.

Lights up upstage center.

Students are hard at work finishing an exam. Tom sits with his head down on a desk, asleep.

Professor: Times up. Please hand in your exam sheets.

Students stand and form a line as they hand Professor Pumpkin their exams.

Tom remains sleeping.

Ivy: When will the grades be posted?

Professor: Tomorrow afternoon.

Students exit.

Cay and Ivy exit down the center aisle as they finish their dialogue.

Ivy: How do you think it went?

Cay: Harder than I originally thought.

Ivy: Me too.

Cay: I'm glad we took that extra time to study.

Professor approaches Tom's desk.

Professor: Thomas.

Tom: *(still half asleep)* Huh.

Professor: Thomas.

Tom: *(startled)* What?

Professor: You slept through the exam.

Tom: What exam?

Professor: Your first exam here at Vine University. I hope this isn't a sign of what's to come.

Tom starts to stand. He yawns, stretches, and reaches for his book bag.

Tom: It's just one exam. I'll make it up on the next one.

Professor: Thomas, you're not in high school anymore. If you want to learn how to best grow on a vine, you are going to have to make a decisive decision to learn. You are either committed to your education or you are not.

Tom: Ok. Ok. It's just one test. Can't you just give me some extra credit assignment to do?

Professor: At University, we expect continual growth. If you failed this test after you did your best, I may be inclined to give you extra credit. However, your behavior reflects that you are not dedicated nor devoted to your growth here at Vine. If this behavior continues, I'll be forced to go to the Dean.

Tom: *(recognizing that she's serious)* No. Please don't do that. Dean Gourd might not let me play football if you do that.

Professor: You should have thought about that before you decided to party all night and then sleep through my exam.

Tom: *(anxiously)* I'll do anything.

Professor: Like study?

Tom: *(reluctantly)* Ummm—

Professor: I see. Perhaps Dean Gourd would like to hear about—

Tom: No. No. I'll absolutely study. I'll even pay attention in class.

Professor: I don't just want your attention. I want you to participate in class, even join a study group.

Tom: I will. I will.

Professor: I hope so.

Tom begins to exit.

Professor: Thomas.

Tom turns back towards Professor Pumpkin.

Tom: Yeah.

Professor: You are a very bright student. You have the chance to do well here if you apply yourself and make a determined choice to grow.

Tom: Yes Ma'am.

Professor: I'll see you tomorrow in class.

Tom: I'll be in the front row.

Professor: Not sleeping, I hope.

Professor exits stage left.

Tom exits down the center aisle.

Lights down.