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A fresh look at
five biblical women

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INTRODUCTION

These scripts from the viewpoints of female biblical characters would be great to use at a women's conference or other "ladies only" event. There are both hilarious and touching moments in this collection.

The dramas may be performed in full biblical costume, modern-day street clothes, or a combination of both; for example, adding a biblical headpiece to actors in modern-day street clothes. "King Solomon's Secretary on Valentine's Day" is particularly funny if one guy plays all the male roles and makes quick, simple costume changes between scenes, such as adding a hat, vest, or scarf.

These sketches are flexible enough to be performed for a variety of audiences in a variety of settings. The same dramatists could play all of the parts, or different actors may be used for each sketch. However you choose to present these flicks, it's guaranteed that the chicks will love them.

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1. Proverba

CAST: Narrator, Proverba

SYNOPSIS: A busy wife and mother sees that whether it's shopping, scheduling her family's events, or cooking dinner, there is a better way.

PROPS: Telephone, car wax, cloth, fake bread, basket with cloth (to hold the bread), real bread, jam, three shirts with tags on (actual new shirts or used shirts with fake price tags), plate of food, lunch bag or box, money, briefcase, breakfast bar, calculator, Bible, toaster, sheet of operating instructions, shirts, knitting needles, ball of yarn, contraption labeled "Veg-O-Matic Money-Maker," container of cookies, two books, two cans Coke, frying pan, greeting card, crown.

SETTING: Anywhere.

(NARRATOR is in place behind the podium or at a lectern. A table holding all the props is at Center Stage.)

NARRATOR: Proverbs thirty-one tells the story of a woman who is a wife and mother. The name of the woman is not given, but King Solomon probably wrote this as an example of how a woman could be a godly wife and mother. Solomon had a lot of experience with women; you will recall this man was married to seven hundred of them.

The verses in Proverbs thirty-one are quite popular today. Many couples include them as a part of their wedding ceremony because these verses teach about how a godly wife should act. Some families have some of these verses read at the funeral of a mother or grandmother who has passed because these verses remind them of the godly life their mother or grandmother lived.

No matter when or where these verses are read, they are powerful. These verses tell young women how they should behave as adults, and they tell young men what

1 kind of ladies they should look for when they are ready
 2 to be married. As I mentioned, the writer of Proverbs
 3 thirty-one doesn't tell us the name of the woman that
 4 he is writing about. Her name could have been Miriam
 5 or Sarah or Deborah. If she were alive today, in our
 6 time, her name could have been Proverba. Let's look in
 7 on this modern-day Proverbs thirty-one woman,
 8 Proverba, and see how she can help us take a fresh
 9 look at these verses. (*PROVERBA enters.*)

10 NARRATOR: Proverba is worth more than a million dollars.

11 PROVERBA: Whoopee! I'm a millionaire. (*Picks up phone.*)
 12 Hello, Home Shopping Club? I'd like to order a dozen
 13 diamond necklaces.

14 NARRATOR: She doesn't *have* a million dollars; she is *worth*
 15 more than a million dollars.

16 PROVERBA: Uh, Home Shopping Club? Cancel that order,
 17 please.

18 NARRATOR: Her husband is happy with her because he
 19 trusts her.

20 PROVERBA: (*Holds up a can of car wax and a cloth. Reads can*
 21 *label.*) Guaranteed to make scratches disappear on all
 22 makes and models of cars. This is great! Bill will never
 23 know I put that teeny little eight-inch scratch on the
 24 car!

25 NARRATOR: He is happy with her because he *trusts* her.

26 PROVERBA: (*Reluctantly*) OK, I'll tell him what happened to
 27 the car.

28 NARRATOR: She will do good things all her life.

29 PROVERBA: (*Holds up a loaf of fake bread.*) I hope my new
 30 neighbors enjoy this homemade bread I've baked for
 31 them. (*Hits bread on table. It makes a loud noise. Puts bread*
 32 *into the basket.*) Maybe I should have read the recipe
 33 more carefully. Oh, well.

34 NARRATOR: She will do good things, not bad things.

35 PROVERBA: (*Removes the loaf of fake bread, then holds up a*

1 loaf of store-bought bread and a jar of jam.) Maybe this
 2 loaf of _____ bread and some _____ jam (*Insert brand*
 3 *names*) would make them feel more welcome to our
 4 neighborhood.

5 **NARRATOR:** She looks for bargains on clothes for her
 6 family.

7 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up a shirt with a price tag on it.*) One
 8 hundred percent cotton. Hmmm. (*Looks at price tag.*)
 9 Twenty dollars? I'm sure I can do better than that.
 10 (*Holds up another shirt with a price tag.*) Ten dollars?
 11 (*Switches tags.*) There! Now the shirt I like is half-price.
 12 What a deal! (*NARRATOR clears throat loudly.*
 13 *PROVERBA sighs loudly and switches tags back on shirts.*
 14 *Holds up another shirt.*) Hey, this one is nice. It's only ten
 15 dollars, and it's marked fifty percent off! I'll take it!

16 **NARRATOR:** She cooks nutritious —

17 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up plate of food.*) Supper's ready! Soy
 18 burgers and tofu!

19 **NARRATOR:** — And good-tasting food for her family.

20 **PROVERBA:** I mean, turkey burgers and green beans.

21 **NARRATOR:** She makes sure that everyone gets off to a
 22 good start in the morning.

23 **PROVERBA:** (*Screaming*) You kids get down here and eat
 24 your breakfast this minute! And I don't want to hear
 25 any back talk about not liking oatmeal! Bill, hurry up,
 26 or you'll be late too!

27 **NARRATOR:** A good start in the morning.

28 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up items. She quickly but kindly speaks*
 29 *these lines, hands waving to the pretend family flying past*
 30 *her on their way out the door.*) Michael, here's your lunch.
 31 Becky, here's your milk money, and don't forget that
 32 Dad's picking you up for dance class. Honey, here's
 33 your briefcase and a breakfast bar, and don't forget to
 34 pick Becky up for dance class. Love you guys!

35 **NARRATOR:** She keeps good track of the family's money.

1 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds up calculator and punches in numbers.)*
 2 This amount for a facial for me. This much for new
 3 shoes for Becky. This amount for Michael's new car.
 4 This much for Bill's soy lattes on his coffee breaks.
 5 Oops, I'm in the negative numbers zone.

6 **NARRATOR:** She keeps good track of the family's money.

7 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds up calculator and punches in numbers.)*
 8 This amount coming in. This much for our tithe. This
 9 amount for our savings. This much for our bills. OK,
 10 that was painful. I'm afraid to look. *(Peeks, then, relieved)*
 11 Whew! This amount for groceries. And this much to set
 12 aside for a rainy day.

13 **NARRATOR:** She is a spiritual woman — a Christian and a
 14 worshiper of God.

15 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds Bible under her arm, prays aloud with*
 16 *hands waving in front of her.)* Oh, Lord, I pray that you
 17 would bless everyone in the world. Amen. OK, let's see
 18 what's on TV. *(NARRATOR shakes head and puts head in*
 19 *hands in mock despair. PROVERBA opens Bible and pretends*
 20 *to read, turning page in Bible. Puts Bible under arm and*
 21 *folds hands in prayer as she moves her lips in silence.)*

22 **NARRATOR:** She has good self-esteem and godly self-
 23 confidence.

24 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds up a metal toaster and looks at her*
 25 *reflection.)* Oh girl, you are looking good! You still got it!

26 **NARRATOR:** And godly self-confidence.

27 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds up toaster and sheet of instructions.)* I need
 28 to put this together. I'm not very mechanically minded,
 29 but I know I can do it! I'll just read the instructions.

30 **NARRATOR:** She makes sure that everyone in her family
 31 has clothes, towels, and bed linens.

32 **PROVERBA:** *(Holds up several shirts.)* Michael, if you don't
 33 start remembering to put your shirts in the laundry, I'm
 34 going to give them away. How many times do I have to
 35 remind you? Becky! Come downstairs and get these

1 clothes and hang them up, or so help me, I will never
 2 buy you a new outfit again! (*NARRATOR loudly clears*
 3 *throat.*) Kids, come down and get your clothes, and
 4 please remember how to use the laundry basket.

5 **NARRATOR:** She helps needy people.

6 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up telephone.*) Yes, I've seen that man
 7 hanging around the church parking lot. He looks
 8 disgraceful in those dirty clothes, and have you smelled
 9 his breath?

10 **NARRATOR:** She *helps* needy people.

11 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up telephone.*) Yes, I've seen that man
 12 hanging around the church parking lot. Yes, I have
 13 some canned goods I could donate to the food pantry.

14 **NARRATOR:** She makes sure her family has warm clothes
 15 in the winter.

16 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up knitting needles and ball of yarn.*) Warm
 17 clothes, no problem. (*Hands become tangled in yarn as she*
 18 *mumbles about "knit one, purl two." She throws down the*
 19 *needles and yarn.*) I can't do this!

20 **NARRATOR:** You don't have to knit clothes for your family.
 21 Just make sure your kids wear their coats. (*PROVERBA*
 22 *smiles in relief.*) She dresses herself nicely.

23 **PROVERBA:** Yes! (*Holds up telephone.*) Hello, Home Shopping
 24 Club? I'd like to order a pair of your most expensive
 25 suede pants, and one of those purses with the ostrich
 26 feathers and a pair of all-leather shoes with
 27 rhinestones.

28 **NARRATOR:** She dresses herself *nicely*, not expensively.

29 **PROVERBA:** Can you please transfer this call to the nearest
 30 Wal-Mart?

31 **NARRATOR:** Because of how nicely she acts and because of
 32 her good attitude, other people in the community are
 33 happy to be friends with her.

34 **PROVERBA:** What a great day for a community ball game
 35 for the kids! Come on Michael, hit a homer! (*Yells.*) What

1 is that umpire thinking? My son was safe! Bad call!
 2 Boo! You are a loser! (*Looks at imaginary friend sitting*
 3 *next to her.*) What are you staring at? Your dumb
 4 husband is the ump who called my son out!

5 NARRATOR: Because of her *good* attitude, other people are
 6 happy to be friends with her.

7 PROVERBA: Come on, Michael, hit a homer! What? He's
 8 out? I'm sure you'll do better next time! (*Looks at*
 9 *imaginary friend who is sitting next to her.*) It was so nice
 10 of your husband to volunteer to be the umpire today.

11 NARRATOR: She does work and makes money.

12 PROVERBA: If you say so. (*Places an odd-looking machine on*
 13 *the table marked "Veg-O-Matic Money-Maker."*) I always
 14 thought "making money" was wrong.

15 NARRATOR: (*Loses patience and raises voice.*) She does work
 16 to make money. She doesn't actually print money!
 17 Ahhh!

18 PROVERBA: Oh, you mean like my little cookie-making
 19 business? (*Holds up a can of homemade cookies.*)

20 NARRATOR: She is an honorable and honest person.

21 PROVERBA: (*Holds up a romance novel and reads title.*) *Lost in*
 22 *the Passion of Love.* (*Turns book over and reads back cover.*)
 23 "Will Rochelle escape the powerful love she feels for
 24 Ramon, or will she succumb to the irresistible Jake?"
 25 Oooh, this looks good!

26 NARRATOR: She is an honorable person.

27 PROVERBA: (*Holds up another books and reads title.*) *Devotions*
 28 *for a Busy Mom.*

29 NARRATOR: She is smart and gives good advice to her
 30 family.

31 PROVERBA: Michael, Becky, I know you two are going to
 32 the movies tonight with your friends. (*Holds up several*
 33 *cans of Coke.*) Why don't you take these cans of Coke
 34 with you? If you hide them in Becky's purse, the
 35 manager won't know. Besides, the snacks there are so

1 expensive.

2 **NARRATOR:** And gives *good* advice to her family.

3 **PROVERBA:** I hope you two have been saving your
4 allowances, because snacks and drinks at the movies
5 are expensive.

6 **NARRATOR:** She is a hard worker. She is not lazy.

7 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up a frying pan.*) I really need to
8 organize this kitchen. (*Yawns.*) But I am just too tired.
9 I'll take a nap and do it later.

10 **NARRATOR:** She is *not* lazy.

11 **PROVERBA:** OK, I'll clean the kitchen!

12 **NARRATOR:** Her husband and children tell her that they
13 love her and appreciate her because she is a great wife
14 and mom.

15 **PROVERBA:** (*Holds up a greeting card.*) What's this? "Roses
16 are red, violets are blue, you're the best mom and we
17 love you." (*Wipes a tear from her eye.*)

18 **NARRATOR:** She will always be beautiful because her
19 beauty is on the inside as well as the outside. (*Places a*
20 *crown on her head. They exit together.*)

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23 2. A Hard Day at the Office

24

25 **CAST:** Lappidoth, Deborah

26 **SYNOPSIS:** While househusband Lappidoth looks after the kids,
27 mom Deborah is out judging Israel.

28 **PROPS:** None

29 **SETTING:** The home of Lappidoth and Deborah. (May be as
30 simple or elaborate as desired.)

31

32 (*LAPPIDOTH paces nervously back and forth. DEBORAH enters.*)

33 **LAPPIDOTH:** You're home late! Where have you been? I've
34 been worried!

35 **DEBORAH:** I told you this morning before I left that I

- 1 probably wouldn't be home for dinner.
- 2 **LAPPIDOTH:** Forget dinner! Dinner was three hours ago!
- 3 It's almost nine o'clock. Where have you been?
- 4 **DEBORAH:** Barak and I were celebrating. I guess we just
- 5 got carried away. He started singing, then I joined in,
- 6 and we just lost track of time.
- 7 **LAPPIDOTH:** Barak, huh? I don't know why you insist on
- 8 spending so much time with that macho military type!
- 9 **DEBORAH:** He's the general of our army; I have to spend
- 10 time with him. He wasn't very macho-like or general-
- 11 like today, though.
- 12 **LAPPIDOTH:** I just don't like it. I'm your husband,
- 13 Deborah. It doesn't matter to me if you are the leading
- 14 prophetess of Israel or not. I don't like the idea of you
- 15 and General Barak staying out half the night singing
- 16 songs!
- 17 **DEBORAH:** It was the victory song! Didn't you get a copy
- 18 of the *Evening Scroll*?
- 19 **LAPPIDOTH:** No, I was too busy helping the kids with their
- 20 homework; cooking dinner, which is now ruined;
- 21 getting the kids their baths; and explaining to them that
- 22 Mommy was too busy judging Israel to read them their
- 23 bedtime stories!
- 24 **DEBORAH:** I know you've had a lot of extra responsibilities
- 25 since I went back to work, and I know that I haven't
- 26 been at home much lately. But, honey, praying for the
- 27 release from our Canaanite oppressors takes a lot of
- 28 time. I don't just sit in my court under my palm tree
- 29 and goof off all day. I'm the judge and prophetess for
- 30 Israel.
- 31 **LAPPIDOTH:** I know. I'm sorry. Tell me about your day.
- 32 **DEBORAH:** Well, actually, it was a very good day, although
- 33 it started out to be a bad day. You know how the
- 34 Israelites have been doing evil in the sight of the Lord
- 35 since Ehud died?

- 1 LAPPIDOTH: (*Mocking*) Yes, and because of that, all of
2 Israel was sold to King Jabin, the most powerful ruler
3 around, and he has nine hundred chariots that are all
4 made of solid iron.
- 5 DEBORAH: Yes, I know what his military strengths are! I'm
6 a prophetess, remember? Can I just tell you what
7 happened at work today?
- 8 LAPPIDOTH: I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 9 DEBORAH: Well, I told Barak that it was time for him to get
10 ten thousand men and lead the way to Mount Tabor.
11 God had told me that He was going to give us the
12 victory over the Canaan army and free us from King
13 Jabin's oppression.
- 14 LAPPIDOTH: Barak did it, didn't he? Barak defeated
15 General Sisera. I knew I always liked old General
16 Barak! He's a real man's man. We ought to have him
17 over for dinner sometime!
- 18 DEBORAH: I can't believe what I'm hearing! Barak did not
19 defeat Sisera! Jael defeated Sisera.
- 20 LAPPIDOTH: Wait a minute, you've lost me.
- 21 DEBORAH: Would you just listen and let me tell you what
22 happened?
- 23 LAPPIDOTH: OK, I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 24 DEBORAH: I told Barak to go, but he said that he wasn't
25 going to Mount Tabor unless I went too! Can you
26 believe that? I don't know how a man with such a lack
27 of faith could possibly serve as the general of God's
28 army!
- 29 LAPPIDOTH: What happened?
- 30 DEBORAH: I'm trying to tell you.
- 31 LAPPIDOTH: Sorry.
- 32 DEBORAH: Well, of course I told him that I'd go too. But I
33 also told him that God would give the victory to a
34 woman.
- 35 LAPPIDOTH: Deborah! You did it! You defeated General

- 1 Sisera! My little Deborah defeated the great Canaan
2 general!
- 3 DEBORAH: I didn't defeat Sisera! Weren't you listening to
4 me before? Stop doing that and pay attention to me. I
5 said before that Jael defeated Sisera. I'm not even
6 going to bother talking to you if you're not going to
7 listen!
- 8 LAPPIDOTH: I'm really sorry. I promise you have my
9 undivided attention. Please go on.
- 10 DEBORAH: Well, at Mount Tabor, our army defeated
11 everyone except ...
- 12 LAPPIDOTH: General Sisera!
- 13 DEBORAH: Are you going to let me tell this or not?
- 14 LAPPIDOTH: Sorry. Go ahead.
- 15 DEBORAH: Are you sure?
- 16 LAPPIDOTH: I'm sorry. I won't say anything until you're
17 done.
- 18 DEBORAH: OK. Sisera escaped and went to Heber's tent to
19 hide, only Heber wasn't home. Jael was home. She's
20 Heber's wife. You know, we met her at the Hebrew
21 temple dinner a while back. Anyway, she lets him in.
22 He says he's thirsty and she gives him some milk to
23 drink and the next thing you know, Sisera is passed out
24 on the floor, fast asleep.
- 25 LAPPIDOTH: She poisoned him, didn't she?
- 26 DEBORAH: No, she did not poison him! She waited until he
27 was really sleeping well and she took a tent spike and
28 she crept up behind him and she drove it through his
29 head, which is just what I am going to do to you if you
30 interrupt me one more time! (*Big sigh*) So she killed him.
31 She found Barak and me and told us what happened.
32 Barak and I made up the Song of Deborah in honor of
33 the battle. We sang and sang. Then I came home. That
34 is what I did at work today, and that is why I was so
35 late.

1 LAPPIDOTH: So, is that all you did today? (*DEBORAH*
2 *moans and lightly punches him.*)
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4

5 **3. Valentine's Day with**
6 **King Solomon's Secretary**
7

8 **CAST:** Secretary, Coolly Jack, Buck, Ted, King Solomon (Off-
9 stage voice only)

10 **SYNOPSIS:** A secretary arranges valentines for seven hundred
11 wives, then learns who's really captured Solomon's heart.

12 **PROPS:** None

13 **SETTING:** King Solomon's secretary's office. Place a chair and
14 desk with a telephone on top at Center Stage.
15

16 (*SECRETARY rushes in and sits at her desk.*)

17 **SECRETARY:** Oh, the traffic today was terrible! It was
18 camel hump to camel hump! I hope King Solomon
19 doesn't know that I'm late! And what a day to be late!
20 February thirteenth, the day before the King's biggest
21 holiday of the year. I remember last year on Valentine's
22 Day, the seven hundred wives all got a gift, but the
23 three hundred concubines were somehow left off the
24 list. We do not want a repeat of that this year! All those
25 crying, whining concubines! I thought nothing was
26 going to calm those women down until the King offered
27 to give each one of them a kiss. The line was so long!
28 And I had to follow behind the King carrying the royal
29 ChapStick. Things were going fine until some of the
30 wives found out about the kisses. They threw such a fit!
31 They told the rest of the wives, and of course, each of
32 the wives demanded her own personal kiss too! The
33 king used three brand-new tubes of ChapStick that day
34 and a bottle of lipstick remover. No, I do not want to
35 go through that again this year. I'm going to take

1 matters into my own hands this year for King
2 Solomon's Valentine's Day. (*Presses button on telephone*
3 *and speaks into receiver.*) Send in the Royal Greeting Card
4 Designer. (*Hangs up telephone. COOLLY JACK enters.*)

5 COOLLY JACK: Whassup?

6 SECRETARY: I called for the Royal Greeting Card Designer.

7 COOLLY JACK: Yo Mama, Coolly Jack, the Royal Greeting
8 Card Design Master at your service.

9 SECRETARY: You're King Solomon's Royal Greeting Card
10 Designer? What happened to the other guy?

11 COOLLY JACK: He went to work for King Hallmark over in
12 the other kingdom.

13 SECRETARY: OK, well, listen carefully. King Solomon
14 needs some very special valentine cards, and he needs
15 them delivered by tomorrow.

16 COOLLY JACK: I don't deliver, cool mama, I just design.
17 You dig?

18 SECRETARY: OK. You design them, and have someone else
19 deliver them. I don't care who does what! Just make
20 sure that each one of the King's wives and concubines
21 receives a card.

22 COOLLY JACK: You trippin', right? That's seven hundred
23 wives and three hundred wife wannabes. That's a
24 thousand cards. You trippin' if you think I can design
25 a thousand valentines by tomorrow.

26 SECRETARY: OK, well, how many can you design?

27 COOLLY JACK: You don't seem to understand. Each card I
28 create is a work of art, an expression of my soul. I can't
29 create no one thousand expressions of my soul in one
30 night.

31 SECRETARY: How many can you create?

32 COOLLY JACK: I think I could do ... five.

33 SECRETARY: Five! Five cards?! That leaves nine hundred
34 ninety-five women without valentines!

35 COOLLY JACK: Don't be trippin', girl. I'll make five designs

1 and copy them, so that all the ladies get one. What do
2 you want the cards to say, girl?

3 **SECRETARY:** OK, let me think. The concubines can all
4 receive the same card. Make three hundred copies of a
5 card that says, "My love, you are the only one in my
6 life." That will make them feel special.

7 **COOLLY JACK:** OK. Three hundred copies of "My love, you
8 are the only one in my life."

9 **SECRETARY:** Yes. That leaves seven hundred wives and
10 four card designs. Why don't you make two hundred
11 copies of a card that says, "Roses are red, violets are
12 blue, you're old and wrinkled, but I still love you"?
13 Send that to the wives that are sixty-five and over. And
14 for the middle-aged wives, send two hundred copies of
15 a card that says, "Roses are red, violets are blue, my
16 love for you is still so true." OK, that leaves the three
17 hundred young and pretty wives. Send them each a
18 copy of a card that says, "Roses are red, violets are
19 blue, let's get together for dinner real soon."

20 **COOLLY JACK:** OK. I got it.

21 **SECRETARY:** Please design them right away. Don't forget
22 to sign them "Love, King Solomon."

23 **COOLLY JACK:** Quit trippin', girl. I'm on it. *(He exits.)*

24 **SECRETARY:** OK. Valentine's cards are taken care of for all
25 of them. Now I need to get to work on the candy. *(Picks*
26 *up telephone receiver and presses intercom button.)* Send in
27 the Royal Chocolatier. *(Hangs up receiver. BUCK enters.)*

28 **BUCK:** Howdy there, Miss Royal Secretary! I'm Buck
29 Buckaroo, the Royal Chocolatier and Candy Maker
30 Extraordinaire. What can I rustle up for you today?

31 **SECRETARY:** I need candy, and lots of it.

32 **BUCK:** Well, you sure called the right cowpoke for that. I've
33 got all kinds of spur-clickin', bull-ridin', barn-stompin'
34 chocolate candies cookin' in the chuck wagon right
35 now. What can I do you for?

1 **SECRETARY:** Well, are you prepared for a large order? I'm
2 buying for one thousand people.

3 **BUCK:** You bet your sweet bippie I am. I've been making
4 chocolate vittles since before you were knee-high to a
5 grasshopper, little lady. Now, what did you have in
6 mind?

7 **SECRETARY:** King Solomon has three sets of wives and a
8 group of concubines. I think the young wives will want
9 candy, but they'll want something that's low in sugar.
10 Have you got anything like that?

11 **BUCK:** Sure do. I've got the Buck Buckaroo Dainty Delight
12 Chocolate Horseshoe. It comes in its own box, which is
13 also shaped like a horseshoe!

14 **SECRETARY:** Horseshoe-shaped chocolate?

15 **BUCK:** It's fat-free.

16 **SECRETARY:** I'll take it. Send over three hundred boxes in
17 the morning. What have you got that middle-aged wives
18 might like?

19 **BUCK:** I've got the Bite Her Head Off Solid Chocolate
20 Saloon Girl. It's real popular with ladies who have lost
21 their girlish figures.

22 **SECRETARY:** Great! Give me two hundred of those, and
23 have them delivered here to my office. Now, what
24 about something older wives would enjoy?

25 **BUCK:** Well, I've got the Tumbleweed Chocolate Face Mask.
26 The older ladies can put it on their faces to ease the
27 wrinkles and then eat the mask.

28 **SECRETARY:** That's good. Sign us up for two hundred.
29 We've still got three hundred concubines left to buy
30 candy for. We need to get them something small but
31 meaningful.

32 **BUCK:** I can set them up with a couple of boxes of
33 chocolate-flavored chewing tobacco.

34 **SECRETARY:** No, I don't think they'd like that.

35 **BUCK:** Got a sale this week on hand-dipped chocolate

1 cowboy boots.

2 SECRETARY: No, that doesn't sound so good.

3 BUCK: How about the Saddle Buddy Chocolate Bag? It
4 includes a small sample of our most popular candies,
5 and it comes in a miniature saddlebag.

6 SECRETARY: That's good. Please hurry with those orders.

7 BUCK: Yes ma'am. *(He exits.)*

8 SECRETARY: Now all I have to do is take care of the
9 flowers. This part may be difficult. Perhaps the Royal
10 Florist will have some creative ideas. I hear that he's
11 done very good work in the past. *(Picks up telephone and*
12 *presses intercom button.)* Send in the Royal Florist. *(Hangs*
13 *up telephone. TED enters.)*

14 TED: Oh, I'm so glad you called. I was just sitting in my
15 shop thinking to myself, "Now Ted, you'll be getting the
16 royal order very soon." And now you've called, and I'm
17 here ready to serve you in whatever way I can.

18 SECRETARY: Thanks, Ted. It would be a great relief to me
19 if you could just design some floral arrangements for
20 King Solomon.

21 TED: You look so stressed out. What you need is a nice
22 avocado facial rub and some soothing cucumber slices
23 to put over your eyes. Those peepers are pretty puffy,
24 you know.

25 SECRETARY: Ted, could you just design the flowers?

26 TED: Of course. No need to get so snappy.

27 SECRETARY: I'm sorry. I've just been working so hard to
28 take care of King Solomon's Valentine's gifts. Once I get
29 these flowers ordered, I can rest. Can you just put
30 together a variety of roses, carnations, and baby's
31 breath with some ribbons and lace and deliver them to
32 the wives and concubines tomorrow?

33 TED: Oh, I am so good with baby's breath! This will be so
34 much fun! How many bouquets did you say you
35 needed?

- 1 **SECRETARY:** One thousand.
- 2 **TED:** Oh, then I'd better get to work right away! Ta-ta! (*TED*
3 *exits.*)
- 4 **SECRETARY:** Finally! I've got cards, candy, and flowers for
5 the most important people in King Solomon's life!
- 6 **KING SOLOMON:** (*From Off-stage. The effect is the SECRETARY*
7 *being paged over the intercom.*) Royal Secretary?
- 8 **SECRETARY:** Yes, Your Highness?
- 9 **KING SOLOMON:** It has come to my attention that tomorrow is
10 Valentine's Day.
- 11 **SECRETARY:** Everything has been taken care of, Your
12 Majesty. All of your wives and concubines will each be
13 receiving a beautiful card, delicious candy, and a lovely
14 bouquet.
- 15 **KING SOLOMON:** Yes, well, this year my priorities are a
16 little different.
- 17 **SECRETARY:** Different, Sire?
- 18 **KING SOLOMON:** Yes. I only want to send one Valentine.
19 Cancel all the other arrangements that have been
20 made.
- 21 **SECRETARY:** Cancel, Sire?
- 22 **KING SOLOMON:** Yes. As I said, my priorities have been all
23 wrong. I want to show the one who is most important
24 in my life the depth of my love. This year I want to
25 send only one card. I want it signed with my royal
26 name. I want it to say "I love you," and I want it sent
27 to God.
- 28 **SECRETARY:** Yes, Your Highness. (*Picks up the telephone and*
29 *presses intercom button.*) Send in the Royal Postmaster. I
30 have an address to look up. (*Hangs up telephone.*)
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4. Elizabeth Plays Charades

CAST: Elizabeth, Zechariah

SYNOPSIS: When Zechariah returns from the temple unable to speak, Elizabeth finally guesses from his gestures that she is going to have a baby.

PROPS: None

SETTING: The home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. (May be as simple or elaborate as desired.)

(ELIZABETH is at Center Stage. ZECHARIAH enters.)

Elizabeth: Oh, Zechariah, you're home! I'm so glad to see you! Why didn't you let me know you were back? How did things go at the temple? Were you chosen to serve and burn incense to the Lord? *(ZECHARIAH nods head.)* What an honor! I'm so proud of you! How were you chosen? *(ZECHARIAH cups his hands and shakes them, as if rolling a pair of dice.)* They cast lots? *(ZECHARIAH nods.)* Why do you keep nodding your head? *(ZECHARIAH shrugs.)* You don't know? *(ZECHARIAH shakes head no.)* You do know? *(ZECHARIAH nods head.)* You do know why you're nodding your head? *(ZECHARIAH gives a big nod.)* Why are you nodding your head? *(ZECHARIAH touches throat/neck.)* Your throat? *(ZECHARIAH nods.)* Your throat hurts? *(ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Pauses. Touches tongue.)* Your tongue hurts? *(ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Sticks out tongue.)* Look here, I don't know what kind of game you are trying to play, but you had better pull that tongue back in before I snip it off. *(ZECHARIAH's shoulders droop.)* What is the matter with you? Would you please tell me what is going on? *(ZECHARIAH shakes head no.)* You won't tell me? *(ZECHARIAH shakes head no and touches throat.)* You can't tell me? You can't tell me! This is some kind of priest thing, isn't it? You've

1 taken a vow of silence or something like that, haven't
 2 you? (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Points to chest. Shakes*
 3 *head no. Flaps arms and nods.*) It's not a vow of silence?
 4 Is it a vow of flying? How could you take a vow of
 5 flying? (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Flaps arms harder.*)
 6 Really, Zechariah, we're too old for this! I don't have
 7 time for these silly games! (*ZECHARIAH grabs her*
 8 *frantically.*) Good Lord, Zechariah, what has gotten into
 9 you? (*ZECHARIAH nods head vigorously. Shakes her.*)
 10 What? (*ZECHARIAH points up.*) What — the Lord? The
 11 Lord has gotten into you? (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) The Lord
 12 has gotten into you? Did you have a vision at the
 13 temple? (*ZECHARIAH nods like crazy and flaps his arms.*)
 14 You saw an angel? (*ZECHARIAH nods and dances around*
 15 *her joyfully.*) Well, what did the angel say to you?
 16 (*ZECHARIAH points toward her and passes his hands over*
 17 *his stomach in an arc.*) You ... are ... fat? An angel of the
 18 Lord told you that you were fat? (*ZECHARIAH shakes*
 19 *head. Repeats motions.*) I ... am ... fat? Well, you just
 20 march right back to that temple and you tell that angel
 21 that I am not fat! In fact, I have half a mind just to go
 22 myself! (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no.*) Well, what did the
 23 angel say? (*ZECHARIAH cradles arms in front of him.*)
 24 You're going to carry something. Did the angel say you
 25 were going on a trip? (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no.*
 26 *Cradles his arms, opens his eyes wide, and nods head toward*
 27 *her.*) I'm going on a trip? (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no.*
 28 *Paces back and forth, thinking.*) Did you have a vision at
 29 the temple? (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) Did you see an angel?
 30 (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) Did the angel speak to you?
 31 (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) OK. So the angel didn't say that we
 32 were fat or that we were going on a trip? (*ZECHARIAH*
 33 *shakes head no.*) Did the angel have a message that was
 34 directly for us? (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) What did the angel
 35 say about us? (*ZECHARIAH cradles his arms.*) There is a

package ... (*ZECHARIAH lowers his arms to push the handle on a baby carriage.*) **The angel wants you to put the package in a wheelbarrow?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Pushes the carriage.*) **The angel wants you to push the package away?** (*ZECHARIAH picks up an imaginary bundle, puts it to his shoulder, and pats/burps it.*) **Put the package on your shoulder and burp it?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Waves his hands in front of her face, as if to “clear” the previous gesture. Touches his ear.*) **Sounds like?** (*ZECHARIAH nods and touches his eye.*) **I ...** (*ZECHARIAH nods. Pretends to mow the grass.*) **I mow ...** (*ZECHARIAH nods and mows more and gestures that she should keep going with that thought.*) **I’m mowing, I’m mowing ...** (*ZECHARIAH nods and touches his ear.*) **I’m mowing, I’m growing, I’m going ...** (*ZECHARIAH jumps up and down when she says “going.”*) **I’m growing?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no.*) **I’m going?** (*ZECHARIAH nods head.*) **I’m going.** (*ZECHARIAH holds up two fingers.*) **Second word.** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Holds up two fingers and points to them with his other hand.*) **It’s the letter “v”?** **I’m going to “v”?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Points to two fingers.*) **Two? Is it two?** (*ZECHARIAH nods head.*) **I’m going to ...** (*ZECHARIAH nods and points to his ear.*) **Sounds like ...** (*ZECHARIAH stabs at air.*) **Cut? Point? Poke? Stab? Jab?** (*ZECHARIAH nods and cradles his arms.*) **I’m going to jab a baby?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no hard, ready to give up. Points to his ear. Stabs at the air.*) **Sounds like jab?** (*ZECHARIAH nods.*) **Jab, stab, grab?** (*ZECHARIAH shakes head no. Points to ear. Stabs air, cradles arms.*) **Stab, uh, have? I’m going to have a baby?** (*ZECHARIAH goes wild, jumps up and down, and swings ELIZABETH around.*) **I’m going to have a baby? Just which angel did you speak with? Never mind. He must have had the wrong priest. Zechariah, as old as we are? A baby is impossible! Are you sure he didn’t say that**

1 you were fat? (*ZECHARIAH shakes his head and waves his*
 2 *hands in front of her face, as if to dismiss that thought.*)
 3 You're serious, aren't you? (*ZECHARIAH nods head.*) An
 4 angel from the Lord said that we were going to have a
 5 baby after all these years? (*ZECHARIAH nods head.*) Did
 6 he say when? (*ZECHARIAH looks perplexed and shakes*
 7 *head no. ELIZABETH smiles slyly.*) Zechariah, you've had
 8 such a long journey today. Why don't we go to bed
 9 early tonight? (*ZECHARIAH nods, then smiles and gives a*
 10 *thumbs-up.*)

13 5. Peter's Mother-in-Law Speaks Out

15 **CAST:** Peter's Mother-in-Law

16 **SYNOPSIS:** An overprotective mom can't quite believe that her
 17 doted-upon daughter is stooping to marry a common
 18 fisherman.

19 **PROPS:** None

20 **SETTING:** Anywhere.

22 (*PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW stands at Center Stage.*)

23 **PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW:** The day my daughter came
 24 home and told me she was in love was a happy day for
 25 me — until she told me who she was in love with! Ever
 26 since her father, my dear husband, God rest his soul,
 27 passed away, I have worked and planned to make sure
 28 that my baby would have a prosperous future. I gave
 29 her beauty and etiquette instruction from the most
 30 successful women in our city. I taught her fine sewing
 31 and cooking skills. Oh, what that girl can do with a leg
 32 of mutton! She has been carefully sheltered from life's
 33 misfortunes and unhappiness. And she knows how to
 34 read. Not fluently, mind you, but she could hold her
 35 own at the temple Hebrew class if only they'd let her

1 go to school like the men do, but not now. Now it is
 2 important for a young woman to marry well. How well
 3 I know this is true. I married a rich merchant and, even
 4 though he is gone, God rest his soul, I'm doing well
 5 financially speaking, if you know what I mean.

6 So, my daughter tells me that she has fallen in love.
 7 I don't know how, after all her upbringing and training,
 8 but she somehow managed to fall in love with a
 9 fisherman. A fisherman! At first I thought, "How bad
 10 can it be? Perhaps he owns a fleet of boats, perhaps he
 11 sells fishing equipment. Maybe he's in a partnership
 12 with other enterprising young men." Oh, he's in a
 13 partnership all right. He and James and John fish
 14 together on a boat they don't even own!

15 My baby wants to marry a fisherman who doesn't
 16 even own his own boat! What's a mother to do? She
 17 looked so happy. Her eyes were shiny. And so I said to
 18 her, "Do you love him?"

19 "Oh, Mama, he's the love of my life. He's so kind and
 20 strong, and he has such a beautiful smile."

21 I said, "Never mind his smile. How is he going to
 22 support you?"

23 And she said to me, "Oh, Mama, you worry too much.
 24 Everything will be all right. He's a fisherman! There are
 25 always fish to catch."

26 I said to her, "Do you really love him?"

27 She said, "With all my heart."

28 "Well," I said, "if this is so, if you love him with all
 29 your heart, you should get betrothed."

30 And do you know what she says to me then? "We are
 31 already betrothed." (*Ad-libs mumbling under her breath.*)

32 They were betrothed for a year. It won't last, I told
 33 myself. It can't last. She finally comes to me and begs
 34 for my blessing. I didn't think the marriage was such a
 35 good idea, but what do the thoughts of an old woman



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