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A collection of sketches for
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INTRODUCTION

Here are scripts ideal for women's conferences, Mother's Day events, sermon starters, and more! This packet provides a one-woman monolog, sketches, and a Readers Theatre. The casts include mostly women and a few men. Both humorous and inspiring, these scripts are written to dramatize how women of today face life's challenges while growing in their walk with the Lord.

1. **No Makeup Required** — In this monolog, a woman takes off her makeup and shares the beauty tips that have brought her closer to God.
2. **Serving God** — "Hi, I'm Sindy and I'll be your server." But does Sindy have any idea that her customer at table #316 is God?
3. **Today's Virtuous Woman** — An empowering Readers Theatre based on Proverbs 31.
4. **Hi. My Name Is God.** — Unique addicts, including a craftaholic and shopaholic, learn to put God in the center.
5. **One of Those Days** — A busy wife and mother turns to three wise women from the Bible for her answers.

PLAYING TIMES

1. **No Makeup Required** — Six minutes.
2. **Serving God** — Five minutes.
3. **Today's Virtuous Woman** — Eight minutes.
4. **Hi. My Name Is God.** — Five minutes.
5. **One of Those Days** — Nine minutes.

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No Makeup Required

"Gray hair is a crown of splendor."

— Proverbs 16:31 (NIV)

SUMMARY: In this monolog, a woman removes her makeup in front of the audience while sharing the best beauty tips in the world. Some of them are straight from the Bible.

SETTING: A woman's bedroom. You will need a vanity or table, a vanity mirror with 1 Samuel 16:7 verse taped to it, and a stool.

PROPS: Purse and keys; piece of paper with Matthew 6:28-29 on it, and also the "beauty tips" on pages 3 and 4; makeup jars; perfume bottle; tissues, cold cream; brush; robe; Bible.

CHARACTERS: Woman

COSTUMES: Suit, high-heeled shoes, jewelry, heavy makeup.

WOMAN: *(She wears heavy makeup. She enters her room after a long day, lays her purse and keys on the vanity, plops on the stool, and looks in the mirror. She reads the verse taped on the mirror to herself.)* **"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.' The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"** (1 Samuel 16:7, NIV). *(She smiles and shakes her head.)*

Have you ever had one of those days? I mean, one of *those* days, when you prepare yourself for a one-of-a-kind journey, and then everything turns in a different direction. For me, it was like my mind was driving in the left lane on the smooth and slick expressway of the world ... but heavenly circumstances helped me exit down a pretty little country road, abundant with its own natural beauty. Trust me. You don't need a map to get there ... just a few angels on earth to guide you. You have no idea where I'm going with this, do you?

Let me start at the beginning of my day. *It all started*

this morning. It took me an hour to put this face on. And this isn't just any face. I was trained by expensive makeup counter professionals on how to perfect this face — every eyelash separated, lips lined to perfection, and blush that actually created cheekbones that weren't there before. It's high art! And I packaged it all up with the hair, just the right outfit, my jewelry, and my cool *at-ti-tude*. It was quite the picture. The picture of me ... a child of God. But I don't think this is the picture God wanted to keep in his heavenly scrapbook today. He had a much better portrait in mind for me.
(She examines her makeup in the mirror.)

I went to a new Bible study group today. Well ... I was the new one. I'd forgotten that they had told me, "Come as you are! Don't worry about your hair and makeup and clothes!" They even quoted Scripture. *(She gets a piece of paper out of her purse.)* "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28-29, NIV). I couldn't believe it. I'd never thought about it before — but God even cares about my clothes! *(She takes off her suit jacket.)* Amazing. I could tell when I arrived at the Bible study that the ladies were a little shocked at me. OK. The truth. I stood out like a clown at a quilting bee. I had my mask on, and *(She mimes)* my walls were up.

But I didn't keep them from sewing their seeds of joy. Because whatever costume and mask I had on didn't matter to these ladies. *(She takes her high-heeled shoes off.)* They weren't wearing the spike heels of judgment. *(She holds up perfume bottle.)* And they didn't have on the heavy perfume of pity. They just accepted me — purple eyeshadow with frosty highlights and all. *(She puts on her robe and begins taking off her eye makeup.)* We began

1 talking, though, and after a while we laughed about
 2 things ... We dug into God's word for more wisdom, and
 3 we prayed together. It was like God falling fresh on me
 4 and washing away all the pretenses that had kept me
 5 from walking closer to him. I have these new Christian
 6 women friends now. And even though some of them just
 7 met me today ... they already love me for me. And with
 8 God's amazing grace, I can love them back amazingly!

9 So today, after we studied the Bible, we came up with
 10 a new list of beauty tips that you will never find at any
 11 makeup counter in the world. *(She reads from the paper*
 12 *again.)*

13 One. For beautiful eyes, *(She finishes removing her eye*
 14 *makeup)* look upon others with love and acceptance.

15 Two. For the loveliest lips, *(She removes her lipstick)*
 16 avoid gossip and speak kind words to your sisters and
 17 brothers in Christ. Proverbs 8:7 says; "My mouth speaks
 18 what is true, for my lips detest wickedness" (NIV).

19 Three. Someone may say something hurtful, which is
 20 like a slap on the cheek. *(She removes her cheek blush.)* So
 21 when they slap your cheek, give them the other one to
 22 slap too. *(References Matthew 5:39, NIV.)* It provides a
 23 natural blush!

24 Here's beauty tip number four — it comes from
 25 Proverbs 15:13: "A happy heart makes the face cheerful"
 26 (NIV). I love that one, because a cheerful face is the most
 27 beautiful foundation of all.

28 Five. For perfect posture, remember that Christ is
 29 always there, holding you up. He can get you through
 30 any day.

31 Six. When your hair begins to show the graying of the
 32 years, *(She brushes out her hair)* the Lord says that "Gray
 33 hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous
 34 life" (Proverbs 16:31, NIV).

35 Seven. And when you're finishing your outfit with

1 **just the right jewelry,** *(She now takes off her heavy bracelets,*
2 *rings, etc.)* **remember that Proverbs says, “How much**
3 **better to get wisdom than gold, to choose**
4 **understanding rather than silver!”** *(Proverbs 16:16, NIV).*

5 **Eight. An unselfish attitude is one of the best**
6 **cosmetics. Apply it generously by being skimpy about**
7 **the importance of *your* time, *your* needs, and *your***
8 **feelings compared to others.** *(Sets paper down and*
9 *addresses the audience again.)*

10 **When I learned from those amazing women of God**
11 **didn’t just change my outward appearance. They**
12 **helped me find something I’ve been looking for. My true**
13 **and natural inner beauty. Now I understand what this**
14 **verse means that I’ve had taped to my mirror for weeks.**
15 *(She reads the verse on her mirror.)* **“But the Lord said to**
16 **Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height,**
17 **for I have rejected him.’ The Lord does not look at the**
18 **things man looks at. Man looks at the outward**
19 **appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”** *(1 Samuel*
20 *16:7, NIV).*

21 **God wants us all to come just as we are. No makeup**
22 **required. Tonight I took my makeup off.** *(She begins to*
23 *exit.)* **Tomorrow I’ll put on the full armor of God.**
24 ***(Reference to Ephesians 6:11.)***

Serving God

Serving God brings joy.

SUMMARY: This waitress may know who God is, but she is now experiencing what it's like to serve him for the first time.

SETTING: A restaurant. You will need a table and three chairs.

PROPS: Plastic dishes, plastic tub, order pad, and pen.

CHARACTERS: Sindy — a waitress. God — her customer.
Hostess — she greets and seats. Busboy — he's a little clumsy.

COSTUMES: An apron with nametag for Sindy. A long, flowing robe for God. A dressy outfit for Hostess. A white shirt with nametag and khaki pants for Busboy.

HOSTESS: (*GOD enters. She greets and seats GOD at a table.*)
Hello and welcome to Heavenly Portions! Oh? Table for three? Well, we are so happy to have you in our presence! Now is there anything else I can do? (*GOD shakes his head "no."*) Well then, someone will be here to serve you right away! (*Exits.*)

BUSBOY: (*He crosses in a frantic hurry, spilling plastic dishes out of his tub when GOD stops him.*) Oh, I'm sorry! I'm just having a horrible day!

GOD: Don't worry. Take it one step at a time.

BUSBOY: (*In a moment of revelation*) Do I know you?

SINDY: (*As she enters*) Cleanup on table five hundred! (*SINDY calls back to Off-stage chef.*) Franz! We need a triple bypass burger with extra cheese and double rings! Can somebody bus table six hundred sixty-six? It's always a mess!

BUSBOY: (*As he exits*) I'm working as fast as I can!

SINDY: (*She nearly trips over GOD's table.*) Oh! Hi God. I'm Sindy, and I'll be your server.

GOD: Yes, I know you're Sindy. But I didn't realize you knew me.

SINDY: Oh. Well. You are a regular. And my friend that used

1 to work here served you all the time. She loved serving
2 you. (*GOD nods and smiles.*) Hey ... I get it. You know what
3 happened to her, don't you?

4 **GOD:** Yes. Your friend Ruth is doing very well.

5 **SINDY:** Well, I'll say. First she meets the man of her dreams —
6 right here at table three sixteen — then they get married,
7 go off and become missionaries in Italy, and have a
8 beautiful little girl. It's all so romantic.

9 **GOD:** Yes, but Ruth and her family are still working very hard.

10 **SINDY:** I'll bet she doesn't work at all. He is a doctor, you know.

11 **GOD:** Yes, Sindy, I know. Trust me. It's all part of the plan.

12 **SINDY:** Yeah. The grand plan that never includes me. OK, so
13 back to me and my loser life. Can I serve you today?

14 **GOD:** Sindy, I'd be thrilled to have you serve me every day.

15 **SINDY:** Why? I always mess up the orders, I'm not good with
16 the customers, and I'm always falling, so everybody
17 calls me "Grace."

18 **GOD:** I happen to think grace is a beautiful word, and a
19 perfect name. My I call you Grace?

20 **SINDY:** I heard that about you. You're always changing
21 people's names.

22 **GOD:** And that's not all.

23 **SINDY:** Don't tell me. You're always changing your orders too.

24 **GOD:** Never my orders. Just lives.

25 **SINDY:** Well, I need to take your order, because someone sat
26 down at table six hundred sixty-six over there, and
27 they're already giving me dirty looks. See, God?
28 Everybody hates me — even if they don't know me.

29 **GOD:** I don't hate you, Grace. In fact, I love you, child. You're
30 precious. I'm not even finished with you yet ... you have
31 so much to offer.

32 **SINDY:** You wouldn't say that if you'd seen today's specials.
33 They asked me to figure them out. Well, they're awful.
34 People have been biting my head off about them all day.
35 First, we have these shriveled little shrimps.

- 1 **GOD:** I can do a lot with shrimps. Ever heard of David?
2 **SINDY:** And Goliath? Hmmm ... but our sole doesn't even
3 look good.
4 **GOD:** I'll bet I could save it.
5 **SINDY:** Maybe you should stick with the chicken. Our chef
6 does wonders with chickens.
7 **GOD:** Ahhh. I can relate to that too.
8 **SINDY:** OK, whatever. Oh great, table six hundred sixty-six ...
9 giving me the evil eye ...
10 **GOD:** Don't worry about that table. Let *me* worry about that
11 table.
12 **SINDY:** You know, you're like the best customer I've ever
13 had. You make me feel like I know where I'm going, and
14 when I get there I'll be all right ... I might even help
15 somebody else along the way ... and just that ... well ... I
16 may actually not mess up an order for once in my life.
17 **GOD:** Believe me, you wouldn't be the first to mess up one of
18 my orders. And remember, I always give second
19 chances, third chances, fourth chances ...
20 **SINDY:** Thanks, God. I heard you were a great tipper too.
21 But don't tip me. (*A turning point*) Just let me serve you.
22 *Maybe I could even tip you.*
23 **GOD:** Great. Wonderful. Excellent. Put my tip in your
24 church offering plate this Sunday.
25 **SINDY:** Oh right, me in church? Hmmm. Say ... that's a good
26 idea. It would probably do me some good. Hey, want to
27 come back and meet the chef? He's been serving you for
28 ages, only you didn't know it.
29 **GOD:** Oh, I know Franz very well. I'd love to pay him a
30 special visit. (*They exit together.*)
31 **SINDY:** (*On their way out*) Hey, looks like table six hundred
32 and sixty-six gave up and left!
33 **GOD:** Maybe for today. I happen to know, not only do they
34 never tip ... they never pay.
35

Today's Virtuous Woman

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

— Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)

SUMMARY: Individual monologs examining the verses of Proverbs 31:10-31. What does it take to be a virtuous woman today? Why is her life meaningful? This sketch can be performed as memorized monologs or in Readers Theatre style.

CHARACTERS: Woman 1. Man 1 (may be performed by a woman). Woman 2. Man 2. Woman 3. Woman 4.

WOMAN 1: Proverbs 31:10 — “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies” (KJV). Are you a virtuous woman? Well, obviously, you’re not, if you’re a man. But Proverbs 31 is speaking to women and to men about the importance of a virtuous woman. She’s priceless because of how she affects everyone around her. Her husband, her children, her friends, her relatives, and her world. If you’re a virtuous woman, your price is far above rubies. Did you know that a ruby is rare, and very expensive? That’s why everyone around you is fortunate and blessed to have you. If you’re a virtuous woman, you’re rare, just like a costly gemstone. Sparkling, beautiful from the inside out, and a joy to behold. Maybe that’s why some of us really love jewelry.

MAN 1: Ruth was rare. In the Word of God, the only woman described as virtuous is Ruth. Remember her? She followed God’s way, no matter what the price or the risks. She was a blessing to everyone around her. And she was rare. The word “virtuous” comes from a Hebrew word, *chayil*. And you know what it means? You’re gonna love this. It means “strong in all ways.” Inspiring, hmmm? Strong in all ways. When women are described as being weaker, it may be referring to muscles. But apparently, you don’t have to be a

1 **bodybuilder to be strong in all ways in the Lord. You**
 2 **just have to be a virtuous woman.**

3 **WOMAN 2: Proverbs 31:11 says, “The heart of her husband**
 4 **safely trusts her” (NKJV). Trust. Do you trust your**
 5 **mother? Do you trust your daughter? As a wife, can you**
 6 **be trusted? How about as a friend? Trustworthiness is**
 7 **one of the most beautiful qualities you can possess.**
 8 **Then verse 12 says, “She does him good and not evil all**
 9 **the days of her life” (NKJV). A husband and wife are**
 10 **good to each other as partners in living God’s plan. And**
 11 **they trust each other. It’s all part of being a virtuous**
 12 **woman. Trust me.**

13 **WOMAN 3: I like shopping, so I like these verses. Proverbs**
 14 **31:13 — “She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works**
 15 **with her hands” (NKJV). Verse 14 says, “She is like the**
 16 **merchant ships, she brings her food from afar” (NKJV).**
 17 **So a virtuous woman is a great shopper! Yes! OK, I**
 18 **know, there’s more to it than that. A virtuous woman is**
 19 **industrious. She’s got ingenuity! Talent! Can she sew?**
 20 **Well, some can ... and those who can’t do other things.**
 21 **Can she cook? Well, if she can’t, she knows how to whip**
 22 **up a speed-scratch dish, or she knows how to order in**
 23 **like nobody else. A virtuous woman is simply a hard**
 24 **worker. She is energetic, and she demands the best.**
 25 **Probably because the virtuous woman of God does not**
 26 **settle for second-best, even if it means going to far lands**
 27 **to get what she wants. Well, gotta go. It takes awhile to**
 28 **get to the outlet malls.**

29 **MAN 2: Like I tell my wife ... Proverbs 31:15 says, “She also**
 30 **risers while it is yet night, and provides food for her**
 31 **household ... ” (NKJV). *(He waits for response from***
 32 ***audience.)* Well ... isn’t that a good one? Huh? Need a**
 33 **midnight snack? Arise, woman! Fix me a sandwich and**
 34 **be virtuous! So the next time I try saying that, I’ll be**
 35 **arising from the doghouse. This verse is not saying**

1 kitchen duty twenty-four hours a day or that I never
 2 have to do the dishes — I admit it. It is saying that a
 3 virtuous woman of God is not a lazy woman of her own
 4 accord. She runs things! She's the CEO of her life, her
 5 home. Whether that's getting up early and fixing food
 6 for her household or staying up late to help a child with
 7 homework, a virtuous woman is a compassionate
 8 person. A dutiful person. Somebody that I want to be
 9 like. Somebody I admire. Like my wife.

10 WOMAN 4: "She considers a field and buys it; from her
 11 profits she plants a vineyard" (NKJV). Proverbs 31:16. At
 12 last. A verse about gardening. I love gardening. My
 13 tomatoes, basil, mesclun lettuces ... let's see, I have two
 14 kinds of thyme, English and lemon ... I could go on and
 15 on. But speaking of time, a virtuous woman makes the
 16 most of hers. That's why, ultimately, she's a good
 17 businesswoman. Has a great head on her shoulders. It's
 18 just her way of providing more of the best for her family.

19 MAN 1: Proverbs 31:17 — "She girds herself with strength,
 20 and strengthens her arms" (NKJV). Earlier, I mentioned
 21 how a virtuous woman is strong in all ways. One way is
 22 taking care of herself. She works out, stays fit, and
 23 enjoys robust health. Why? Because she respects the
 24 body God gave her to serve others. Strength! It's a great
 25 quality. Especially in a virtuous woman.

26 WOMAN 1: "She perceives that her merchandise is good, and
 27 her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her
 28 hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle.
 29 She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out
 30 her hands to the needy" (NKJV). Proverbs 31:18-20.

31 WOMAN 2: Nobody can ignore a woman who is attractive,
 32 confident, has God at the center of her life, is skillful,
 33 thrifty, merciful, and charitable. Not that she does all
 34 this for attention. She does what's in her heart. She
 35 listens to God.

- 1 **WOMAN 4:** Is it snowing? No problem. Time to get out the
 2 heavy coats, scarves, and mittens.
- 3 **WOMAN 2:** “She is not afraid of snow for her household, for
 4 all her household is clothed with scarlet” (NKJV).
 5 Proverbs 31:21.
- 6 **WOMAN 3:** Hey! I’m back from the mall!
- 7 **WOMAN 2:** Great outfit. You look sharp.
- 8 **WOMAN 3:** It’s good to take care of yourself and look good.
 9 Then you can forget about yourself.
- 10 **WOMAN 4:** “She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is
 11 fine linen and purple” (NKJV). Proverbs 31:22. You know,
 12 back in those days, linen and purple were the garments
 13 of royalty.
- 14 **WOMAN 3:** Hmmm. A virtuous woman is always a queen.
 15 That’s not one of the verses ... I just made that up. I
 16 always wanted to be a queen.
- 17 **MAN 2:** “Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits
 18 among the elders of the land” (NKJV). Proverbs 31:23 is
 19 saying that how a woman treats her husband helps him
 20 become recognized as a leader and a man of God —
 21 because she’s a virtuous woman of God.
- 22 **WOMAN 3:** A virtuous woman has great abilities and adds to
 23 the family income. In fact, not only can she shop for the
 24 goods, but she can make them and sell them too!
- 25 **WOMAN 4:** “She makes fine linen, and sells it, and delivers
 26 girdles unto the merchant” (KJV). Girdles?
- 27 **WOMAN 3:** You know — clothes, belts, etc. Not (*Breathes in*
 28 *big*) girdles.
- 29 **WOMAN 4:** Proverbs 31:24.
- 30 **MAN 1:** Hey, she doesn’t need a girdle.
- 31 **MAN 2:** “Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall
 32 rejoice in time to come” (NKJV). Proverbs 31:25.
- 33 **WOMAN 1:** A virtuous woman has great friendships, because
 34 she watches what she says. She is well respected. She is
 35 wise, discreet, and kind.

WOMAN 2: Proverbs 31:26 — “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness” (NKJV).

WOMAN 4: “She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many have done virtuously, but she excels them all.” Proverbs 31:27-29. (Verses 27-28, NKJV; verse 29, KJV).

MAN 1: This woman. This virtuous woman of God is a great mother. She gives so much care to her household, there’s no time to be a busybody. But she is busy, energetic, and practical. Her family loves and respects her. Her husband couldn’t be more proud or blessed to go through life holding hands with the best mother and wife there is.

WOMAN 1: “Charm is deceitful ... ”

WOMAN 2: “ ... and beauty is passing ... ”

WOMAN 3: “ ... but a woman who fears the Lord ... ”

WOMAN 4: “ ... she shall be praised” (NKJV). Proverbs 31:30.

MAN 1: “Give her of the fruit of her hands ... ”

MAN 2: “ ... and let her own works praise her in the gates” (NKJV). Proverbs 31:31.

WOMAN 1: The life of a virtuous woman speaks for itself. Through all ages and all of time, the life of a virtuous woman is not always easy. It’s the challenging and dangerous life of women from the Bible. It’s the hard and brave life of America’s prairie women. It’s the busy, stressful, and abundant lives of today’s homemakers, teachers, caregivers, workers, mothers, wives, and friends. And while it’s never easy, God blesses these lives and has a high calling for each one of them. The life of a virtuous woman is one of the most beautiful and honorable lives that you can live today.

Hi. My Name Is God.

"Be moderate in order to taste the joys of life in abundance."

— Epicurus

SUMMARY: Although the characters in this sketch are not at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, they do have unique addictions. They learn that it's important to balance your life with God at the center.

SETTING: A meeting for addicts. Four chairs are in a semicircle, and a microphone on a stand is in the center.

PROPS: Flossie's craft bag, Kay's credit cards, Bill's keys, cell phone.

CHARACTERS: Leader — She is the lady conducting the meeting and introducing each addict. Flossie — Sweet lady, addicted to crafts. Kay — A nervous type, addicted to shopping. Bill — Nice family man, but addicted to cars. God — Personified in a voice from Off-stage.

FLOSSIE: *(Everyone is seated On-stage. FLOSSIE rises and approaches microphone nervously.)* Hi. My name is Flossie. And I'm a ... I'm a ... *(She tears up.)*

LEADER: Go ahead, Flossie ... you can say it!

FLOSSIE: I'm a craftaholic.

LEADER: Good girl!

FLOSSIE: I started off with sewing a few pillows ... making a few Christmas ornaments. Stuffing, sewing, puff painting, stuffing, sewing, puff painting. It was fun. No big deal, right? And everybody loves what I make. Yeah, it took some time, but I really got into the self-expression part of it. You haven't seen a yarn doll until you've seen one of mine! They're yarn good. Sorry. So, eventually ... I was scoring glue guns and pulling all-nighters with my quilting bees. It was costing me a fortune in pies and iced tea. Anyhow, I was becoming a craft queen ... And that was OK, except one time I cross-stitched for a whole weekend and didn't even talk to my

1 family. They were becoming a little afraid of me too. I
2 started hoarding potential craft supplies like those
3 cardboard tubes and my husband's old shoulder pads.
4 I'd skip my morning devotional to make ribbon
5 bookmarks for my Bible, yet I never read it. I'd go to
6 Hobby Lobby and they'd have to throw me out to close
7 up. I don't know how my life got so out of balance with
8 the things I love versus the people I love. I was a basket
9 case in the basket aisles. I know, it sounds crazy. I
10 thought about craft rehab, but I must sew. I tried
11 switching gears and focusing more on my family — you
12 know, by taking pictures — but then I got into
13 scrapbooking. And ... well ... you guessed it. I started
14 pasting and cropping my way into all-nighters again. I'd
15 be so tired on Saturdays when my family would want to
16 do something ... fly off the handle when I couldn't find
17 my pinking shears ... that's why I'm here, though. I've
18 got to find balance. Hey, that could be a great sampler:
19 "I've found the balance." Oh ... I ... I'm sorry. I'll sit down
20 now.

21 LEADER: Yes, that's OK. Thank you, Flossie, for sharing that
22 with us. As a show of faith, why don't you just hand over
23 that craft bag right now?

24 FLOSSIE: My craft bag? But this is my life ...

25 LEADER: All right ... don't get upset, Flossie ... just relax
26 and take a seat. We'll discuss it later. All right ... Kay?

27 KAY: Hi. My name is Kay. And I'm a shopaholic. In fact, you
28 might as well call me Kay Mart, because my life has
29 turned into one big Blue Light Special. Only it's not so
30 special ... I don't need all that stuff. It sits in my closet,
31 maybe gets used for a little while, but there's always
32 new stuff out there just waiting for me to buy. I had to
33 move my mom to a rest home just so I could use her
34 room for more stuff. I know, I sound crazed. It's just that
35 ... all that stuff fills a hole deep inside when I bring

1 home all the bags, those beautiful, colorful, crisp
2 shopping bags from the mall ... charge! S-s-sorry ... it's
3 just that there's got to be something more meaningful
4 and fulfilling to do with my plastic — let alone my time.
5 Believe me, this is hurting my family, and I feel so out of
6 control. But don't you like my new outfit? Sears
7 Saturday all-night sale! Oh, sorry ...

8 **LEADER:** OK, Kay. Not to worry. Just keep those Sunday ads
9 away from her, everyone. All right! Let's see, I believe
10 we have — oh yes, Bill.

11 **BILL:** Hi. My name is Bill. And I'm ... I'm lookin' for the right
12 car. Drivin' the right set of wheels ... that's about all
13 there is for me. I don't know. For a while, it was a goal.
14 Sort of like ... OK, I've got the right job ... I've got the
15 right gal ... I've got the right house, and the right set of
16 two-point-five kids ... yes, that means one on the way ...
17 so what's left for me? What else is there in this life? I'll
18 tell you. The right make, the right model, the right color
19 — red — and, well, (*Chuckles*) I'm right on top of the
20 world and off the road. Greased lightning. At least for a
21 while. Oh, don't think I don't get the looks. But now ... I
22 don't know. I went through a few great cars. They kept
23 getting more expensive ... but it was costing me
24 something more. Almost like I was paying with my soul.
25 And never getting the key. OK, I might sound like I'm
26 going off the deep end, but trust me, I'm shallow as the
27 dashboard in a Beamer. I think ... I think I'm still
28 looking for the right car. When I'm finally on the road,
29 in the right car, then I'll be going somewhere. Trust me.
30 Vroom! Heh-heh.

31 **LEADER:** Oh, my. Well, that was fully loaded. Thank you,
32 Bill. Now, I think we have one more speaker tonight.
33 Are you here?

34 **GOD:** (*Voice from Off-stage*) Yes, I am.

35 **LEADER:** Great. I think we've all been waiting to hear

1 from you.

2 **GOD:** Hi. My name is God. Counselor. The Great I Am. King
3 of Kings and Lord of Lords. Alpha and Omega. The
4 Beginning and the End. I'll be happy to tell you the rest
5 of my names later. Because I have an important
6 message for you right now. I love you. Things don't.
7 Hobbies don't love you, stores don't love you, cars don't
8 love you, and possessions will not ever make you happy.
9 It's the unconditional love of Jesus Christ that can flow
10 into your heart and soul that will truly fill you up.
11 Being a child of the King is not always easy, but it's the
12 one true thing in your life that you can count on. The
13 love of the Lord is endless, priceless, and worth more
14 than the universe. And it is yours. Free of charge. I don't
15 care what you make, what you wear, or what you drive.
16 You are my precious child, and I want to give you my
17 love and eternal life.

18 **LEADER:** Thank you, Jesus, for dying for our sins ... and
19 praise God for loving us eternally!

20 **FLOSSIE:** (*Hands LEADER her craft bag.*) Can you take this for
21 me? I need to go home, get right with God, and mend
22 things with my family.

23 **KAY:** (*Leaves her credit cards.*) Do you mind cutting these up
24 for me? I really need to give God more credit so that I
25 can stay whole.

26 **BILL:** (*Hands LEADER his keys.*) Would you like to borrow my
27 car? I've stalled out, and I think somebody else holds
28 the key to my heart.

29 **LEADER:** Amen! Now, if you will all follow me to the
30 fellowship hall, we have all the cookies, brownies, and
31 cakes your hearts desire ...

32 **FLOSSIE:** Oh dear! Don't get us started! I'm afraid I'll stuff
33 myself. (*They exit.*)

34 **KAY:** (*On her cell phone*) Hello? Waist Watchers?
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One of Those Days

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

— Helen Keller

SUMMARY: In our stressful, busy lives, it's easy to forget what's important. This working woman wonders, why all the stress? She turns to women of the Bible for the answers, and they deliver! Then she turns to her loving family for the rest.

SETTING: The Jones household. Three chairs may be set up for the biblical characters.

PROPS: Laundry basket, toys, dish towel, laundry, small tiara, teacup.

CHARACTERS: Cassie Jones — A busy working mother. Husband — Cassie's husband, mostly heard Off-stage. Appears On-stage at ending. Teenager — Her voice is heard from Off-stage only. Child — Her voice is heard from Off-stage only. Priscilla — The tentmaker from the Bible. Queen Deborah — A queen and prophetess from the Old Testament. Elizabeth — From the Bible, mother of John the Baptist.

COSTUMES: Office clothes for Cassie, but with slippers instead of pumps. Biblical robes and headpieces for Priscilla, Queen Deborah, and Elizabeth. Deborah's should be more elaborate and royal-looking.

SOUND EFFECTS: Ringing phone.

(CASSIE JONES comes down an aisle in the audience, picking up toys and putting them in the laundry basket she is carrying. She has a dish towel over her shoulder, and a toy she has picked up from the floor in her other hand. The Off-stage voices begin as she comes On-stage, begins to fold laundry, and picks up more of the toys on the floor to put in the basket.)

TEENAGER: Mom, hurry up! This paper is due tomorrow. I'm waiting!

HUSBAND: Honey! Where is the paper? It was here just a



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