

### **Story Summary:**

A group of friends have watched a movie about the amazing throwing ability of a ball player. One tries to imitate his ability and the group breaks an irreplaceable bowl. Will a lie be told to explain the broken bowl, and what would make Jesus want them to do? Find out in this comical play.

### **Christian Message:**

Lying is sinful, no matter what colour it is. Further, we've all sinned, so we need to readily forgive others when they seek our forgiveness. We can be forgiven and are called to forgive others because of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus gave - Himself! The glory of Easter, the glory of God!

# **Easter Discovered**

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Spinner - (happily) Sure!

Key - (happily) Okay!

[Mom exits with a broken bowl and a smile.]

Ace - See, telling the truth worked, right?

Chips - Uh huh, thanks!

Dice - So is Jesus happy with us now?

Spinner - He sure is!

Key - You know, Chips, you have a really cool mom.

Chips - Yeah, she sure is!

Dice - Not my Mom! She would've been totally-

Key - (interrupt) Happy?

Dice - No, totally fur-

Key - Covered?

Dice - No, she would have been fur-

Key - (interrupt) Less?

Dice - NO! She would have been fur-

Key - (interrupt) Forgetful?

Dice - NO! Key! She would have wanted to-

Key - (interrupt) Speak another language?

## CHARACTERS:

[No special costumes are required for this play, casual wear is ideal.]

Dice - a cool worldly dude, doesn't know much about Jesus

Chips - a nice kid who needs help with a decision

Ace - follows the rules, knows and loves Jesus

Spinner - helpful, knows and loves Jesus

Key - points out important information, full of questions

Mom - a good demonstrator of Jesus' love

## SPECIAL NOTES:

It is helpful for the Leader to begin by introducing the story using the story summary (found on back page). The Leader may continue with introductions of each player and his/her corresponding character. A line or phrase from the play may be spoken as each character enters onto the stage, then exits.

## STAGE SET UP:

Only one entrance/exit is required for this play. The backdrop or setting can be a plain wall or be decorated to resemble a living room or recreation room. A window or a picture thereof in center of back wall is useful. A small table or shelf is along the wall at stage left; upon it sits masking tape buried by some newspapers. The stage can be set up as simple or as elaborate as desired. A tv. is not necessary as the characters face the audience during that time.

[Mom enters stage right. Chips - hide bowl behind back.  
The group turns at an angle to face Mom.]

Mom - Well how's the party? Did you enjoy the movie?

[All answer very quickly after the other.]

Dice - (stiffly, with head slightly down) Yeah

Chips - (stiffly, with head slightly down) Uh huh

Ace - (stiffly, with head slightly down) Yep

Spinner - (stiffly, with head slightly down) Sure

Key - (stiffly, with head slightly down) Okay.

Chips - (undertainly, with head slightly down, look at Mom) Uh, Mom?

[Dice, Ace, Spinner, and Key - hold head level]

Mom - Yes?

Chips - (hesitantly) I, I broke your bowl.... (bring bowl forth) See?

Dice - It was knocked over when we were playing ball.

All - (count to three silently after "ball" is spoken, then say:) We're sorry.

Chips - (solemnly) Will you forgive me?

Mom - (look at broken bowl and then at kids) I know it took a lot of courage to tell me the truth, and that is so important. I also know that when someone asks for forgiveness Jesus says we are to forgive. So, (pause) I forgive you.

Chips - Aren't you mad at us?

[Curtain opens]

[If no curtain, have characters on stage in place, and the leader may say, "And we begin..."]

Dice - (toss a ball upwards and catch it, continuously) What a cool movie!

[Everyone stands up to stretch a little and continue talking.]

Chips - Yeah, sure was Dice!

Ace - That guy could really throw.

Spinner - Yeah Ace, What an arm, he must have been pushing.

Key - (slowly) Pushing 40, or pushing daisies?

Spinner - Neither Key, pushing iron.

Ace - (laughs) Ah, Spinner, don't you mean pumping iron?

Spinner - (smiles; spoken sheepishly) Oh, yeah, right Ace.

Dice - Hey, wanna play catch?

Chips - Sure Dice!

Dice - Okay, I'll pitch, Chips, you can back catch, Spinner, you can bat and -

Ace - (interrupt) And I'll ump!

Dice - Okay Ace, you ump.

Key - What do I do, Dice?

Dice - Just stand there and watch Key!

Chips - (moan) Now what am I gonna do?

*[The following should be said quickly and become increasingly louder than in regular speech.]*

Dice - Lie!

Ace - Truth!

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Ace - Truth!

Dice - **LIE!**

Ace - **TRUTH!**

Spinner - (yell) **STOP!** (pause) Listen Chips, tell the truth, then at least, you won't be in trouble for lying.

Chips - Yeah, she'll just be mad at me for breaking this!

Ace - Besides, Jesus will be happy with you for telling the truth.

Chips - He will?

Ace - Yes! Jesus died for our sins so that we can be forgiven, all we have to do is ask.

Spinner - And try not to sin any more.

Dice - (annoyed) Oh who cares what some dead dude said!

Ace - But HE'S NOT DEAD!

Dice - Yeah, right.

Ace - No, HE rose!

Ace - (strongly) Strike Three!

[Spinner looks at bat, then at Ace, points to himself and shrugs.]

*[The following ten lines are of a unique design. Two conversations held at once, each person taking their turn to speak at opposite ends of the stage. To make this effective, the conversation should be spoken clearly and quickly, without long pauses.]*

Dice - Chips, are you okay? (help Chips up)

[Dice and Chips set table back up. Spinner joins Dice and Chips.]

Key - Ace, that wasn't a strike!

[Ace walks over to Key at stage left. They are at about two small steps away from each other.]

Chips - Yeah, but this isn't! (pick up broken pieces of bowl and set onto table)

Ace - **Was TOO!**

Dice - Oh no!

Key - Was **NOT!**

[Ace and Key take a step towards each other.]

Chips - That **was** my mom's favourite bowl, she said it was *ear-re-peace-able*.

Ace - (hands on hips) **WAS TOO!**

Spinner - You mean irreplaceable.