

“Field Trip”
Script Writing
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Setting: A skit for a church service or youth group. Instructor starts center stage; all other characters begin off stage. There is a purse lying in center stage, and a Droid Razor is on a stand on a table in upstage center.

Characters:

Christian: A true follower of God, Christian is trying to serve God and is coming under his first attacks as a Believer in Christ. However, he is prepared to confront any temptation. He is wearing casual clothes.

Luke: An average sort of guy, Luke's greatest, if not only, pleasure in life is playing video games. Other than that, he just floats through life, not caring about right or wrong. He is wearing casual clothes.

Kyle: An experienced shoplifter, Kyle has given himself up to doing evil. He is wearing casual clothes.

Dustin: A party animal who has given himself up to the bottle, Dustin wonders why Christian hasn't been at any of his parties recently. He is wearing casual clothes.

Instructor: The teacher of Temptations 101. He has personally steered thousands of people off the Straight and Narrow Path. He takes great pride in his abilities and hates it when his plans fail. He is wearing black from head to toe, with a black cape.

Deception: A demon that specializes in subtle trickery, Deception can seem to suggest the right thing to do but is just as corrupt as the Instructor. He is wearing black from head to toe, with a black cape.

Desire: A brash but inexperienced demon, Desire prefers to act first and plan later. He has also been in control of Kyle for several years. He is wearing black from head to toe, with a black cape.

Intoxication: An accomplished demon, Intoxication rarely speaks directly to those he's tempting, preferring instead to speak through those who are already under his control. He is wearing black from head to toe, with a black cape.

Instructor: Good morning, class. *(Pause)* Today in Temptations 101, we're going on a field trip. *(Pause)* Okay now, calm down. We're going to see some true tempters at work today, so I want you to take notes on how relentless their assaults on the humans are. Now, if you will cluster around me, we'll be off. *(Moves to upstage center)* I used to work with Deception, back in the day. I can personally vouch for his skill, so pay close attention. *(Luke and Deception enter stage right)*

Luke: Huh? What's this?*(stoops down and picks up something)*

Deception: Someone's purse! *(Turns to Instructor and winks)*

Luke: Who could it-

Deception: *(Interrupting)* Hey, what does that ad in your pocket say, again?

Luke: *(Sigh)* That Gamestop is having the deal of the year on an Xbox 360, and I'm still 50 bucks short.

Deception: Well, anyway, you should probably try to find the owner. Perhaps you ought to... *(Leans over to Luke's ear)* Check for a phone in there.

Luke: *(Digging through purse)* Might as well check for a phone in here, so I can return this purse.

Deception: And get a reward.

Luke: *(Excited)* And I'll get a reward! Then I'll- *(Deception pushes Luke and the wallet falls out of the purse)* oops! *(Luke bends over and picks up the wallet)* Her wallet...

Deception: How much do you suppose is in there? After all, the more that's in there, the more grateful she'll be. And the more grateful she is, greater the reward!

Luke: Yeah! Let's see... *(Digging through wallet)* meh, her license, a bunch of receipts, her mail, some credit cards, and *(disappointed)* aw, man. A whole 10 bucks.

Deception: Alrighty then, looks like you can just leave the purse in her mailbox.

Luke: *(Whining)* But what about my reward?

Deception: *(Shrugs)* Just take the 10 dollars. After all, she would have given it to you as a reward, right?

Luke: Yeah, she would've. *(Sticks money in pocket and exits stage right. Deception follows)*

Instructor: *(Walking towards upstage left)* Subtle, yet relentless. A winning combination. Next, you will see Desire use a more classic, direct assault. *(Christian enters stage left, Desire follows at a distance, and both are walking toward stage right)*

Desire: *(Steps up to Christian tapping him on the shoulder and pointing)* Look over there.

Christian: Woah. It's the new iPhone. I wish I had a phone like that.

Desire: You could've, if you hadn't given over half your paycheck to *Speed The Light*.

Christian: Yeah well, God comes before a phone. *(Instructor & Desire flinch. Christian starts to walk toward stage left)*

Desire: *(Stepping in front of Christian)* Woah there, preacher boy. Just think, with that phone on your ear, you'd be the coolest kid at the party. Walk into there with your current phone you'll look like some nerd from the 90's.

Christian: *(Pulling his phone out of his pocket)* My phone does what I need it to do.

Desire: Ha! That's the junk phone that came with the plan, right? Look, seeing as money is a bit of a problem right now, why don't you just take that iPhone there?

Christian: *(Shocked)* What?!

Desire: You heard me, just walk up and take the iPhone. After that, you can go to your friend's birthday party without looking like such a loser.

Christian: It's *wired* to the counter. (Instructor *shakes his head sadly*)

Desire: (*Panicking*) Not really. Why, look at it! (*Pulls out a pair of scissors and cuts the cord*) If you gave it a good jerk, it'd snap in two.

Christian: No, I'm not supposed to.

Desire: Why not? (*Instructor slaps forehead*)

Christian: The Bible says: 'you shall not steal.' (Desire *staggers as if punched*)
(Christian *starts to walk towards stage left*. Kyle *enters stage left*. Desire *whispers something to Kyle*. Kyle *looks around, grabs the phone, and runs off stage right*. Desire *sneers at Christian and follows*)

Christian: Figures, he wasn't even caught. (*Freezes*)

Instructor: Never, *ever* make that same fatal error of asking 'why' to a human who is resisting you. As you can see, it cost *that* tempter his prize. Now, on to the next target.
(Instructor *pulls out a radio*. Intoxication *and Dustin enter stage right*. Intoxication *is holding a radio*) Change of plans: we lay that Christian low.

Intoxication: Whatever, where's he goin'?

Instructor: Your party.

Intoxication: (*Grinning wickedly*) This is gonna be too easy.
(Christian *walks over to center stage*. Intoxication *begins to control Dustin*. From this point on, when Dustin says a line, Intoxication also says that line at the same time. Christian *knocks on the door*)

Dustin: (*Opening door*) Yo! Christian! Ya made it!

Christian: Happy birthday! You know I wouldn't miss this for the world. (Instructor *laughs an evil laugh*)

Dustin: Thanks! Come on in. (Christian *walks in*, Dustin *closes door*)

Christian: (*Looks around*) So, uh... Where's your Dad?

Dustin: He's out of town right now. (Christian *hesitates*) Are you all right? You don't look very good.

Christian: Huh? Oh, no it's nothing.

Dustin: Are ya sure? Here, come with me. (Christian, Dustin, *and* Intoxication *walk over to stage right*)

Christian: Where?

Dustin: To get some drinks.

Christian: Cool. You got Pepsi?

Dustin: (*Smiling*) Even better, man. (*Opens Fridge and hands a can to Christian*)

Christian: Budlight?! Are you crazy?

Dustin: (*Opens another can, takes long drink*. Throughout their conversation, Dustin *is becoming increasingly drunk*) That's why we're in here and not out at the park.

Christian: No thanks. (*Hands can back to Dustin*)

Dustin: (*Takes drink from his can*) Awww, come on. One drink won't hurt ya. Have a drink, Christian. (*Hands can back to Christian*)

Christian: (*Hesitates, then turns can upside-down*) No, I won't. 'Wine is a mocker, and beer, a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.'

Dustin: (Intoxication *staggers back and does not say this line*) W-what did you do that for? (Intoxication *regains control and Dustin shudders*) Hey, come on now, all the cool people are here, and they're doing it.

Christian: Sorry, but I'm going to head home now, so happy birthday. (Christian *starts to walk towards stage left. Dustin and Intoxication shrug and exit stage right*)

Instructor: (*Lets out a scream of rage*) Fools! All of you! I'll do this myself. (*Steps in front of Christian and calmly puts his arm around Christian's shoulder*) Christian, where are you going?

Christian: (*Shakes Instructor's arm off*) Home. (*Steps past Instructor*)

Instructor: (*Grabs Christian and pulls him toward center stage*) And miss out on all the fun, again? You used to live for these parties, remember?

Christian: That was before-

Instructor: (*Circling Christian*) Before what? Before you were fooled by that pastor and swept up by the night's emotion? That night changed nothing.

Christian: (*Turning and shouting at Instructor*) That night changed everything! 'For if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.' (Instructor *falls as if a right hook hit him in the jaw*)

Instructor: (*Scrambling upright*) But the temptations come, as relentless as ever. He cannot help you!

Christian: Yes he does! He is just as relentless in his attempts to rescue us. 'Because he himself suffered in every way when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.' (Instructor *doubles over as if punched in the stomach*)

Instructor: (*Furiously*) You cannot hope to win! You will fall like Adam, Samson, David, and Peter. All of them have fallen before our power and so will you.

Christian: (*Advancing on Instructor*) God has redeemed all of them. And my victory rests in The Lord: 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.' (Instructor *stumbles back as if a straight right hit him in the chest*) So demon, (Instructor *looks fearful*) In the name of Jesus, (Instructor *is floored as if he was hit by a left uppercut*) my Lord, (Instructor *clutches his stomach*) and my Savior, (Instructor *sprawls on the ground*) I rebuke you, (Instructor *moans*) and I command you to leave!

Instructor: (*Scrambling to get away from Christian*) Class dismissed!