Bedtime Bible Stories Episode 2

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WHAT HAPPENS IN JERUSALEM STAYS IN JERUSALEM

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

JESUS (30's) sits at a table alongside the twelve disciples. It is the Last Supper.

Jesus breaks bread and addresses the room.

JESUS This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

Jesus eats the bread and the disciples follow suit. He then holds up a cup of wine.

JESUS This cup is my blood, which is shed for you. This you shall also do in remembrance of-

PETER (40's) slams his fists on the table. He's an ugly man with a large gut and an unkempt beard to match.

PETER Let's get fucked up on the blood of Christ!

The men CHEER. They all CLINK glasses and drink. Wine dribbles down their chins.

LATER

The morning sun illuminates the damage from the night before. Destroyed furniture. Spilt wine. Eleven passed out bodies sprawled across the floor.

THOMAS (40's) wakes up and stumbles to his feet. He clutches his head in pain.

Thomas walks to a nearby window. He almost steps on Peter who clutches a sleeping rooster.

Thomas looks out the window. His eyes grow wide.

THOMAS (with a chipped tooth) Guys! Guys! Wake up!

Nobody moves. Thomas kicks a nearby ANDREW (30's).

THOMAS Wake up asshole! You need to see this!

Andrew stands up and looks out the window. Outside the room, a lifeless JUDAS (50's) hangs by a tree branch. His intestines spill out onto the ground below him.

ANDREW What happened last night?

PETER Please don't tell me I blew a chicken again.

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CUT TO:

A FOR EFFORT

INT. SCHOOL GYMNASIUM - DAY

The gymnasium is full of kids with corresponding booths. A banner which reads "AVONDALE ELEMENTARY 5TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR" hangs from the rafters above.

A young, but fully bearded GOD (8) stands before his science project. It's a miniature planet Earth with a poster board behind it.

A JUDGE (50's) approaches God and examines Earth. She frowns and jots some notes on her clipboard.

JUDGE How long did you work on your project?

GOD

Six days.

The judge clips a white ribbon to God's shirt. It reads "FOURTH PLACE."

JUDGE It looks it. C minus.

The judge walks away and approaches another booth where KATE (7) presents a bubbling volcano.

She pins a "FIRST PLACE" ribbon onto Kate.

CUT TO:

FREUD VS. JOSEPH

EXT. FIELD - DREAM SEQUENCE

Ten bundles of grain circle around a taller, more prominent bundle of grain. The ten bundles bow down as the center bundle stands erect.

INT. JOSEPH'S BEDROOM - MORNING

JOSEPH (17) awakens in his bed. He looks beneath the sheets and at his crotch.

JOSEPH Dad! I had another one of those dreams again!

DAD (0.S.) Get one of your brothers to clean it up!

JOSEPH Brothers! I had another one of those dreams again!

NINE BROTHERS (O.S.) Not it!

JUDAH (O.S)

Not it!

There is a brief moment of silence.

JUDAH (O.S)

Damn it!

JUDAH (20's) walks into the room, dragging his feet. He collects Joseph's bed sheets.

JUDAH Keep having these dreams and I'm going to sell you into slavery

CUT TO:

TWO OF EVERY KIND

EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE - NIGHT

FRED (40's) rushes down the side of a cliff in the pouring rain. He carries two suitcases. Sheer panic grips his face.

FRED Please still be there. Please still be there.

Fred the-

EXT. BEACH - CONTINUOUS

Fred looks out into the ocean. A huge arc drifts farther and farther into the sea. Fred throws his luggage into the water.

FRED Yahweh damn it!

LATER

The rain continues to pour, but even harder than before. The sea around Fred begins to rise. Fred straps his arms and legs to a boulder using several ropes.

> FRED This should do it.

LATER

40 days and 40 nights of torrential downpour and mass flooding. Fred clings to the boulder for dear life. The waves crash into face, but he endures...barely.

LATER

The rain finally stops falling. The sun pops out and a rainbow appears. The water around Fred begins to recede. Fred is on death's doorstep and is as wrinkled as a prune.

LATER

The sky is bright and sunny. The sea level returns to normal. The arc drifts ashore and settles in the sand.

Fred is still strapped to the boulder. His eyes flutter open. The arc towers before him.

I made it. Praise be to Yahweh for he is good and faithful!

The arc door flings opens and lands on Fred, killing him instantly. NOAH (70's) stumbles out of the arc with an empty wine bottle in hand. His robe is open and he exposes himself.

NOAH Worst forty days ever!

HAM (30's) rushes out of the arc and after his father.

HAM Dad, you're naked again.

NOAH

If God didn't want sons to see their fathers naked, then he would have killed them in the flood too.

HAM Where are you going? We have to repopulate the Earth.

NOAH With who? Your sisters?

Noah and Ham stare at each other.

NOAH I'm going to go plant a vineyard. Be back in three years. Good luck unloading all of the animals!

CUT TO:

WHAT HAPPENS IN GOLGOTHA STAYS IN GOLGOTHA

EXT. DESERT - DAY

The eleven disciples wander around the desert in bewilderment.

ANDREW Where the hell is he? We've been looking all day.

THOMAS I have no idea. But we wouldn't be in this situation if this dumb ass (pointing to Peter) hadn't roofied our drinks last night!

PETER

I always wondered why they called them roofies. Cause you're more likely to end up on the floor of some cave than the roof.

THOMAS What did you just say?

PETER

Cause you're more likely to end up on the floor of some cave than the roof?

THOMAS That's it! I remember where we last left Jesus!

INT. BURIAL CAVE - DAY

The eleven disciples stand around a dead Jesus. They stare wide eyed and their faces lack any color whatsoever.

ANDREW

Well shit.

THOMAS Are you sure he's dead?

ANDREW Someone put a crown of thorns on his head and pierced his side. What do you think doubting Thomas?

Peter grabs Jesus' arm and jerks it up and down near his crotch.

PETER Look guys! He's giving himself a holy hand job. Get it? Because he has a hole in his hand.

MATTHEW (30's) steps in with paper and pen in hand.

MATTHEW What about the ending of my book? Whatever you write, you can't write this.

PETER

Oh I know! Blame it on the Jews! Say that the Jews nailed him to a cross. And three days later he rose from the grave and now lives in heaven.

ANDREW You're such a retard Peter. No one will believe that.

CUT TO:

LET MY PEOPLE COME

INT. TENT - NIGHT

MOSES (60's) gathers his belongings and heads towards the door. His wife, ZIPPORAH (50's) blocks his exit.

ZIPPORAH And where exactly are you going this late at night?

MOSES To talk with God. At the burning bush again.

Zipporah stares at Moses suspiciously.

EXT. STRIP CLUB - NIGHT - ESTABLISHING

Moses approaches a strip club. Above the entrance, a bright neon sign reads "THE BURNING BUSH."

MOSES Time to go pitch a tent.

CUT TO:

LET GO AND LET GOD

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

CHARLES (9) watches a television screen. On the TV, a plane crashes into the World Trade Center.

CHARLES Mommy? Daddy?

EXT. GRAVEYARD - DAY

A crowd of people stand around two freshly engraved tomb stones. There are no coffins. Just a memorial. PASTOR GREG (40's) reads from the Bible. Charles just stands there, emotionless and oblivious to his surroundings.

INT. PASTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Pastor Greg sits at his desk. A teary eyed Charles sits across from him.

PASTOR GREG I don't know why bad things happen to good people. You'll just have to ask him when you get to heaven.

CHARLES But I want answers now.

PASTOR GREG Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

Charles musters a small smile.

CHARLES Yeah. Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

Charles (12) consoles a FRIEND (12).

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan. INT. CHURCH - DAY

Charles (17) preaches to his church congregation.

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. SCHOOL GYMNASIUM - DAY

Charles (22) addresses his graduating class from a podium.

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. RECEPTION HALL - DAY

Charles (30) addresses a crowd from his wedding table. His arm is wrapped around his WIFE (30).

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

Charles (35) christens his newborn son, CHARLIE JR, in front of a church congregation.

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Charles (45) and his wife (45) sit across from a doctor. Charles's wife SOBS into a tissue.

> CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Charles (50) lays in bed with his family around him. He's sickly pale, hairless, and barely breathing.

CHARLES Everything happens for a reason. Trust in God's divine plan.

Charles closes his eyes. The heartbeat monitor next to him FLAT LINES.

EXT. HEAVEN, PEARLY GATES - DAY

Charles (22) stands before SAINT PETER (60's) who reads from the book of life.

SAINT PETER Charles Shaffer, your name has been found in the book of life. You may now enter the kingdom of heaven. Well done, my good and faithful servant.

The pearly gates open wide. Before entering heaven, Charles looks back at Saint Peter.

CHARLES Excuse me, but where does God live?

SAINT PETER Just follow the streets of gold until you hit an intersection. Then make a right. He's the second house on the left.

CHARLES Thanks! I have something that I need to ask him.

SAINT PETER They always do.

INT. HEAVEN, GOD'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Charles sits on a couch with a cup of tea in hand. The room around him couldn't be more quaint. Precious Moments figurines. Hand knit quilts. Bowls of stale candy.

GOD (60's) walks in and takes a seat in a nearby recliner. He steeps his tea. GOD So then Charles, what can I do you for?

CHARLES September eleventh. Why?

God avoids eye contact and rubs his neck.

CHARLES Please god. My parents died in the first tower. But you let it happen. Why? What was your reasoning?

GOD A deep fried turkey.

CHARLES

Excuse me?

GOD

So one day I decide to make a deep fried turkey for the first time. Now I don't know if you know anything about deep frying a turkey, but it's extremely dangerous. Grease can fall into the flame and can burn down your entire house. Anyways, I'm watching Earth like I always do and I step away for just two minutes to check on my bird. When I got back. Boom. September eleventh.

CHARLES My parents died because you were deep frying a turkey?

GOD

If you think that's bad, you should hear how the Holocaust happened. Now that's an embarrassing story.

CHARLES

But I told everyone that everything happened for a reason. I told them to trust in your divine plan.

God starts LAUGHING. He then glances at Charles, who looks confused and hurt.

GOD Oh wait, you're serious?

God stops laughing.

GOD Well now I feel bad.

The two sit in an awkward silence.

CHARLES What about my parents?

GOD What about them?

CHARLES Can I see them?

God looks around the room. He looks even more awkward than before.

GOD Yeah, about that...

CHARLES Where are they?

GOD Turns out your mom was half Jewish and your dad was a closeted pedophile. Sorry kid. Rules are rules.

CHARLES So my parents are burning in hell.

GOD

But it's like you said, everything happens for a reason. I'll talk to your flat manager and see if I can have HBO installed in your room. I at least owe you that.

INT. HEAVEN, CHARLES' BEDROOM - DAY

Charles sits on his bed and watches TV. Outside his room, crowds of people sing praises to God. Time passes for all eternity.

CUT TO:

WHAT HAPPENS AT JESUS' FUNERAL STAYS AT JESUS' FUNERAL

INT. FUNERAL PARLOR - DAY Jesus lays in a coffin at the front of the funeral home. The eleven disciples pay their respects. Andrew and Thomas huddle in the back of the room. Peter approaches them with a shit eating grin on his face. PETER Guys, you'll never guess what I found in Jesus' robe pocket. ANDREW Were you pickpocketing Jesus' cadaver? PETER Never mind that. All your answers about last night can be found right here. Peter produces a digital camera. THOMAS No shit! ANDREW Guys, one time. Deal? THOMAS Deal! Peter turns on the camera. THOMAS Oh dear lord! PETER That's classic! SERIES OF SHOTS A) Jesus and his disciples drink like gluttons in a garden. B) A hooker pretends to beat Jesus with her whip. Everyone's happy. C) An angry mob chases Jesus and his disciples. They laugh with excitement. D) The disciples and Jesus pose with Carrot Top.

E) Jesus stands trial before HEROD (40's) and snickers.

F) MARY MAGDALENE (30's) blows Jesus while he hangs from the cross. Jesus is all smiles.

G) The disciples leave Jesus in a cave. He is passed out on a mattress and the rest of the group poses lewdly with him.

H) Peter steals a rooster from a nearby farm.

I) The disciples pretend to hang Judas from a tree out of jest.

CUT TO BLACK.