



**“FRIENDS WHO PRAY TOGETHER,
STAY TOGETHER ... FOREVER”**
(the 3rd of a 3 part series)

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CAST

- Joey LaFrance: Twelve year old boy who is trying really hard to earn his way into heaven
- Puppet 1 (Terrence): Joey’s concerned friend who is “in the know” about Jesus and salvation
- Puppet 2 (Todd): Joey’s friend who is preoccupied with food, but still knows the truth about Jesus

SETTING: Boy’s room with a chair and a puppet stage

(Enter puppets Terrence and Todd into Joey's room.)

TERRENCE:

Oh, Joey's not here yet.

TODD:

He's probably out washing Mrs. O'Reilly's cat again.

TERRENCE:

Boy, I sure wish Joey would get with the program – Jesus' program that is – and stop all this “earn your way to heaven” nonsense.

TODD:

I know. We never see him anymore. He's always inside reading one of those fancy books or worse, working on his “to do” list.

TERRENCE:

Yeah, I miss him too.

TODD:

And I really miss the snacks he used to give me every day after school, especially the Yodels. I ...

(Terrence cuts Todd off and finishes his thought)

TERRENCE:

Let me guess ... LOOOVE YODELS!

TODD:

You like Yodels too?

TERRENCE:

No Todd! I was just imitating you. You're so predictable.

TODD:

Is that a bad thing Terrence?

TERRENCE:

No, buddy it's not a bad thing. Sorry for snapping at you like that. It's just that this Joey thing is making me really mad. Why won't he believe what the Bible says about Jesus being the only way to heaven?

TODD:

Well, 1 Corinthians 1:18 does tell us that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who don't have Jesus. We just have to keep praying that Joey will come to know the truth about Jesus - like we did.

TERRENCE:

Oh oh (*Terrence sinks lower behind the stage with only his head showing*)

TODD:

Ter-rence? You have been praying for Joey haven't you?

TERRENCE:

Well no, not really... (*thinking of an excuse*) I've been busy, super busy. And boy, Mrs. Stern is sure piling on the homework lately?

TODD:

Terrence, get up here! Stop making excuses. It's important that we pray for our friends. Without God's help, Joey will never come to know Jesus.

TERRENCE:

(*Terrence rises back up*). You're right Todd. There's no excuse. Sorry.

TODD:

Well let's pray for him right now. Jesus said "that where two or three gather in His name, He is there with them."

TERRENCE:

Hey Todd, do you know what?

TODD:

No, what?

TERRENCE:

You're a pretty special friend. I don't know why people say you're not very smart.

TODD:

Gee thanksWait! Who says I'm not that smart?

TERRENCE:

Never mind, let's pray: Lord, Joey is our best friend. We want more than anything, for him to come to know you and make You his Savior. Please open his eyes to the truth.

TODD:

Yes Father, please let Joey know that You love him and that You already paid the price to get him into heaven. We know that we'll be up there one day – You promised - but we want our friend Joey to be with us. Please make this happen. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

(*Enter Joey, walking slowly to the puppet stage with a baseball cap on*)

TERRENCE:

Hey, there he is!

TODD:

Hi Joey, where have you been?

(Joey slowly removes his ball cap and reveals a totally shaven head)

JOEY:

The barber shop

TERRENCE:

WOW!

TODD:

Did he use a lawnmower?

JOEY:

No.

TODD:

Then what's with the chrome dome?

JOEY:

Command # 3,742 in The Giant Rule Book says you have to shave your head. My parents are definitely going to ground me for this one – big time.

TODD:

Your head kind of reminds me of a giant M&M ... with peanut.

(Todd leans over and bites Joey's head)

JOEY:

OOOUCH! He bit my head! Todd are you crazy?

TERRENCE:

No, but you are. Joey this has gone far enough. It has to stop!

JOEY:

You're right. All these rules are driving me crazy and getting me nowhere. I'll never get to heaven on my own. I need Jesus to save me. What do I do next?

TERRENCE:

Well you already took the first step when you realized that only Jesus can save you. Now all you have to do is admit that you're a sinner – we're all sinners Joey – and ask Him to forgive you (pause). Then just ask Him to be your

Savior and invite Him into your heart. We can pray with you right now if you'd like.

JOEY:

Sure thing, but Todd has to promise not to bite my head again.

TODD:

It's a deal pal.

TERRENCE:

Okay teammates, huddle up *(the three friends form a huddle)*.

TODD:

Hey Joey?

JOEY:

Yeah, Todd?

TODD:

Does your mom have anymore Yodels?

(Joey gently shoves Todd and the three friends bow their heads in prayer. The prayer is said silently as the Scene fades to black)

The End (of Skit # 3)