



“HERO WORSHIP II”

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CAST

Joey (Middle School boy who’s an avid Red Sox fan)

Sandy: Joey’s friend

Patrick Joey’s friend

SETTING: Young boy’s room

(Sandy and Patrick are waiting in Joey's room)

PATRICK:

What makes you think that Joey will go to Youth Group with us tonight?
Won't he want to stay home and watch the Red Sox game?

SANDY:

The Red Sox are away this weekend ... they're playing in Seattle. And because of the three hour time difference, the game won't start till after 10:00 PM. Youth Group goes from 7:00 to 9:00.

PATRICK:

Now he can't use the Red Sox game as an excuse for not wanting to go

SANDY:

Exactly.

PATRICK:

You're pretty smart Sandy.

SANDY:

Well sometimes you gotta think like Joey thinks. Hey, if anybody knows how Joey thinks, it's us. We've been his friends since almost forever.

PATRICK:

Yeah, ever since he moved here in 2001.

SANDY:

I've been talking to Pastor Jeff about Joey and this Johnny Damon hero worship of his.

PATRICK:

Oh yeah, what did he say?

SANDY:

He said all people, especially kids our age, worship what they know and love. Joey has been following the Red Sox his whole life. He knows all the players, their stats and of course everything there is to know about "The one, the only..."

PATRICK:

(Patrick finishes Sandy's sentence) Johnny Damon.

SANDY:

Pastor Jeff said Joey idolizes Johnny Damon because he knows all about him and he's seen him in action.

PATRICK:

Not to mention the fact that Damon helped Joey's all-time favorite team win its first World Series in 86 years.

SANDY:

Yeah, I think that one put Joey over the top. *(Pause)* Anyway, we can't expect Joey to get all excited about Jesus and spend time worshipping Him if he doesn't really know Jesus.

PATRICK:

Wow, I never thought about it like that. Hey Pastor Jeff is pretty smart. I guess that's why they pay him the big bucks.

SANDY:

Stick with me on this, will ya Patrick? Anyway, Joey says that he knows Jesus, but how much does he really know about Him? Think about it. He never reads the Bible, he doesn't always go to church and we practically have to drag him to Youth Group.

PATRICK:

You're right. *(Pauses and scratches his head)* So what should we do?

SANDY:

We're his friends ... WE need to teach Joey about Jesus and help him get to know the Lord better

PATRICK:

Good idea! The more Joey knows about Jesus, the more he'll love Him and want to worship Him.

SANDY:

Exactly. You and I have learned a lot about the Lord we can share what we've been taught with Joey. Plus, God has done some pretty awesome things in our lives. We need to let Joey know about them.

PATRICK:

Great idea! We also need to keep inviting him to church and Youth Group activities.

SANDY:

Hey, Pastor Jeff will be starting a study on Matthew this week in Sunday school. That Gospel is full of miracles and cool things about Jesus. We'll all know Jesus better after that study.

PATRICK:

And believe it or not, in July, Youth Group is going to Fenway Park to see the

Red Sox and Yankees play. I don't think we'll have to twist Joey's arm to get him to go to that.

SANDY:

Really! *(Pauses)* Hey Patrick, we need to pray for Joey.

PATRICK:

Sure, let's do it right now.

(Both Patrick and Sandy bow their hands and begin to pray).

PATRICK:

"Father, You are the one true God. You alone deserve our worship and praise. Help us to share Jesus in a way that that gets Joey as excited about Your Son as he gets about Johnny Damon ...

(Their prayer is interrupted by footsteps coming up the stairs).

SANDY:

Joey's coming!

PATRICK:

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

(Enter Joey LaFrance)

JOEY:

Hey Patrick, hey Sandy.

SANDY:

Hey.

PATRICK:

Hey.

JOEY:

What's up?

PATRICK:

We're here to bring you to Youth Group with us. It starts in 20 minutes.

JOEY:

Well so does the Red Sox game. How many times do I have to explain this to you? If the Red Sox are on, Youth Group is off – at least for me that is.

SANDY:

You can do both. We'll have you back in time for the pre-game show.

JOEY

HEL-LO, Youth Group starts at 7:00 and the game starts at 7:00. I can't be in two places at once. Sorry guys, nice try.

PATRICK:

The Red Sox game starts at 7:00 Pacific time, they're playing in Seattle. Sorry Joey, nice try *(last line said in a mimicking tone)*.

SANDY:

Yeah, the game starts 10 o'clock our time. We'll have you home an hour before they even sing the Star Spangled Banner.

JOEY:

(Shakes his head and sighs) Well, my mom might not let me go out tonight...

(Patrick cuts him off before he can finish his excuse).

PATRICK:

We already asked her and she said you can go.

JOEY:

Boy, you guys are good ... you really covered all your bases. *(Joey thinks up another excuse)*. Oh sorry guys, I knew there was something else happening ...

(Joey is cut off again by Sandy)

SANDY:

Tonight is the last night at Youth Group to sign up for our Fenway trip.

JOEY:

No way!

SANDY:

Way!

PATRICK:

It's a Yankee game.

JOEY:

NO WAY!

SANDY:

WAY!

JOEY:

You guys sure drive a hard bargain. Talk about making me an offer I can't refuse. Okay-okay, I'll go to Youth Group with you tonight.

(Sandy and Patrick high five each other. Sandy then grabs Joey by the hand and leads him off stage. Patrick follows them, but suddenly stops as if he forgot something. He turns around, looks up to God and clasps his hands in prayer – implying “Thank You and please help us.”).

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