

“Decision Making 101” or “WWJD”

A Puppet Show for Thinker’s Theater in One Act
Script By Anne Haines

Characters

GOD/The Narrator: Offstage Voice
GRANDFATHER: Old Man
EVA: Young Girl
JUSTIN BEEZLEBUB*: The “devil”
SNOOKI: EVA’s Friend
RALF:** A Guardian Angel who looks like “Alf”

* Beelzebub is an ancient name for the devil

** He wears a ‘Born to Rock’ shirt

Scene 1

GOD: This is a story about making decisions, even ones that are hard. EVA has a hard decision to make about her friend Snooki. Let’s watch what happens...

GRANDFATHER puppet is on-stage, EVA puppet enters

GRAND: (*as EVA enters*) Hey Eva, how’s it going?

EVA: Good, Grandpa. Hey, can I ask you about something?

GRAND: Sure Eva, what’s up?

EVA: Well, I saw something today in school, and I’m not sure what I should do about it.

GRAND: What happened?

EVA: Uh, you know my friend Snooki?

SNOOKI pops her head up and waves

GRAND: Yeah. (GRAND shakes his head in disapproval)

EVA: Well, I saw her do something that wasn’t right. When the teacher wasn’t looking, Snooki took some papers off the teacher’s desk. They might have been answers to a test we are going to take.

GRAND: Wow, that’s pretty serious. Shouldn’t you tell the teacher?

EVA: Yeah, but she’s my friend and I don’t want her to be mad at me.

GRAND: Well, why don't you think it over and we'll talk about it later.

EVA: OK.

GRAND leaves

Scene 2

EVA: *(EVA's cell phone rings, she answers it)* Hello?

DEVIL appears onstage but EVA and DEVIL interact only over the phone

DEVIL: Hey Eva, how ya doin'?

EVA: Who's this?

DEVIL: It's me, Justin, uh, Beelzebub (*JUSTIN mumbles the last part of the name*) Just call me Beeps.

GOD: Eva doesn't realize it, but Beelzebub is one of Satan's many names....

EVA: Wow, is this really Justin Bieber calling ME???

DEVIL: Yeah, sure, it is. Whatever. You know, you've seen me on TV, right?

EVA: Oh yes, I think you're my friend on Facebook, too.

DEVIL: Well, it seems like you are having a little problem, and that you were discussing with Gramps about what happened today in school with Snooki.

EVA: How did you know about that?

DEVIL: Oh, I have my ways... So what are you gonna do about it?

EVA: Geez, I really don't know... got any ideas?

DEVIL: Well, why would you say anything to the teacher? After all, Snooki is your friend. She'll probably want to share the answers with you anyway. Plus, you haven't been doing that great in that class either, have you?

EVA: How do you know about that? I haven't told anyone, not even Snooki.

DEVIL: Don't ask so many questions, it'll only get you in trouble. So... whaddya think? Just let Snooki have those answers and then you'll both be at the head of the class, right? OK, gotta zoom. Later. (*DEVIL hangs up and exits the stage*)

EVA: Well, now I just don't know what to do. I wish I had someone else to ask....

RALF drops down into the stage

RALF: Hiya Eva, how ya doin'?

EVA: Who are you?

RALF: I am your **secret weapon** sent to you by **GOD** - ya know, the big guy upstairs. I am **YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL!!!**

EVA: But, I thought you couldn't see guardian angels and that they wear white robes and have wings...

GOD: Ralf was always a little different... and my angels come in ALL shapes, sizes, and colors

RALF: Don't worry EVA, I am always with you, even when you're asleep or whatever.

EVA: Isn't that kind of creepy?

RALF: No way, I'm here to watch over you and help you whenever I can. The only thing is, you kinda have to ask for my help, cuz ya know you have somethin' called (*RALF shouts*) **FREE WILL!**

EVA: What does that mean?

RALF: It means, like you get to make your own decisions, right or wrong. We just hope you make good ones, so we try to help whenever we can.

GOD: He's right.

EVA: So how can you help me? I mean, like, I just got a phone call from JUSTIN Bieber telling me it was OK not to tell anyone what happened.

RALF: Well for starters, how do you know it was Justin Bieber? Anybody could say they were Justin Bieber. You gotta use your **COMMON SENSE** sometimes. And another thing, you might want to think about your choice of friends a little more carefully. Is Snooki really a good friend to have? If she does stuff like stealing and lying, and you are hanging out with her, some bad stuff might go down. Like, if you drive the getaway car in a robbery, you go to jail too, even though you didn't actually do the robbery. I'm not telling you what to do; I'm just here to get you to think about your decision and help guide you to the right choices.

EVA: OK, thanks. But I still don't know what I should do....

RALF: Here's a tip: Just remember **WWJD?**

EVA: What's that mean?

RALF: It stands for **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** Like, ya know, just try to think about what the **JEEZ** would do if he was in your situation. That and common sense will keep ya out of a whole mess of trouble. Remember, I'm always available if you need to talk. You might not see me but us guardian angels are always around, 24/7/365. And we don't even get overtime! Later, dude!

RALF EXITS STAGE

EVA: That sounds like a good idea. So, WWJD? Should I try to talk to Snooki and tell her what she did wasn't right? She might get mad at me and unfriend me on Facebook. Or, I could talk to the teacher and ask her not to say who told her about it.

Scene 3

GRANDFATHER enters stage

GRAND: Hey Eva, did you think about what you should do?

EVA: Yeah, I've got some choices to make. Do you know about WWJD?

GRAND: Well, not really. What's that?

EVA: It stands for **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** It's just something to remember to help me make the right decision.

GRAND: That sounds like a good idea. Jesus always tried to do what his Father wanted. That's what we've got to do too: try and figure out what GOD wants and obey his will. In my day we called it The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

EVA: OK, so what would I want Snooki to do if I was her and she was me?

GRAND: That's a tough choice- I don't know exactly what I would do if I was in your shoes. But I do know that stealing is a bad choice to make and lying usually only gets you in more trouble. You would think the politicians would have figured that out by now. Here's a couple of words of wisdom from an old geezer: "**Honesty is the best policy**" and "**The truth will set you free**". Even if Snooki gets mad at you, if you do the right thing you'll have a clean conscience.

EVA: OK, that helps me make up my mind.

EVA's cell phone rings

DEVIL enters the stage, EVA and DEVIL interact only by phone

DEVIL: Hey Eva, it's the Beebs. How ya doin'? What ya gonna do?

EVA: You know what? You shouldn't go around pretending to be someone you're not. And, you were trying to get me to do the wrong thing, so I don't think you're a true friend of mine. In fact, I think you're a real **LOSER!** Why don't you buzz off? (*EVA hangs up*)

DEVIL: Oh crap, lost another round to the big guy... the first Eve was a lot easier to convince. Maybe these human beings have learned a thing or two about me after all.

EVA and DEVIL exit the stage

GOD: What will Eva do? What would **YOU** do? Well, we may not know exactly what Eva's decision was, but it does seem like she will try to do the right thing. Just remember, you've got a lot of options, and **MY** team wants to help everyone make the right choices- you just gotta **ASK**.

THE END

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think Eva decided to do?
2. What would you have done?
3. Who are some of your own guardian angels? (Pastor, Teachers, Youth Leaders...etc.)
4. The saying "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" comes from the Bible. Read Luke 6:27-31 and talk about what Jesus asks us to do.

Director's Notes

1. Many puppets can be found on eBay including the "Alf" puppet and the Learning Resource puppets.
2. Ministry puppets can be adapted for this script. Be creative, a variety of puppet styles can work very well.