

# DANIEL AND THE THREE BOYS

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## **SAMPLE SCRIPT**



## SCENE 1

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### Lights Up

#### SETTING: Principal's Office

*PRINCIPAL DEAN is sitting behind his desk, looking through some folders on his desk.*

*DANIEL, SHANE, MICHEL & ABADNEGRO are standing before his desk.*

**PRINCIPAL:** First, let me welcome you four to the United States of America.

*DANIEL and the OTHERS nod.*

**PRINCIPAL:** I hope the plane ride was satisfactory.

**SHANE:** The turn balance was pretty rough.

*PRINCIPAL looks confused.*

**DANIEL:** He meant turbulence.

**PRINCIPAL:** Oh.

*Principal reviews the file.*

**PRINCIPAL:** So, one of you is from Canada, and the other three are from Mexico. Who is Daniel?

*Daniel sticks his hand up.*

**PRINCIPAL:** And who is Shane?

*Shane sticks his hand up.*

**PRINCIPAL:** And who is --- can you pronounce this for me M.I.C.H.E.L.

**MICHEL:** It's Michel, sir.

*Shane and Abadnegro stifles a laugh.*

**PRINCIPAL:** I thought that was a girl's name?

**SHANE:** It is, sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** Excuse me.

**MICHEL:** It's not a girl's name because I am a boy.

**PRINCIPAL:** Right. Right. And finally, we have... *(rubs his forehead)* ... I am hesitant to try and pronounce this one.

**MICHEL:** Abadnegro, sir. I will take a girl's name any day over Abadnegro.

*Pause.*

**PRINCIPAL:** Abadnegro! Who gave you that name?

**ABADNEGRO:** My mother did, sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** And you three, from Mexico, have the same mother, correct?

**SHANE:** Yes, sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** By the way, you don't have to punctuate all your answers with sir. You can just say yes or no.

**DANIEL:** Yes --- sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** So, Daniel? You seem to already know these three?

**DANIEL:** I make friends easy.

**PRINCIPAL:** Well, I think we are going to have an interesting time. You know how to find your classes. If you need anything, you know where to find me, or anyone from our competent staff.

**SHANE:** Yes, sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** You boys make me feel so old with all this sir talk. Anyway, I need to lay down some basic ground rules. No playing during class time. No loitering after school dismisses. No religious talk or practices.

**DANIEL:** Sir, we are Christians.

**PRINCIPAL:** I see that in your profiles. So, that last rule applies specifically to you four. No praying, reading Bibles, or, what do you call it, soul winning stuff. Just leave all that at the gate before you enter this school. Understood?

*The boys nod.*

**PRINCIPAL:** Off with you then.

*The boys leave the office, and out onto the PLAY AREA.*

**SHANE:** No religious stuff? Momma always say we should pray together.

**MICHEL:** Now we need to hide and pray.

**ABADNEGRO:** That ain't right.

**DANIEL:** I don't know about you guys, but I will not hide. I am not ashamed of my God.

**SHANE:** We could get into trouble.

**DANIEL:** So! All the disciples got into trouble. Didn't you learn anything in Sunday School?

**SHANE:** I am not as brave as you are, Daniel.

**DANIEL:** Courage comes from knowing who God is.

**SHANE:** Which always gets people into trouble.

**DANIEL:** Maybe this is our opportunity to prove our love for God.

**SHANE:** I don't know, man.

*Daniel shakes his head.*

**DANIEL:** Let's get to class. We don't want to be late.

*They exit.*

**Lights Out**

## SCENE 2

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### Lights Up

#### SETTING: Play Area

*Daniel and the Three Boys are sitting on a bench, despondent.*

*Principal sits in his office doing paperwork.*

**SHANE:** It's lunch time. What are we gonna eat?

**MICHEL:** I am famished.

**ABADNEGRO:** Why can't we just eat what everybody else is eating?

**DANIEL:** American food is not healthy. It gives people cancer and all manner of sicknesses.

**MICHEL:** Momma warned us. All they eat is donuts and muffins. We are not used to that kind of food. I feel sick just thinking about it.

**SHANE:** So, what are we going to eat then?

*MITCH and SISSY walks on. They are munching on two oversized muffins.*

**MITCH:** What do we have here? The four stooges.

*Mitch and Sissy laughs.*

*Mitch sits between the boys, biting into his muffin.*

**MITCH:** You all look hungry. Want a bite?

*He extends the muffin to them. They refuse.*

**SISSY:** Oh, so you think you are better than us, huh?

**MICHEL:** You know how much sugar is in that muffin. It's not good for you.

**MITCH:** These fools really do think they are better than us.

**DANIEL:** We don't want any trouble.

**MITCH:** What trouble? There's no trouble here.

**SISSY:** So, you don't want to eat our food huh?

*Mitch grabs Shane, while Sissy tries to stuff muffin in his mouth. The others try to defend Shane but is shoved aside by the twin bullies.*

*PRINCIPAL hears the commotion and rushes out of his office.*

**PRINCIPAL:** What is going on here?

*Mitch and Sissy pull back, trying to look innocent.*

**MITCH:** Your new students just attacked us.

**SHANE:** That's not true, sir. He's lying.

**MITCH:** You calling me a liar, squirt?

**SHANE:** That's exactly what I'm calling you, Bully.

**PRINCIPAL:** Enough. Mitch and Sissy. My office. Now.

*They head towards the office.*

**PRINCIPAL:** ( *rubs his head*) What is this I hear, that you guys have not been eating at the cafeteria?

**DANIEL:** We are not used to that kind of food, sir. Plus, our parents say we are to stay away from the typical American diet because it makes people sick.

**PRINCIPAL:** I see. And what will you eat? Surely you need food like everybody else.

**SHANE:** We like fruits and vegetables, sir. Or anything that grows in the ground.

**MICHEL:** Irish potato, collard greens, yam, pumpkin...

**PRINCIPAL:** This is interesting. So, you guys have never had a McDonald meal? Or KFC?

**SHANE:** No, sir. I had pretzels once. It made me very sick.

**PRINCIPAL:** Our cafeteria budget is very limited. You boys need to eat what everybody else is eating.

**SHANE:** So we get sick and sluggish like them?

**PRINCIPAL:** What do you mean sluggish?

**DANIEL:** Look, sir. We have been eating certain foods all our lives. We have seen what your diet does to people, and we prefer to stay away from that kind of food.

**PRINCIPAL:** Fine. Fine. Oh boy! (*thinks for a beat*) Let me see what I can do to arrange for them to do some steam vegetables and green banana or something.

**DANIEL:** We appreciate that, sir.

**PRINCIPAL:** You boys are going to get me fired.

**DANIEL:** You just watch and see if we don't function at a higher level than everyone else.

**PRINCIPAL:** Sure. Whatever you say. Let me arrange that with the kitchen staff. In the meantime, please stay out of trouble.

*Principal goes to his office where Mitch and Sissy are waiting.*

**Lights Out**

## SCENE 3

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### Lights Up

#### SETTING: Play Area

*There is a basketball hoop permanently fixed to the wall, and a small beach ball which is used as a basketball.*

*COACH LIZ comes on jogging and blows her whistle hard.*

*DANIEL, SHANE, MICHEL, ABADNEGRO, MISSY and MITCH comes on in their jogging suit.*

**COACH LIZ:** Let's shoot some hoops. To warm up.

*MITCH and SISSY play against the boys. It is obvious that the boys are outplaying and outmanoeuvring them. Mitch and Sissy are easily out of breath.*

*After a few minutes, Coach blows her whistle.*

**COACH LIZ:** Now I want you to run around this field twice.

*All SIX take off. They go around once, Mitch and Sissy are lagging behind barely moving as the other four lap them a few times on the stage, jogging as if they are just warming up.*

*Mitch and Sissy finally collapse on stage.*

**MITCH:** No more.

**DANIEL:** *(jumping on spot)* Coach, we are just ready to go.

**COACH LIZ:** Good. Let's do another four laps.

*The four take off --- Mitch and Sissy remain on the floor, breathing heavily.*

**MITCH:** *(sticks his hand up)* Coach, can I get a donut?

**SISSY:** *(sticks her hand up)* Me too, Coach. And a coke.

*Coach puts her hand on her hips, shaking her head at the two.*

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