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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language:
Lesson 7

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Series: Acme Hour, Cartoon Network Skits

Topic: Jesus: The True Joe and The Bread
of Life (The Real Joe)

Episodes: Jerky Turkey (Acme Hour),
Hello, I'm Joe (Cartoon Network Skits)

Introduction:

I use the MGM Short **Jerky Turkey** to show what the Devil tries to portray himself as and the Cartoon Network Skit called **Hello, I'm Joe** to show who Jesus truly is.

Scriptures Used Include: Read Genesis 3; John 6: 1-15, 25-59

I: Opening Prayer:

II: Discussion: What is a commercial?

There are several types of these. Some are probably better than others. Have you ever bought something that was advertised but never delivered what you expected?

III: Introduction To The Cartoon: Both God and the Devil advertise (in other words

make commercials) in the Bible. We will discuss the difference.

IV: Cartoon: Play Cartoon (**Jerky Turkey**)

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/17/Jerky_Turkey.webm

V: Discussion: What advertisement do you see in this cartoon? What happened with the pilgrim hunter and the turkey in the beginning when they were together? The middle? How were they tempted? What

happened when they said, “Let’s eat at
Joe’s”?

VI: Bible Study I: Read Genesis 3

VII: Analysis Of Bible Study Linked To

The Cartoon: In the Bible, the Devil

advertised wisdom to Eve. She bought it

hook, line, and sinker. The Devil was

telling a half-truth. Wisdom of good and

evil was granted as advertised, however, the

Devil didn't say that there would be separation between them and God. That was not part of the deal. Adam and Eve paid dearly for doing what they did. The pilgrim and the turkey paid dearly for falling to the sandwich sign of the fake Joe. This is a fake because even if the bear might have been named Joe, he tricked them (making them think that they would get a meal not be a meal).

Would you have fallen into the sandwich sign trap? Why or why not?

Well, that's the Devil for you. Now it's God's turn.

VIII: Cartoon: Play Cartoon Skit “Hello, I’m Joe”

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/17/

[Hello_I_Am_Joe.webm](http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/17/Hello_I_Am_Joe.webm)

IX: Discussion: What did you see in this skit that might represent Jesus? (Wait for responses if any. Explain later)

X: Bible Study II: Read John 6: 1-15, 25-59 with students.

XI: Discussion: What does this scripture mean to you?

XII: Interpretation Of Skit To Biblical

Language And Discussion:

I will slowly point out parts of this skit. Can you tell me how these parts link to Jesus yet? I will stop after each part to discuss the link in each one. Ready? Let's go!!

Part A: In our skit, Joe said: "I'm willing to bet you don't know me but I'm sure you've heard of me. I'm Joe." How does this link to Jesus?

Interpretation Of Part A: A lot of people have heard about Jesus but not a lot of people know who He truly is.

Part B: In our skit, Joe said he had been in the restaurant business a long time. How does this link to Jesus?

Interpretation Of Part B: God has always been in the physical and spiritual food business ever since he made all the animals and man.

Part C: In our skit, Joe said he “ain’t complainin’” about the advertisement of his business because word of mouth does the advertising. How does this link to Jesus?

Interpretation Of Part C: We must likewise tell people about Jesus so they can be fed too.

Part D: In our skit, Joe said that about all of his customers have gotten flattened, blown

up, or electrocuted. Joe said: “I ain’t complainin’”. How does this link to Jesus?

Interpretation Of Part D: Jesus doesn’t complain about these kinds of things. A lot of Jesus’ customers need healing and encouragement. Some need another dose or just the first dose of his food. (Physical or spiritual)

Part E: In our skit, a worker broke some dishes and was embarrassed. Joe said he

“ain’t complainin’” about that either. How
does this link to Jesus?

Interpretation Of Part E: God doesn’t
complain either when we mess up because
He is merciful. We need to sincerely say we
are sorry for doing the wrong thing and then
go on with working for God.

XIII) Closing Analysis In Biblical Language

Linked To The Skit: Believe Jesus. He

“ain’t complainin’” Come as you are to him

and let him be the bread of life to you. You in turn, will learn to become someone else's spiritual food because Jesus will feed everyone through you.

Trust Jesus "The True Joe". "And if you like it, "tell a friend!!"

XIV) Closing Prayer