



TELL ME THE TRUTH

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Running Time: 27:00

(The stage is set as a gameshow with a podium for the three contestants center stage. Contestants wear large nametags with their first names emblazoned on them. Each is dressed up as their profession. The stage is accented with painted walls filled with 1970s graphics and colors. In front of each contestant are tall, slender microphones into which they sometimes awkwardly speak.)

(The Choir is behind the set on risers or in the choir loft. They are the studio's "Raspberry Truth Group," dressed in matching Tell Me the Truth t-shirts.)

(The Director is stage left with the Cue Card Operator beside her, and the Announcer is on a stool stage right. Camera Operators are in place out front as the music begins.)

(music begins to "Tell Me the Truth")

SONG: "TELL ME THE TRUTH"

(Dialog at measure 5)

JOHNNY: *(over the top)* **It's time for the number one gameshow of 1970, *Tell Me the Truth* ... with our host, star of stage and screen, Jane Cheese!**

(Jane trots in from backstage wearing a wild 1970s outfit. She holds 3x5 cards which have the Tell Me the Truth logo on the audience side, and a long slender microphone.)

JANE: **Thank you, Johnny Glibb, *(both exchange salutes)* and welcome to *Tell Me the Truth*, where the truth must get told and anything can happen!**

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
That's the challenge we have for you
The Word is preferred in this revue
So come on somebody, tell me the truth



(Dialog at measure 29)

JOHNNY: **Today our theme is Bible trivia! We'll find out if our contestants can tell us the truth! If they can, they'll win prizes like this mellow lava lamp!** *(holds the lava lamp up next to his face)*

JANE: **Radical! And now, more from everyone's favorite funky studio choir!**

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
That's what we need someone to do
The Word will be clear before we're through
So come on somebody, tell me the truth

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
We need help with this hullabaloo
We're talkin' 'bout the Word that's tried and true
So come on somebody, tell me the truth

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
In every story there's a hidden clue
A surprise that points to you know who
So come on somebody, tell me the truth
Come on somebody, tell me the truth, yeah

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SCENE 1

DIRECTOR: **Great start, everyone. Just a quick reminder, we're going to introduce all three contestants quickly, then meet the first to play, who is ... Skip.** *(Skip waves. Then Director addresses the audience.)* **And to our studio audience, we need your help throughout our show. Our Cue Card Operator will be cuing you for applause and reactions. So ... applause on cue and then you're on, Jane ... in five ... four ... three ... two ...**

(The Director cues the Cue Card Operator and points to Jane.)



Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: **Far out! Johnny, let's get this game started. Would you introduce our contestants, please?**

(Each contestant waves as they're introduced.)

JOHNNY: **Sure thing, Jane! We have three contestants on today's show ... Skip, Mildred, and Adrian!**

Cue Card: "Applause"

(Contestants wave to the audience.)

JANE: **As you all know, today is Bible trivia day on *Tell Me the Truth*. We will test your skills on familiar stories and see who can tell us the truth!**

JOHNNY: **Groovy!**

JANE: **Skip won the coin toss backstage, so he will play first. Let's meet him! Welcome, Skip, to *Tell Me the Truth*!**

SKIP: **Thank you, Jane. It's exciting to be on the show!**

JANE: *(reading her cards)* **It says here you're a catch-and-release mosquito wrangler! Wow.**

SKIP: **Yes, it's not as easy as it sounds, Jane. It's hard to catch them without hurting them or crushing their little wings. *(as he talks, he's scratching his arms)***

JANE: **I bet! What brought you into that line of work?**

SKIP: **Well, ridding the world of a dangerous pest, of course.**

JANE: **Then why do you release them after you catch them?**

SKIP: *(continues scratching)* **I'll admit my strategy may not be perfect. I'm considering little mosquito cages to keep them from doing any more harm.**

JANE: **When you're not catching mosquitoes, what do you do for a hobby, Skip?**



SKIP: **Scratch.**

JANE: **Out of sight! Now, let's get right to the game! As you know, we'll tell you a Bible story and ask you a question about it. If Skip gives us the right answer, Johnny, tell him what he'll win!**

JOHNNY: **Well, Jane, while Skip is wrangling mosquitos, he can be listening to his favorite fab tunes anywhere with this *transistor radio!***

(The Prize Model walks onstage carrying a transistor radio. The model holds the radio up to her ear.)

 SoundFX: "Prize Music 1"

JOHNNY: **From the engineers at Tin Sound! The StaticMaster 5000! Made possible by the magic of space age *(quote signs)* "transistors!" It weighs-in at less than twenty pounds. Listen to any a.m. station located within a mile of you! *(Then, with a legal warning.)* Not responsible for hearing damage.**

Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: **Thank you, Johnny. And now, our first story ... *(reading from her cards)* There was a righteous man, and he was faithful to God. But the world was corrupt and full of violence, so God told this man He was going to put an end to the wickedness by flooding the world. God had him build an ark, and it began to rain. *(to Skip)* Are you with me so far?**

SKIP: **It sounds familiar, yes.**

JANE: **Confident! Greeeaaat! Okay, and now the ending ... *(reading her cards)* This man filled the ark with two of each kind of animal on the earth. It rained for forty days and forty nights. After that, the waters receded, and he and his family and the animals left the ark on dry land. Then God set a rainbow in the sky as a promise that He would never again destroy the earth with water. Tell me the truth, Skip ... who is this story about?**

 SoundFX: "Timer & Buzzer"

JOHNNY: **Oooh, that's a tough one.**



CONTESTANTS: (*ad lib.* “you can do it,” “you’ve got this,” etc.)

(*after the buzzer sounds*)

JANE: **Time is up, Skip! Tell me the truth ... who is this story about?**

SKIP: **The answer you’re looking for, Jane, is Jesus!**

JANE: **Ahh, I’m sorry, Skip, the correct answer is Noah.**

Cue Card: “Oooh”

JOHNNY: **Too bad!**

JANE: **Thought that might be one of the easier ones!**

(*music begins to “Two by Two”*)

SKIP: **But, I think ...**

JANE: (*interrupting*) **Raspberry Truth Group, tell me the truth!**

SONG: “TWO BY TWO”

verse 1

When God saw the wickedness in the land
He went to Noah, a godly man
He taught him how to build a giant boat
Because the rains were coming and he needed to float

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some hopped, some slithered, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo
Cause all the animals came two by two

verse 2

For forty days and forty nights
The rains and the floods caused a terrible sight
But Noah and his family and all his pets
We’re safe from the flood and from getting wet

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some flew, some wiggled, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo



Cause all the animals came two by two

bridge

The water dried up a rainbow appeared
A promise from God for the world to hear
Noah and his crew were saved from the flood
And the animals too, by two by

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some crawled, some galloped, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo
Cause all the animals came two by two

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some jumped, some waddled, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo
Cause all the animals came two by two by two

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SCENE 2

Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: **Thank you for playing, Skip. Now don't go anywhere, everyone gets a chance to play in our bonus round. Johnny, let's meet our next contestant!**

JOHNNY: **Everyone welcome to the show ... Mildred!**

Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: *(Jane walks to Mildred holding her 3x5 cards.)* **Hello, Mildred!**

MILDRED: **Hello! Glad to be here, Jane!**

JANE: **It says here that you're an amateur surgeon.**

Cue Card: "Oooh"

JANE: **Who actually hires an amateur surgeon?**



MILDRED: **I give up. Who?**

JANE: **So, you've never operated on anybody?**

MILDRED: **No, but I've read a lot. In fact, I've just learned how to remove that organ-thingy that people have but don't really need. The apostrophe.**

JANE: **The what?**

MILDRED: **I mean, apostle?**

JOHNNY: **Do you mean the appendix?**

MILDRED: **That's it! Hard word to remember. But I know where it is** *(points to her heart)* **and I know how to remove it!**

JANE: **You're pointing to the heart, not the appendix.**

MILDRED: **Are you sure? Because that is an important difference.**

JANE: **I think we'd better get on to the next question. Johnny, tell Mildred what she's playing for!**

(The Prize Model walks onstage displaying two vinyl floor tiles.)

 *SoundFX: "Prize Music 2"*

JOHNNY: **Embarrassed of that old, dark, solid hardwood floor in your home? The winner of this round will take home ... vinyl flooring! Cover up that antique eyesore with one thousand square feet of luxury vinyl floor tile!**

Cue Card: "Oooh"

JANE: **And heeere we go!** *(reading from her cards, emphasizing certain words as hints this time)* **This is an Old Testament story. The Israelites were enslaved in Egypt. The Lord called this man to lead His people to freedom. But Pharoah wouldn't free them! Are you with me so far?**

MILDRED: *(nods enthusiastically)* **We're cookin' with gas!**



JANE: **Pharoah finally let them go, but then changed his mind and sent his army after them. The Egyptians chased the Israelites to the Red Sea where they appeared to be trapped. When the Israelites had their backs against the sea, this man lifted up his hands and God parted the sea, allowing them to walk to safety on dry land! Mildred, tell me the truth ... who is this story about?**

 *SoundFX: "Timer & Buzzer"*

JOHNNY: **An even tougher one!**

CONTESTANTS: (*ad lib.* "you can do it, Mildred" "come on," etc.)

MILDRED: (*after the buzzer*) **The answer to your question is ... Jesus!**

JOHNNY: **Whoa!**

JANE: (*can't believe it*) **What? No! The correct answer is Moses.**

Cue Card: "Oooh"

MILDRED: (*music begins to "Dry Land"*) **I get what you're ...**

JANE: **Raspberry Truth Group, tell me the truth!**

SONG: "DRY LAND"

verse 1

Moses said, let my people go
Not gonna happen, Pharaoh said no
Plague after plague, he finally gave in
Out from Egypt all the people went

verse 2

A few days later, you wouldn't believe
Pharaoh decided not to let them leave
Sent a mighty army to bring them back
Against the Red Sea God's people were trapped

chorus

We've never seen a sea become
Dry land, what? Dry land
We've never crossed the water on
Dry land, what? Dry land



God is a Deliverer
He always has the perfect plan
And though the water was wet
You can believe there was dry land, yes! Dry land

bridge

Moses said to the people, don't be afraid
Our God has led us here, He'll provide a way
God sent a cloud to hide them and to confuse
Moses raised his arms then all the water moved

chorus

We've never seen a sea become
Dry land, what? Dry land
We've never crossed the water on
Dry land, what? Dry land
God is a Deliverer
He always has the perfect plan
And though the water was wet
You can believe there was dry land, yes! Dry land

chorus

We've never seen a sea become
Dry land, what? Dry land
We've never crossed the water on
Dry land, what? Dry land
God is a Deliverer
He always has the perfect plan
And though the water was wet
You can believe there was dry land, yes! Dry land
Dry land, what? Dry land
Dry land, yes! Dry land

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SCENE 3

(As the song ends, the Director steps out and keeps things rolling as two actors move to center stage for a commercial.)

DIRECTOR: Attention everyone, we're going to a commercial, then you'll bring us in, Johnny. *(Johnny waves)* Oh, and Mildred, you'll



also stick around for the bonus round. (*Mildred waves*) And commercial is live in five ... four ... three ... two ...

(The Director points to the commercial actors.)

ERNEST: Are you looking for a fast-paced, rewarding career in the hi-tech world?

EMMA: Do you have a knack for machinery and enjoy talking to irritable strangers? Is office work the (*quote signs*) “wrong number” for you?

ERNEST: Then you’ve got what it takes to join the exciting world of ...

BOTH: Telephone Operators!

EMMA: We’ll keep you (*quote signs*) “busy” as you join the glamorous career of talking non-stop all day long.

ERNEST: Telephone operator jobs pay *up to* a dollar fifty an hour!

EMMA: And you get your own chair and headset!

ERNEST: So, if boring office jobs are your (*quote signs*) “hang-up” ...

EMMA: Join us in an exclusive, paying career as secure as the phone on your wall ...

BOTH: Telephone Operator!

(As the commercial ends, the actors exit and the Director cues the Cue Card Operator, then points to Johnny.)

Cue Card: “Applause”

JOHNNY: Welcome back to *Tell Me the Truth*, where today our theme is Bible trivia. And now it’s time to hear from our third contestant ... Adrian! Take it away, Jane!

(Jane moves over to Adrian, holding her 3x5 cards.)

JANE: Thank you, Johnny, and welcome, Adrian!

ADRIAN: Hi, Jane!

JANE: Tell us what keeps you busy these days.



ADRIAN: **Well, I've been a freelance astronaut for several years now!**

Cue Card: "Oooh"

JOHNNY: **Wow! An astronaut.**

JANE: **Impressive! What's the hardest part of being an astronaut, Adrian?**

ADRIAN: **I'd have to say, getting into space. I've experimented with fireworks, large trampolines, and ladders. Right now, I'm a bit puzzled but I'm not giving up!**

Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: **Good vibes! Let's get to the next Bible story, but first, Johnny, tell Adrian what she can win!**

(The Prize Model walks onstage holding a calculator as Johnny describes it.)

JOHNNY: **A portable electronic calculator!**

Cue Card: "Oooh"



SoundFX: "Prize Music 3"

JOHNNY: **It's the latest in electronics, the Abacus 100 from Math-Co! It will add, subtract and multiply whole numbers. No need to remember how many fingers you have! By the year 1980, pencils and paper will be things of the past, thanks to the people at Math-Co!**

Cue Card: "Applause"

JANE: **Alright! Adrian, here is your story ... (reading from her cards, emphasizing hints and now winking as she does it) In the Old Testament, the Israelites were being led by this man. They were attempting to defeat a city with large walls, called Jericho. You with me?**

ADRIAN: **With you so far, yes.**



JANE: **The Israelites followed God’s directions to *march around the city* for six days. Then on the seventh day they marched around seven times, blew one long trumpet blast, gave a loud shout, and the walls came a tumbling down! Tell me the truth ... who is *this* story about?**

 SoundFX: “Timer & Buzzer”

JOHNNY: **You’ve got this one, Adrian!**

CONTESTANTS: (*ad lib.* “come on, Adrian” “you can do it,” etc.)

(*after the buzzer sounds*)

ADRIAN: **The person this story is about is ... Jesus!**

JOHNNY: **Oh no!**

JANE: (*shocked*) **Really? No! The correct answer is *Joshua*. Joshua fought the battle of Jericho!**

Cue Card: “Oooh”

ADRIAN: (*music begins to “The Battle of Jericho”*) **I think I see the answer you ...**

JANE: (*interrupting*) **Raspberry Truth Group, tell me the truth!**

SONG: “THE BATTLE OF JERICHO”

verse 1

God’s people were ready to enter the land
He had promised them years ago
But before them there was a battle at hand
In the city called Jericho, oh, oh
The walled city called Jericho

chorus

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
Oh, oh, the battle of Jericho
It was the Lord who brought the unbelievable plan
And the Lord who delivered the land
With the blast of the trumpet God was leading them home
Through the battle of Jericho



verse 2

God told them how to handle the city walls
Seven days around and around you'll go
Blow the trumpets, shout, and watch them fall
In the city called Jericho, oh, oh
The walled city called Jericho

chorus

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
Oh, oh, the battle of Jericho
It was the Lord who brought the unbelievable plan
And the Lord who delivered the land
With the blast of the trumpet God was leading them home
Through the battle of Jericho

bridge

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid
Do not be discouraged
The Lord your God is with you wherever you go
Now you know, oh

chorus

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
Oh, oh, the battle of Jericho
It was the Lord who brought the unbelievable plan
And the Lord who delivered the land
With the blast of the trumpet God was leading them home
Through the battle of Jericho
Through the battle of Jericho

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SCENE 4

DIRECTOR: Okay everyone, we're going into the bonus round. Johnny, you give us an intro, then we'll cut to you, Jane, for the directions. And we are live in five ... four ... three ... two ...

(The Director cues the Cue Card Operator and points to Johnny.)

Cue Card: "Applause"



JOHNNY: **Welcome back to *Tell Me the Truth!* We've been back and forth to find the lowdown on these Bible stories, and now we find ourselves in the bonus round!**

JANE: **That's right, Johnny. We are beginning the bonus round to determine our winner for today's show. Is everyone ready?!**

CONTESTANTS: *(ad lib. enthusiastically, "we are," "you bet," "yes!" etc.)*

JANE: **Here's what's going to happen. I'll read one final question ... *(looks to all three contestants)* and I *think* you guys can get this. You'll each write your answer on the card you've been provided.**

Cue Card: "Oooh"

JANE: *(reading from her cards, being so obvious now with hints and winks)* **Alright ... this story is from the *New Testament*. *This* person ... was born in *Bethlehem*, grew up the son of *Mary* and *Joseph* in *Nazareth*. This person had *twelve disciples*. He fed the **5,000**, walked on water, calmed the storm, healed the sick ... and did *many miracles*. You guys are getting this one, right?**

CONTESTANTS: *(ad lib. "yes," "we've got it," etc.)*

JANE: **He was betrayed by a friend, hung on a *cross* to die, buried in a borrowed tomb, but *rose from the grave* on the third day! He appeared to more than **500** witnesses before He ascended into *Heaven*. Contestants, please, tell me the truth ... who is this story about?**

 SoundFX: *"Timer & Buzzer"*

(after the buzzer sounds)

JANE: **Alright, Skip, let's see what you wrote.**

SKIP: *(Skip reveals his card.)* **Jesus!**

JANE: **Mildred, what is your answer?**

MILDRED: *(Mildred reveals her card.)* **Jesus!**

JANE: **Okay, and Adrian?**



ADRIAN: *(Adrian reveals her card.)* **Jesus!**

JANE: **Well, I don't believe it! All of you are correct!**

 *SoundFX: "Dinger"*

Cue Card: "Applause"

SKIP: **It's what we've been trying to tell you throughout this game. All of these stories are about Jesus, not just this last one.**

JANE: **What do you mean?**

SKIP: **In the story of Noah and the Ark we see Jesus, the Ark of Safety. Whoever hides in Him is safe from God's punishment for sin.**

MILDRED: **We see Jesus in the story of Moses parting the Red Sea, as God's Deliverer of His people who are enslaved by sin.**

(music begins to "We See You, Jesus")

ADRIAN: **And in Joshua and the Battle of Jericho we see Jesus, our greater Joshua, who will return and lead us to make our home in the land God has promised us.**

SKIP: **Raspberry Truth Group, can you help us out?**

SONG: "WE SEE YOU, JESUS"

verse 1

In these stories, on each page
We see Your image, hear Your name
Jesus, Jesus
At the heart of what we read
We see our Savior, hear our King
Jesus, Jesus

chorus

We see You, Jesus, in all we've heard
You are love, You are truth, the Living Word
We hear Your heart for every one of us
We see You, Jesus, we see You, Jesus



verse 2

One with God before all time
You are life, You are light
Jesus, Jesus
Becoming flesh You came to save
Full of truth, full of grace
Jesus, Jesus

chorus

We see You, Jesus, in all we've heard
You are love, You are truth, the Living Word
We hear Your heart for every one of us
We see You, Jesus, we see You, Jesus

bridge

Throughout the pages, the Way, the Truth, the Life
Throughout the ages, the one True Light
Alpha and Omega, we lift You high

chorus

We see You, Jesus, in all we've heard
You are love, You are truth, the Living Word
We hear Your heart for every one of us
We see You, Jesus, we see You, Jesus
We see You, Jesus

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SCENE 5

Cue Card: "Applause"

JOHNNY: Thank you, Raspberry Truth Group, that was beautiful!

JANE: Jesus is *all* throughout the Bible. In the New Testament *and* in the Old Testament!

MILDRED: That's right. He even talked about it with some of His followers after His resurrection.

ADRIAN: They were walking together on the road to Emmaus. We read about it in Luke 24:27, "And beginning with Moses and all the



Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

JANE: **Imagine that! Hearing Jesus explain the truth of the Scriptures to you.**

SKIP: **I know! *The Truth* telling them the truth!**

(The Director sneaks up and hands Jane another card.)

JANE: **Hold on a minute, this just in ... it seems our judges have reviewed all of your answers, and ... congratulations, contestants, you *all* have won! Each of your answers has been verified as the truth, and we have a three-way tie!**

Cue Card: “Applause”

JANE: **Tell them what they’ve won, Johnny!**

JOHNNY: **Your grand prize today is ... a *new car!***

Cue Card: “Applause”

(Contestants are jumping up and down, excited. The Prize Model enters with a large steering wheel and “drives” while Johnny describes the car.)

 *SoundFX: “Prize Music 4”*

JOHNNY: **From the brilliant minds at American-Electric Automotive, comes the *Edison Five-Hundred!* The electric and battery-powered vehicle of the future! You’ll have the power of a dozen blenders under your right foot! *Unlimited* downhill range! On level-surfaces you can drive as far as your imagination and your extension cord will allow. The Edison 500 ... it’ll shock you into the future!**

Cue Card: “Applause”

CONTESTANTS: *(ad lib. “thank you,” “this is great” etc.)*

JANE: **Well, the three of you really know your Bible trivia! In fact, it seems you just needed to know one answer ... Jesus ... to get all the questions right.**



SKIP: **Jesus isn't just the answer to the trivia questions. Jesus is *The Answer* ... the answer to our desperate need for a Savior.**

MILDRED: **The Bible says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14**

ADRIAN: **Jesus said, "I am the Way the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6**

SKIP: **Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32**

JANE: **Well said! That is the *truth!* Johnny and The Raspberry Truth Group, take us home!**

Cue Card: "Applause"

(Applause continues through the next line as song begins.)

JOHNNY: **That's all for today's show, folks. Tune in next week for this groovy gameshow we call ...**

EVERYONE: ***Tell Me the truth!***

(music begins to "Tell Me the Truth Curtain Calls")

SONG: "TELL ME THE TRUTH CURTAIN CALLS"

"Two by Two"

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some crawled, some galloped, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo
Cause all the animals came two by two

chorus

Two by two the animals came
Some jumped, some waddled, but all the same
The noise and the smell was worse than a zoo
Cause all the animals came two by two by two

"Tell Me the Truth"

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth



That's what we need someone to do
The Word will be clear before we're through
So come on somebody, tell me the truth

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
We need help with this hullabaloo
We're talkin' 'bout the Word that's tried and true
So come on somebody, tell me the truth

chorus

Come on somebody and tell me the truth
In every story there's a hidden clue
A surprise that points to you know who
So come on somebody, tell me the truth
Come on somebody, tell me the truth, yeah

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