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Scene:

*Andrew in sleeping bag on stage.
He is wearing his "Sunday best", but the audience cannot see this.*

Music:

*Verna could play a few bars from "Brahms Lullaby."
Music fades...*

Narrator: Picture this... it's Sunday, 8:00 a.m., and Andrew is sound asleep in his bed (Andrew snores loudly). After a blistering weekend full of friends, fun and factoring (of course he did his Math homework), you can bet the last thing he wants to do is wake from his sweet slumber. Then, out of nowhere, shattering the peaceful cozy silence ...

Mother: Andrew, are you up yet? Andrew, we've got to get ready for Church. (louder) Andrew ... I don't want to be late! (much louder) ANDREW, GET UP! IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR CHURCH!

Andrew: (Groans in his sleep) Yeah, yeah, just a few more minutes ... (quiet; pretends to fall asleep and snores again)

Good Conscience (GC): (in progressively louder voice) Andrew, Andrew ... ANDREW!

Andrew: (Shudders awake) What?

GC: This is your good conscience speaking ... it's time to get up for church ... think about it, it's church ... time for worship ... to build your relationship with God ... to learn about Jesus Christ ... to connect with people ... support them ... set an example to the younger ones ...

Bad Conscience (BC): (Interrupts, in a punk voice) Andrew, forget it ... this is your bad conscience speaking ... hey man, don't listen to that compost ... you can stay in bed ... who's gonna miss you today? I mean look, isn't this supposed to be a day of rest ... didn't God rest on the 7th day? Just rest ... (slows voice down) ... sleep Andrew, you are getting sleepy. (Andrew buries his head in the pillow.)

GC: Andrew, come on, there are people counting on you ... don't you see, if you're not at church you can't fellowship with other Christians ... you can't support anyone. I mean, who knows, maybe something you say or do today will just be what someone needs to help them through a difficult time, or hey, what would your Sunday School teacher do

if no one showed up? (Andrew starts to stir and stretch)

BC: (shovelling) Ah, that's a bunch of baloney ... you know your Sunday School teacher would rather go and have coffee anyway, and besides, who ever listened to you at church before? That's a big joke ... and hey, you can always pick up a TV church program somewhere today.

GC: Don't believe it, Andrew ... there is so many good reasons to be at church. God wants us to worship him ... together with other believers ... not by yourself with some dumb TV ... this life is hard enough as it is ... we need each other's support and a strong knowledge of the Bible ... sometimes just being with others in the faith is uplifting ... you've felt that before ... remember?

Mother: (with a stern voice) Andrew, are you up yet?

BC: Tell her Andrew ... tell her it doesn't matter ... you need your sleep. Besides you are old enough to make your own decisions. You don't want to be a wimp ... you only grow when you are sleeping ... don't you want to get bigger ... faster ... stronger? Just think about the advantages ... girls, Andrew ... girls!

Andrew: Mom, I need to sleep today. I'm in a growth spurt you know.

GC: (with disgust) Andrew! You can think of lots of reasons to stay at home ... and many of them are logical. It's a beautiful day, maybe you'd rather be golfing ... or just in the back yard catching rays ... but Andrew, there's something you are forgetting about ... it's one word, Andrew, it can move mountains, it can move you out of bed, but it has to come from within. Go to church for the right reasons, not because you think it's just a duty. Come on, say it Andrew, it's tough to do ... yeah, I know, it's real tough, but... that's what it is all about ... Faith, Andrew! Be a doer of the word, Andrew, and get to church and listen ... listen to God's voice.

BC: (with fear in his voice) Andrew you're not buying this faith stuff are you?

Andrew: (with a convinced voice) Yeah, faith, that's it, I go to church really because of my faith, even when it is tough.

BC: Ahhhh! That hurts, don't shut me out, Andrew.

Andrew: (with gusto) Get behind me, Satan!

Mother: (exasperated) What did you say? Andrew, are you READY?

Andrew: Ah nothing mom, I'm ready mom ... (Andrew jumps out of sleeping bag with suit and tie on ... Let's go to church.

Exit.