

The Fun-Loving Priest

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INT. CHURCH - DAY

A PRIEST (50) in white robes stands in front of a huge, arch-shaped stained glass window. Its curtains are open, letting in sunlight. In front of him is a shoulder-high podium, holding a bible. In front of that, is his 30-strong AUDIENCE, consisting of ELDERLY PEOPLE and a couple of FAMILIES. They sit in rows. A long red carpet separates the rows.

PRIEST

... And that's how Jesus fed so many people with only five loaves and two fish. That concludes the lesson.

An ELDERLY WOMAN starts to clap.

ELDERLY WOMAN

Bravo!

PRIEST

Thanks, that means a lot. Let's end the day with something a little more lighthearted.

The PRIEST slowly ducks behind the podium until he completely disappears. A few seconds later, he arises at the same speed, this time with comedy devil horns on his head.

PRIEST

Boo!

ELDERLY WOMAN

Why... are you wearing devil horns?

The PRIEST touches his horns.

PRIEST

Oh these? Just a joke.

ELDERLY WOMAN

Are you my normal priest? My vision isn't so good. What have you done with him?

PRIEST

No, it IS me. As explained, just letting loose.

ELDERLY WOMAN

Should we all start wearing devil horns?

PRIEST

No. You'll all go to Hell. Me and Jesus are tight. We both know I'm joking.

ELDERLY WOMAN  
I could be joking, too.

PRIEST  
No, you're not qualified to be ironic.

ELDERLY WOMAN  
Test me.

The PRIEST raises his chin in superiority.

PRIEST  
Mark 10:27. What phrase is it?

ELDERLY WOMAN  
I don't know.

PRIEST  
Well there you go, then.

A BOY (10) in spectacles puts his hand up.

BOY  
I know!

PRIEST  
Go on, then.

BOY  
"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With  
man this is impossible, but not with  
God; all things are possible with God.  
'"

The PRIEST furrows his brow.

PRIEST  
Huh...

BOY  
Can I wear horns, now?

PRIEST  
For what purpose? Comedy of evil?

BOY  
Comedy!

PRIEST  
Ok. But look, I don't want this church  
to turn into a huge joke, you have to  
understand that. Imagine if word got  
around and everyone turned up here in  
silly costumes.

BOY  
It could be good. Maybe play some Iron  
Maiden from a stereo system?

The AUDIENCE talk amongst themselves with enthusiasm.

PRIEST  
(sarcastically)  
Yeah, Iron Maiden. No, how about some  
Mayhem?

BOY  
And you could sing along to the  
lyrics!

PRIEST  
Whilst doing the devil horn sign with  
my hands, I suppose?

BOY  
That would be great!

The PRIEST claps his hands.

PRIEST  
(excited)  
Well... You're in for a treat!

The PRIEST draws the curtains, darkening the room. He faces  
his AUDIENCE, again.

PRIEST  
Siri, play some heavy metal.

Metal music blasts out. The PRIEST does hand devil horns and  
head bangs. From an unseen door by the HOLY MAN, a couple of  
YOUNGER PRIESTS (30), wearing jeans and robes appear. They  
carry EDDIE, the Iron Maiden mascot, in the form of a huge  
zombie. They place it in front of the window then leave.

BOY  
(shouting over the  
music)  
How hard do I have to study to be able  
to act like you??

PRIEST  
(also shouting)  
Don't worry about that! Just enjoy the  
tunes!

The PRIEST'S head banging gets more intense. He then stops,  
sighs and twiddles his thumbs.

PRIEST  
Siri! Turn the music off!

The room goes silent.

BOY  
That was amazing!

PRIEST  
Cheers! Now for the next lesson...

BOY  
Siri! Play some old school death  
metal!

Super brutal music plays. The PRIEST looks down in  
frustration.

ELDERLY WOMAN  
No! Play The Shadows!

60s surf music plays.

PRIEST  
No! Death metal is better!

More brutal music plays.

PRIEST  
Silence!

The room goes quiet again.

PRIEST  
Now for the next lesson: What gifts  
did the three wise men carry and why?  
Also, Metallica, Megadeth, Slayer and  
Anthrax are and always will be part of  
the 'big four'. But who's the best out  
of them??

BOY  
Slaaaayer!

PRIEST  
Siri, play some Slayer!

Slayer blasts out. An outraged MOTHER and FATHER stand up, the  
latter carrying a BABY.

FATHER  
(shouting over the  
music)  
What kind of place is this??

PRIEST  
I agree! Metallica and Megadeth are  
far better than Slayer!

MOTHER

We're leaving! We expected better from you!

PRIEST

Better than the best thrash bands of all time? Get out now! This is a house of God, not a house of fools!

The FAMILY leave as everyone else rocks out.

BOY

This is the best day of my life!

PRIEST

God loves us all! God loves us all!

BOY

I think the lyrics are...

PRIEST

God loves us all!!!