

what was going on and he sort of stuttered a little. He said that he and Jared were playing ball last Tuesday and you came over and started talking, and told them I liked Eric and wanted to go out with him. Danielle, that's when Jared stopped talking to me.

DANIELLE: O.

SAMANTHA: Why did you do it, Danielle. We're supposed to be friends. You know I like Jared. We've spent a lot of time together the last couple of years. Why did you do it?

DANIELLE: Well . . .

SAMANTHA: Danielle?

DANIELLE: Well, I like Jared too. And, Well, Samantha, you're prettier than I am. All the boys like you. I figured you could get someone else. So, I thought I'd tell just a little story.

SAMANTHA: A little STORY?

DANIELLE: I didn't think it would hurt you that much.

SAMANTHA: Danielle, Jared and I have been friends for years, and been doing things together for the last 10 months. You thought it would hurt too much? Now one of my best friends thinks I've been going behind his back and he won't talk to me. Danielle, how COULD you? I HATE you! (Crying)

DANIELLE: I'm sorry Samatha. I didn't mean to hurt *you* . . . I just wanted . . . O (Crying)

(Eric and Jared walking up, and seeing Samantha and Danielle)

ERIC: Look, Jared.

JARED: What?

ERIC: Samantha and Danielle are crying.

JARED: Huh? What's going on? Well, I'm not sure I want to know.

ERIC: Come on, Jared. Danielle, Samantha, what's going on? Why are you crying.

DANIELLE: O (Crying louder)

SAMANTHA: O Eric. O Jared. Danielle told you guys I liked Eric. Eric, we're friends, but I like Jared. I have for a while.

JARED: She did what?

SAMANTHA: And then you started calling me, Eric. And You stopped talking to me, Jared.

JARED: Danielle, you did what?

DANIELLE: I'm sorry, Jared. I'm sorry Samantha.

JARED: Well, find someone else to feel sorry for you, Danielle. I'm ticked!
(Leaving)

SAMANTHA: I can't stand the sight of you, Danielle. (Leaving)

DANIELLE: O, Eric, I goofed it up so badly.

ERIC: You sure did. I liked you, Danielle. But now . . . you've been lying. I'm not sure I want anything to do with you either. (Leaving)

DANIELLE: O No! (Crying, leaving)

SCENE 3 - Church - High School Youth Meeting.

(Samantha, Eric, and Jared sitting around talking, Pastor Steve walks in)

PASTOR STEVE: Hi, guys.

SAMANTHA/ERIC/JARED: Hi, Pastor Steve.

PASTOR STEVE: I talked to your mom, Samantha.

SAMANTHA: O.

PASTOR STEVE: She told me about Danielle.

JARED: Yeah. Can you believe what she did?

PASTOR STEVE: Yes, I can.

JARED: You can?

PASTOR STEVE: Jared, remember last year's retreat, when you raided the girls dorm and put syrup in their suitcases?

JARED: Uh. O Yeah. I remember.

PASTOR STEVE: Samantha, remember when you were in Confirmation Class and I caught you cheating on your exam?

SAMANTHA:O. I guess so, Pastor Steve.

PASTOR STEVE: Eric, remember when I caught you on the computer looking at a web page you shouldn't have been on?

ERIC: I wish I could forget.

SAMANTHA:I didn't know about you Jared, and Eric.

ERIC: I never knew about you guys.

JARED: Neither did I.

PASTOR STEVE: How did I treat you?

JARED: Well, Pastor Steve, you talked to me and then you forgave me.

SAMANTHA:That's what you did for me.

ERIC: Me too.

PASTOR STEVE: Why did I do that?

SAMANTHA:Well, you're a pastor. You've got to.

PASTOR STEVE: Nope. Do you know when I was a child I got caught driving drunk?

JARED: You did?

PASTOR STEVE: I got caught after I hit a girl, and crippled her for life?

ERIC: O, Pastor Steve!

PASTOR STEVE: Her family was a member of my church. They came to my house. I was really down on myself, and they said they were disappointed. But, they also said that we're all sinners, and God forgives us all. They wanted me to know that because God forgave them their sins, they all forgave me. And, *their daughter* sent them.

SAMANTHA:O (pause)

(The door opens and Danielle walks in. She sees the group and turns to leave)

PASTOR STEVE: Danielle.

SAMANTHA: O, Danielle. Come back.

DANIELLE: (Stopping) Huh? What?

SAMANTHA: O, Danielle, I'm sorry I was angry and mean with you. I forgive you.

DANIELLE: What? After what I did to you guys?

ERIC: She's right, Danielle.

JARED: Yeah. Danielle, I'm sorry too. You know, God forgives us a whole bunch more than we have to forgive others.

DANIELLE: O, I'm so sorry. I need your forgiveness..

SAMANTHA: I know Danielle, We're sorry too. We forgive you. Will you forgive us?

DANIELLE: O yes. I guess, we all need forgiving. It's a good thing we have a Savior.

SAMANTHA: Yes, we ALL need a Savior, and the GRACE of God!

QUESTIONS:

- What did Danielle do?
- How did the others treat her at first?
- Did she deserve it?
- How did they treat her at the end? Did she DESERVE that?
- How did forgiveness help Danielle?
- How did forgiveness help the others?
- Can you think of a time you were forgiven?
- Do you deserve God's forgiveness? How does God's forgiveness come to you?
- Why is God's forgiveness such a gift?