



“HERO WORSHIP III”

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CAST

Joey (Middle School boy who’s an avid Red Sox fan)

Sandy: Joey’s friend

Patrick Joey’s friend

SETTING: Young boy’s room

(Joey, Sandy and Patrick return to Joey's room)

PATRICK:

So Joey, what did you think of Youth Group tonight?

JOEY:

I have to say, it was pretty good ... better than I expected.

SANDY:

You're not just saying that because you want to go to Fenway with us to see the Yankees?

JOEY:

Hey, as cool as that trip is going to be - and believe me, it'll be way cool - tonight was actually a lot of fun.

PATRICK:

NO-WAY!

JOEY:

WAY! And I really thought it was cool when that kid from Harry Ames Middle School told us about how Jesus changed his life

SANDY:

Yeah, that was really something, wasn't it? Jesus can make a big difference in a person's life.

PATRICK:

If you let Him.

JOEY:

How do you do that?

SANDY:

Well first, you have to ask Jesus into your life... admit you're a sinner and ask Him to be your Savior.

JOEY:

But I did that back in November, remember?

PATRICK:

Yeah, but that's just the beginning. Now Jesus wants to teach you about Himself and help you to get to know Him more and more.

SANDY:

And the more you get to know Jesus, the more you'll love Him and appreciate Him for what He's done for you.

PATRICK:

And the more you love and appreciate Him, the more you'll want to worship Him Sandy:

SANDY:

See how it works?

JOEY:

Sort of, but I don't really know that much about Jesus and I definitely don't know anything about worship.

PATRICK:

First of all, "no problema" – we can help you learn more about Jesus.

SANDY:

Second, you already know how to worship. Does this sound familiar? "Johnny Damon, the one, the only ..." Get my point? I mean if you can worship a human ball player whose lifetime batting average is like 287, you can definitely learn to worship a God whose eternal batting average is a thousand.

JOEY

I never thought about it like that before. God's stats are perfect: He never makes an error, He never strikes out ... hey, He never gets put on the disabled list.

PATRICK:

Who wouldn't want to be on His team?

SANDY:

Well why not get onboard. You can start by reading that Bible Pastor Jeff gave you tonight.

PATRICK:

And by coming to Sunday School with us and memorizing this week's Bible verse.

JOEY:

You don't understand, I stink at memorizing things.

SANDY:

Oh yeah! How many RBIs did Johnny Damon have last season?

JOEY:

94

PATRICK:

What was his batting average in 1999?

JOEY:

307

SANDY:

In what season did he have the most hits?

JOEY:

The 2000 season. He had 214 hits with the Kansas City Royals.

PATRICK:

You know everything about him but his kids' names.

JOEY:

Madelyn and Jackson – they're twins.

(Sandy and Patrick shake their heads in disbelief)

SANDY:

Then I don't think you'll have trouble memorizing this week's Bible verse about Jesus' supreme power. Colossians 1:17 ... (points to Patrick to test him) Patrick.

PATRICK:

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

JOEY:

Hey, that wasn't so hard: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

PATRICK:

Excellent Joey. You da man!

SANDY:

Good job buddy, but remember ... getting to know Jesus better takes time and effort. It won't happen overnight.

PATRICK:

But Jesus did give you a Helper to get the job done.

SANDY:

The Holy Spirit. Jesus' Spirit lives in you and all believers. We're not in this alone.

PATRICK:

And you've got us too.

JOEY:

How cool is that!

SANDY

Well, we better get home. I promised that you'd be home in time to catch the Red Sox game. A promise is a promise.

JOEY:

Okay, see you later guys ... and thanks for being such good friends.

PATRICK:

Hey, that's what friends are for.

JOEY:

You know, I might just pass on the game tonight and read a little from the Bible Pastor Jeff gave me.

SANDY:

Really Joey?

JOEY:

Yeah, I want to get ready for Sunday school and his study of the Gospel of Matthew.

PATRICK:

And miss the Red Sox-Mariner game?

JOEY:

Hey, worshipping God means making some sacrifices. That's what that kid at Youth Group said in his testimony tonight. It wouldn't kill me to miss one out of 180 games. Besides, I'll catch the highlights on Sport Center. See you tomorrow.

SANDY:

You're just full of surprises, aren't you Joey LaFrance? Goodnight.

PATRICK:

See ya Joey.
(Patrick and Sandy exit. Joey lifts his new Bible in the air and quietly sings)

JOEY:

I got it ... I got it ... Joey LaFrance has got it!

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