

Rewrite the Script

What was Mimi thinking? The God Club sure didn't sound that fun . . . After you watch the Instant Advent episode called "The God Club," what do you think Mimi could do instead?

Read the script on the next pages, get out your red pen, and rewrite the script so it ends the way you think it should've ended!



THE GOD CLUB

Instant Advent

A Cartoon Christmas Countdown



Friday, December 16, 2022

FADE IN:

EXT. CHURCH FRONT. WINTER DAY.

CUT TO:

INT. YOUTH ROOM (FELLOWSHIP HALL) - DAY

01A. Slow zooming WS of Gabe, Burt, Leo, and Ruby all entering the Youth Room walking SR, holding fliers that say "New Club, Today!" made out of construction paper and lots of sparkles. They stop in a wide semi circle.

BURT

So you all got the fliers about the new club too?

01B. Cut to MS of Ruby. She shakes the flier she's holding and glitter flies everywhere.

RUBY

Judging by the pound of glitter on each flier, it's pretty obvious who put this together.

MIMI (O.S.L.)

Hey there everybody!

01C. Cut to FS of the group as Mimi springs in through the doorway SL, carrying a binder and wearing a sash that reads "Vice President".

MIMI (CONT'D)

I'm so glad you all made it to the first meeting of "The God Club".

(making distant "roar of the crowd" cheering noises.)

Hurray! Hurray!

Over this she continues to make her way across the room in front of the others, exiting SR.

LEO

The God Club?

Gabe, Burt, Ruby, and Leo begin walking SR, following Mimi.

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01D. Cut to WS of a round table and five chairs set up farther in the youth room. Mimi stands behind the center chair. Gabe, Burt, Leo, and Ruby file in from SL and begin to take their seats. Gabe and Burt to Mimi's SL, Leo and Ruby to her SR.

MIMI

You see, we already have clubs for God and Arts and Crafts, or God and Math, or God and Camping. But now we finally have a club that is just about God! As Vice President of the God Club, I welcome you all!

Everyone sits down at a chair, except for Mimi, who sees Burt sitting and gives a start.

MIMI (CONT'D)

Whoa there, Burt. Unfortunately, that seat is already taken.

Burt quickly stands, as if afraid to offend someone.

BURT

Uh, it is?
(he looks around the room)
By... by who?

Mimi steps over to SL of Burt, putting her hand on his back.

MIMI

By God of course! It's the God Club, so God's in charge! Which means God definitely should have a seat at these meetings, wouldn't you agree?

Over this, Mimi cheerfully escorts Burt off SL.

01E. Cut to FS of the door. Create extension left of door as needed. Mimi and Burt enter from SR, Mimi leading Burt to the door.

BURT

Well, yeah, of course--

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MIMI

And, while God's capacity for love is infinite, our seating capacity is not. So we'll see you later, Burt and please don't forget to have a super day!

Over this, they reach the door and Mimi opens the right door and ushers Burt out of the door, and abruptly slams it in his face, then quickly turns back SR, and begins to exit.

UH-OH

01F. Cut to Two Shot of Leo and Ruby.

RUBY

Did Mimi just kick Burt out?

LEO

I... think so? She was so upbeat about it, I can't say for certain.

01G. Cut to FS of the Gabe, Leo, and Ruby at the table as Mimi re-enters from SL and takes her place in the center.

MIMI

Oh, this is going to be so wonderful! As I was saying, the God Club will meet here every other Sunday. During these meetings--

Gabe raises his hand.

01H. Cut to MS of Gabe.

GABE

Sorry to interrupt, Mimi, but I'm not going to be able to be here for the next meeting. I have a basketball game.

Camera pulls out as Mimi enters from SR.

MIMI

That's wonderful, Gabe, who will your team be playing?

Mimi pulls Gabe's chair out and he stands, seemingly oblivious, preoccupied with his conversation.

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GABE

The Rockville Rockers, actually.

Over this, Gabe and Mimi start walking SL.

01I. Cut to 2 shot of Leo and Ruby who look at each other, concerned.

RUBY

(whispered horror)

It's happening again!

01J. Cut to tracking 2 shot of Gabe and Mimi

MIMI

Wow, I hope your team will be ready.
As for our team, here in the God Club,
we require attendance of all club
meetings. We're really looking for
that high level of commitment from
God's followers, which I'm sure you can
understand.

GABE

Of course, I'm sure that God would--

Over this, camera pulls out revealing the doorway, SL. Mimi reaches to open the door and gently pushes ushers Gabe out of the doorway, who just stands in the hallway with a blank expression.

MIMI

Exactly! See Gabe, it's that kind of
enthusiasm that we were so excited to
have here in the God Club, at least for
a little while.

01K. Cut to 2 shot of Leo and Ruby at the table, looking off SL.

RUBY

(whispered horror)

This club has only existed for two
minutes, and now another person's
getting kicked out!

WHAT WOULD
YOU DO?

MIMI (O.S.L.)

Bye bye now!

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SFX: Off screen door slam.

LEO
(whispered horror)
It all happened so quickly... and
cheerfully.

Leo and Ruby straighten up, looking nervous and camera pulls out and pans SL as Mimi re-enters frame.

MIMI
OK, as I was saying, God is very
pleased to have all of us in the God
Club, and I think--

RUBY
What's this "all of us" stuff? You just
kicked Burt and Gabe out of the club!

LEO
(still perplexed)
We think. Is that what happened?

01L. Cut to MS of Mimi.

MIMI
(Loving correction)
Hey now, no one got kicked out...
It's just that God wouldn't want them
in the club, due to some seating and
scheduling restrictions.

01M. Cut to MS of Ruby.

RUBY
Well, that doesn't sound like God at
all! If God was actually putting a club
together, everyone would be welcome in
it. Leo, back me up here.

01N. Cut to FS of the group.

LEO
That's true. God includes and welcomes
everyone. Into the church, into the
family of God, everywhere!

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Mimi stops for a moment and soaks it in with a pleasant smile on her face. Beat.

CUT TO:

INT HALLWAY OUTSIDE YOUTH ROOM FELLOWSHIP HALL - DAY

02A. FS Ruby and Leo are slid out of it by a smiling Mimi, from SR. The door slams. Ruby and Leo look at each other with a stunned expression. They look towards SL and the camera pulls out revealing Burt and Gabe standing in the hall, having never left.

CUT TO:

INT. YOUTH ROOM - DAY

03A. FS of the empty table. Mimi enters from SL, dusting off her hands happily.

MIMI

Well God, I think this is clearly a sign that your club was meant to be just President and Vice President.

Mimi sits at the table, center chair, SR of God's chair and pulls out two tiny, fun size sodas, from beneath the table and offers one to the empty chair.

MIMI (CONT'D)

Tiny, fun size soda, Lord?

*Is THIS how it ends?
Can we make some changes?*

FADE OUT.