



"Flood Insurance"

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PUPPETS

1. Ripley

PEOPLE

1. Worship leader.
2. Insurance Salesperson

PROPS

1. One man stage
2. Clipboard

SOUND

1. Ripples Theme
2. Flood - by Jars of Clay
3. Doorbell ring

ACT I

Music: "Ripples Theme"

Worship leader opens with music,

Announcer - Gives a brief talk about how the world is always trying to sell us something. And that, just as Noah faced the flood, we face a flood of wrong information today.

Music: "Flood"

Scene – *Insurance salesperson is calling on Ripley.*

Sound – *Doorbell rings*

Ripley – Who is it and what do you want? This is my weekend to relax you know.

Insurance Salesperson – Kind sir, my name is _____ with the ACME Insurance company and you will certainly want to hear what I have to say.

Ripley – Well who are you? And why should I listen to anything you have to say?

Insurance Salesperson – Because I have important information for you and it could be a matter of life or death.

Ripley – Life or death you say? Well I guess that is as good a reason as any I have heard for interrupting my weekend.

So what is this matter of life or death anyway? Has Mr. Whiskers been up to his old tricks again?

Insurance Salesperson – Oh, I assure you, I am not familiar of this Mr. Whiskers you are speaking of. But If you give me his name, I will be sure to drop in on him after I have conferred with you.

Ripley – Oh, you want to stay away from him. He is an evil man, only in love with the world for the money he can squeeze from it.

Insurance Salesperson – Sounds like someone I could relate to... (clears throat)... Uhhh anyway, I came down here because you are in mortal danger.

Ripley – Danger? What are you talking about? The Brook has never been more peaceful. I don't see how I could possibly be in any danger.

Insurance Salesperson – Haven't you been watching the news sir? There are bombings (*getting more hysterical with each example*) people are losing their homes, there are wars, pestilence, famine, social unrest! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN MAN?????

Ripley – I admit that the world is in a little bit chaos right now, but we are peaceful here at the Brook. For the time being I think we are safe.

Insurance Salesperson – Ahhh... but here is where you are wrong.

Let me ask you, my friend, are you insured?

Ripley – Insured? No. Why on earth would I need insurance?

Insurance Salesperson – Oh I assure you sir, the reason you need insurance is not an earthly one (points up.)

Ripley – What is that supposed to mean.

Insurance Salesperson – Two words... Noah's Ark!

Ripley – You are a crazy person. Do you know that?

Insurance Salesperson – Crazy like a fox!

Don't you want to protect the Brook?

Ripley – Of course I want to protect the Brook. But what does that have to do with Noah's Ark?

Insurance Salesperson – Ahh Hah! Now we get to the point of it. You agreed with me that the world is falling apart, right?

Ripley – Well maybe a little.

Insurance Salesperson – Signs of the times, my fishy friend, signs of the times (Sighs). Now I get to the point of my interrupting your peaceful weekend.

One need to look no farther than Genesis in the Old Testament of the bible to see what is happening here. If I may be so bold as to quote from the good book

"The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

And the LORD said, "I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them." But Noah found favor with the LORD." (New Living Translation)

Now, that my young friend is straight out of the bible. Sound Familiar?

Ripley – Yes, I have read that. But what does that have to do with me needing insurance?

Insurance Salesperson – It is not just any insurance I am speaking of... it is *FLOOD INSURANCE!*

I have been examining the papers and the news from all over the world and I believe that we have entered what I would like to call "The New Noah Age".

Ripley – The "New Noah... What?"

Insurance Salesperson – The "New Noah Age". Everywhere I see corruption, people out of control. Surely, God has just about had enough of our nonsense and even now is preparing to flood the earth!

So, of course you will want a certified, 100% bonafide, peace-of-mind, Noah's flood insurance by the ACME insurance company. That way when the world is flooded, you my finned friend are protected against any and all losses.

Now I ask you, what could be better than that?

Ripley – You do realize that I am a fish, don't you?

Insurance Salesperson – Yes... and...

Ripley – Hello... I LIVE in the water!

Insurance Salesperson – Perhaps that is true, but your "stuff" might be washed away and you still want to be protected don't you?

Ripley – You really are nuts aren't you? Might I point out again that I am a fish and I DON'T HAVE STUFF!

Insurance Salesperson – Well then umm...

Ripley – And just how much of the Bible have you read anyway? Are you even a Christian?

Insurance Salesperson – Well, to be honest with you, only that part. It helps me sell my insurance – well at least until today.

Ripley – Then let me give you a little piece of advice. You might want to read more than a few pages. Because if you had, you would already know that God has promised never to destroy the earth by flood again. In fact He gave us the rainbow as the sign of His promise.

Insurance Salesperson – Oooh, I do love rainbows.

But then let me ask you this. How then is he going to deal with this wicked world if he is not going to flood it?

Ripley – Revelations tells us that He will destroy it next by fire.

Insurance Salesperson – Oooh I just got all tingly. I sell fire insurance. Now then sir, can I interest you in some fire insurance?

Ripley – You just never give up do you?

Look, let's get this clear. I do not want any insurance! I have all the insurance I need in my relationship with Jesus Christ. And besides, I don't have my treasures here. They are in heaven and nothing can touch them there.

If you really believe that the world is as bad as you think it is, then you are the one who should be looking to get not some insurance,,, but some assurance.

Insurance Salesperson – What do you mean?

Ripley – Well, if God does decide to judge the earth, where will YOU go? I mean, there will be no place to hide from that judgment. I have a feeling that your stuff won't be so important then, but you standing with Christ will mean everything.

How or when God says that He has had enough of wickedness is not nearly as important as our obedience. He has promised us that if we accept His gift of salvation, He will not leave us nor forsake us.

Now that is a policy I want to have. In fact I have already accepted the “salvation plan”.

Insurance Salesperson – You have really given me something to think about. Would you mind if I came back later, after my sales rounds and we could talk about this plan God offers more in depth?

Ripley – It would be my pleasure.

Insurance Salesperson – (walking away) FIRE INSURANCE! GET IT WHILE IT LASTS!

Announcer – (Speaks about how, as in the days of Noah, we face a flood. It is also a flood that leads to death. But this flood is false information. We need to be sure we have the real “salvation plan” for one day Christ will return again and judge the people of the earth.

Closing prayer~

Music: "Ripples Theme"

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