

# Don't Show Favouritism!

*James 2:1-13*

**Narrated Drama** - script by Maggie Ha, edited by Sandy Galea.

**Main Point** - Following Jesus will mean that we won't have favourites.

## Need:

- Narrator
- Dan
- Matt
- George
- Clothes for Dan and Matt

## Script

In James chapter 2 it says,  
"Don't show favouritism!"

Favouritism!

Do you know what that means?

That's when we are kind and friendly to one person but we ignore someone else.

Children, favouritism is ugly.

But sadly it happens at church.

Let's see how easy it is to have favourites.

(pause)

George loves the Lord Jesus and he comes to church every week.

He's a regular!

And George loves to welcome new people to church.

One Sunday, two new boys

## Actions

Narrator stands centre stage and addresses the audience.

Narrator moves to one side.

George gives thumbs up.

George looks around excitedly.

Enter Dan and Matt.

turned up to church.

They were Dan and Matt.

Dan and Matt were a little nervous.

George soon found out that Dan was very friendly.

He loved to chat.

And Dan had a new Ben Ten watch!

He even had all the games!

George was impressed!

George could tell by the way Dan dressed - he was a cool kid!

But, Matt was different.

George found Matt hard to talk to.

Matt was very shy.

He hardly said a word.

Matt was hard work!

And Matt's clothes looked old.

So, George went back to Dan.

It was much easier to be with Dan.

Dan was more like him anyway.

George smiles and points them out to the audience.

Dan steps forward, then Matt.

Dan and Matt look around nervously.

George moves to Dan, shakes hand.

Dan shakes hand back and smiles.

George and Dan mime having a conversation, both laugh.

George points at the watch on Dan's arm.

Dan shows him the watch.

George nods, is impressed.

George looks Dan up and down, nods.

George turns towards Matt.

George offers to shake Matt's hand.

Matt offers weak handshake back, doesn't look up.

Matt keeps looking down, shuffles his feet nervously.

George tries to get eye contact but Matt keeps looking down.

George shrugs and begins to walk away.

George eyes Matt up and down.

George moves across to Dan.

George looks to Matt and then Dan.

George and Dan begin to chat.

George would be friends with Dan.

Someone else could be friends with Matt.

So Matt was left all alone!

George puts hand on Dan's shoulder and both exit.

Matt looks around nervously, shuffles his feet.

*(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)*

Children, this is not how it should be.

Especially at church!

God is kind to each and every one of us.

None of us deserved his kindness, but he was kind to all of us in Jesus.

So, if we follow Jesus, then we are to be kind to others.

To people we find it easy to like and those we find it hard to like.

To people who are easy to talk with and those who hardly say a word.

To people who have lots of things and those who don't have much at all.

Children, don't show favouritism!

Be kind and welcoming to every single person!