

## THE WISE ONE

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A boy seeks out the advice of the wisest man in the world, only to learn that he could have just listened to the wisdom God gave him through his parents.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Set the stage to make it look like the Teacher is a typical mountain-top guru. Let him appear super wise at first, then let his idiosyncrasies come to the fore as the sketch rolls on.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2M

**TOPIC:** Family; Obedience; Parenting; Wisdom

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Ephesians 6:1

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Children's services; or sermon starter for adults

**CHARACTERS:**

THE TEACHER - The wisest man in the world

DENNY - A kid with a question

**PROPS:** A carrot, a stuffed toy goat

**COSTUMES:** Robes for the Teacher, travel attire for Denny

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A mountain top

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*The Teacher is center stage, trying to feed a carrot to a stuffed toy goat/sheep.*

TEACHER: Come on, my little friend. Eat some food. Please, eat something. You need to eat.

*Denny enters.*

DENNY: Excuse me, are you the Great Teacher?

TEACHER: Who dares to enter the sacred home of the Great Teacher? Who is it that seeks to become wiser? Who wishes to learn from my vast and great wisdom? Speak thy name, pilgrim!

DENNY: Denny.

TEACHER: Denny?

DENNY: Yeah, Denny.

TEACHER: Welcome, Denny. Tell me your question, and I will answer you with wisdom.

DENNY: Okay, so like, I hope you can help me out here. See, I was wondering if you could lick frost off of a flag pole.

TEACHER: Lick frost off a flag pole?

DENNY: You know, when it's really cold, and the flag pole gets all icy? Can I lick it?

TEACHER: That is your question for the Great Teacher?

DENNY: Yes.

TEACHER: Seriously?

DENNY: Come on, do you know the answer or not?

TEACHER: Of course you can't lick frost off a flag pole! Your tongue will freeze right to it!

DENNY: It will?

TEACHER: Really, you came all this way to ask me that?

DENNY: Well, I just wanted to—

TEACHER: Don't you have parents?

DENNY: Parents? Yes, I have parents.

TEACHER: Then why didn't you ask them?