

## “Iris” by Joanna Ruth Wirtz

Requires music track: “Iris” by Goo Goo Dolls

*The Businessman walks onto the stage when the vocals start. Time the entry of the Businessman, Homeless Man, Angry Person, Guy, and Girl so that they show up every couple lines or so.*

*Jesus enters during the first instrumental (after the first time the chorus is sung).*

*Skit may end before the song ends—just fade out the music.*

Sequence:

- 1) Businessman enters, walks around while talking on cell phone.
- 2) Homeless Man walks on, carrying “Will Work For Food” sign.
- 3) Angry Person walks on, writes “Life Stinks” on whiteboard.
- 4) Guy & Girl enter from opposite sides, argues, Guy pushes Girl over & Girl is on knees crying.
- 5) Jesus enters, looks around, motions for people to come help. Christians 1 & 2 come up.
- 6) After some dialog, Jesus sends Christian 1 to the Businessman. Christian 1 talks with Businessman and brings him to Jesus.
- 7) Jesus sends Christian 2 to Angry Person. Christian 2 writes “Jesus Saves” on whiteboard. Curious, Angry Person follows Christian 2 to Jesus.

8) Jesus looks around and chooses the Businessman to go talk to the Homeless Man. The Businessman takes away the sign and gives the Homeless Man a “job”. While he's working, the Businessman gets him a lunch, then brings him to Jesus.

9) Jesus looks around and sends the Angry Person to crying Girl. He helps her up and brings her to Jesus.

10) Another Hurt Person limps up and stands to the side of the stage. Jesus steps up to look at him, and then motions for people to come help.

*(Fade music, blackout)*

## Goo Goo Dolls - "Iris"

**Message:** The world is full of hurting people and Jesus wants to use Christians to help them.

**Characters:** Businessman, Homeless Man, Angry Person, Guy, Girl, Jesus, Christian 1, Christian 2, Hurt Person.

*Note: Guy and Jesus are male while Girl is female. All other characters can be either gender.*

**Props:** briefcase, cell phone, "Will Work For Food" sign, whiteboard, whiteboard marker, brown lunch bag, cane

### Costuming:

**Businessman** wears shirt & tie or suit, carries briefcase & cell phone, may wear sunglasses

**Homeless Man** wears beat-up flannel shirt & jeans, looks "ruffled", carries "Will Work For Food" sign, may have only one shoe

**Angry Person** is nicely dressed, either businesslike like a professor or casual like a student

**Guy & Girl** are casually dressed

**Jesus** wears a white robe

**Christians 1 & 2** may be casual or wearing "church" clothes

**Hurt Person** is casually dressed, limping with cane

### Stage Directions:

Businessman, Homeless Man, Guy, and Jesus enter from stage right.

Angry Person, Girl, and Hurt Person enter from stage left.

Christians 1 & 2 wait in the audience and climb up stairs on the front of the stage when Jesus calls them.

After finishing a mission or being brought to Jesus, the characters stand behind Jesus, watching the action and responding (usually positively) to what's going on.

