

The Student's View

(3 Girls, 1 Guy; Up to 5 Either)

CHARACTERS:

Becky: Teenage girl who tends to be the peacemaker between Joy and Lisa.

Joy: Loud-mouthed teenage girl who appears to be very excited about the show and the website they are talking about.

Lisa: Very disbelieving and sarcastic. Likes to argue with Joy.

Callers 1-5: Can be the same person who uses different voices/accents to play all parts, or can be several guys and girls.

Chastity: Calls the hotline to clarify who broke up with whom.

SETTING:

Sound room of a student radio show. Ruth, Joy, and Lisa sitting around a table. Can have headsets on, if desired. A switchboard contraption can be placed in the middle of the table, as well as a microphone on a stand that they lean into to talk at times. All props are optional and can be omitted and pantomimed.

- 1 BECKY: Hello, and welcome to *The Student's View*.
- 2 LISA: We've got a great show lined up for you today. As the
3 temperatures climb higher and higher, the heat is on
4 everyone's mind.
- 5 JOY: Hot date movie of the week: *Love and a Teenage Vampire*.
- 6 LISA: Our student reviews have given it a big thumbs up.
- 7 BECKY: Here's what freshman Jamie Wilson has to say, "This
8 movie rocks. It's got something for the girls and the guys!
9 A little bit of romance and a whole lot of gore. It's the
10 perfect date movie!"
- 11 JOY: Senior Andy James says, "My date got so scared, she was
12 practically in my lap! This is definitely a must-see!"
- 13 BECKY: Even the teachers love it. Mr. Johnson says, "My daughter
14 drug me to this movie and I thought I'd hate every minute.
15 But, in all actuality, it wasn't half-bad."
- 16 LISA: An endorsement from Mr. Johnson? This definitely
17 sounds like one movie you won't want to miss!
- 18 BECKY: Next in hot topics: Prom King and Queen no longer a
19 couple! That's right! You heard it here first! Question is:
20 Who dumped whom?
- 21 JOY: Our sources tell us Chastity Graves was seen dining with
22 Jimmy Harris at the Pizza Palace on Friday night. Sounds
23 like maybe Chastity broke Mr. Prom King's heart.
- 24 LISA: This just in: A friend of Jordan Smith's, notorious Prom
25 King, says that Jordan was seen holding hands with a yet-
26 to-be-named girl the very same night. Maybe Jordan wasn't
27 the dumpee after all.
- 28 BECKY: If anyone has information on this hot topic, please call the
29 hotline.
- 30 LISA: In other hot school news: We've got twenty subs in the
31 building today. Looks like students aren't the only ones
32 with senioritis!
- 33 JOY: Mysterious teacher illness? Or the fact that we've only got
34 ten more days of school?
- 35 BECKY: But the end of the school year isn't what's on our minds

1 today. Today we'll be talking about how you'll be spending
2 eternity.
3 JOY: Grab a pen and write this down: www-dot-Get-You-a-Spot-
4 in-Heaven-dot-com. Trust me, you're going to want to
5 check this out!
6 BECKY: Mr. Shelton's trig class is the best place to sneak online!
7 J-K, Mr. Shelton! You're class is totally *not* boring!
8 JOY: You just got yourself a solid F in there, Bob!
9 LISA: Let's get back to the website. Get you a spot in heaven?
10 Are you kidding me?
11 BECKY: No! It's completely real. I checked it out. They even take
12 credit cards!
13 LISA: That doesn't make it real, Bob. That just makes it a
14 scam that's out to get your money.
15 JOY: Look. They take Paypal, too. I'm pretty sure Paypal makes
16 sure it's a valid site.
17 LISA: (*Disbelieving*) You two really believe this website is going
18 to tell us how we can get a spot in heaven? This is the
19 most ridiculous thing I've ever heard.
20 JOY: This is awesome! We're going to give students a direct line
21 to heaven.
22 BECKY: And who needs that more than us? I don't know about
23 you but I sure would like a guarantee.
24 JOY: Who wouldn't? This is like a free pass into heaven! It
25 completely rocks!
26 LISA: Well, of course that would appeal to you.
27 JOY: What do you mean by that?
28 LISA: If there's an easy way to do things, you always want it.
29 JOY: Who doesn't?
30 LISA: People like me, who know some things can't be had just
31 like that. (*Snaps.*) Some things you have to work for, you
32 know?
33 BECKY: Why would we? Listen to this: "At Get You a Spot in
34 Heaven we offer you a one-hundred-percent-guaranteed
35 spot in heaven."

1 LISA: (*Sarcastically and laughing*) Well, it's not like you'll be
2 around to get your money back. They kind of got you there.
3 JOY: Never mind her, folks. She's always cranky early in the
4 morning. Probably because she has to get up three hours
5 early just to get her hair that straight.
6 LISA: At least I fix my hair. You look like you just rolled out of
7 bed. Good thing this is a radio show, Joy, or you might get
8 fired.
9 JOY: It's really good that it's radio, Lisa, because you sure
10 couldn't stand another ten pounds the camera would add!
11 BECKY: Girls! Let's get back on track here. Look, we have a caller.
12 LISA: (*Acts like she's flipping on a switch.*) Hello. You're on *The*
13 *Student's View*. Do you have a question for us?
14 CALLER 1: I am the hand holder of Jordan Smith and I just
15 want to say that I know for a fact that *he* broke up with
16 that two-timing bleach blonde Chastity. He told me the
17 whole story the other night.
18 JOY: Excellent! Care to reveal your identity to all of our callers?
19 (*Pause*)
20 LISA: And it looks like we just lost our caller. Guess she wants
21 to remain anonymous.
22 BECKY: Back to our story. We have another caller on the line.
23 CALLER 2: Yes! Can I reserve a spot for a friend or a family
24 member?
25 LISA: Oh, you've got to be kidding me! Do you think it's like a
26 restaurant or something?
27 JOY: (*Leaning into mic to talk to caller*) Great question! It says
28 right here that they absolutely encourage you to reserve a
29 spot for a friend or loved one ...
30 LISA: Of course they do.
31 JOY: ... When you are on the checkout page just remember to
32 put the name — spelled out exactly as you want — in the
33 correct areas.
34 CALLER 2: Thanks! I'll do that! This will make a great present
35 for all my friends and family!

1 BECKY: Then you'll love this! They offer group discounts for five or
 2 more people.
 3 JOY: They offer discounts, Lisa. That should make you happy.
 4 BECKY: We all know how you love a good bargain.
 5 LISA: Are you calling me cheap, Joy?
 6 JOY: I believe you called me lazy.
 7 LISA: And I believe you called me fat.
 8 JOY: Well, if the shoe fits ...
 9 BECKY: (*Interrupting*) Thanks for calling! Looks like we have
 10 another caller on the line. (*Pretends to flip switch.*) Hello and
 11 welcome to *The Student's View*. Do you have a question
 12 today?
 13 CHASTITY: No, I don't have a question. I have a comment. This
 14 is Chastity Graves and I'd like to tell everyone the truth
 15 about what happened! Of course Jordan would want
 16 everyone to think that I cheated on him. But the truth is,
 17 the reason why Susan Holmes — that's right I blew your
 18 cover Susan — wants to remain anonymous is because
 19 she's the one who stole Jordan from *me*! He's the two-
 20 timing jerk — not me!
 21 LISA: Well, thank you Chastity for clearing that up for us. You
 22 heard it straight from the source folks!
 23 BECKY: Back to our callers. We've got one holding now.
 24 CALLER 3: Who cares about Jordan, Susan, or Chastity? I'm
 25 worried about my pets! Can I get a spot for them? I can't
 26 imagine leaving my cats behind!
 27 JOY: Oh no! Me either! I'd have to take my dogs, Brewster and
 28 Spot, with me!
 29 BECKY: Good news for you both! If you would like your pets to join
 30 you in heaven then you can reserve their spot also. It's the
 31 only way to know for sure that they will be joining you in
 32 the afterlife.
 33 CALLER 3: That is awesome!
 34 JOY: You said it, caller! What is your pet's name?
 35 CALLER 3: I have a tarantula named Spike.

1 JOY: Weird. But OK! I guess heaven has space for eight-legged
 2 freaks, too.
 3 LISA: Call me weird, but I'm thinking spiders are definitely *not*
 4 making it into heaven.
 5 JOY: Well, it's a good thing that you're not heading up the pearly
 6 gates then. I know I will definitely be getting a reservation
 7 for my dogs.
 8 LISA: (*Extremely sarcastically*) I'm sure there's a special doggy
 9 park for them to run and play in, too!
 10 JOY: Well, of course none of us knows for sure what heaven will
 11 be like.
 12 LISA: So this site is selling one-way tickets to a place no one's
 13 even seen? Never visited? Buyers beware! Sounds like
 14 swampland in Florida to me.
 15 JOY: Call me stupid but I'm pretty sure that heaven does exist.
 16 LISA: OK, stupid. That's not the point. Of course it exists!
 17 JOY: Then what is the problem again?
 18 LISA: (*Deep sigh*) Look. Everyone knows there is only one way
 19 to get into heaven. And this is *not* it.
 20 JOY: You're so closed-minded, Lisa. You never believe in
 21 anything.
 22 LISA: Just because I know better than to buy into a scam like
 23 this doesn't mean I'm closed-minded.
 24 JOY: You just can't accept that there might be a way other than
 25 *your way* to get to heaven.
 26 LISA: Yeah, well, only a moron would fall for something
 27 ridiculous like this.
 28 BECKY: Girls! Let's get back on track here. We need to tell our
 29 listeners what the first step to getting a reservation is.
 30 JOY: What is the first step?
 31 BECKY: First you need to decide if you want a standard
 32 reservation or a luxury reservation.
 33 LISA: You've got to be kidding me!
 34 JOY: (*Ignoring LISA*) So what's the difference between the two?
 35 Well, I read all about it earlier and it sounds like the

1 standard reservation is your basic package. Nothing fancy.
2 The luxury reservation makes sure that you're surrounded
3 by high-moral-caliber people. You know, the minimal
4 sinners. No murderers or rapists allowed. Not even the
5 converted ones. It's basically where all the elite get
6 together.
7 JOY: Sounds like my kind of place! You never know who you
8 might get stuck with if you go with the standard
9 reservation.
10 BECKY: Yeah, I'm thinking you might not want to take any
11 chances. You never know what kind of people are going to
12 make it up there.
13 LISA: Come on! Do you really think heaven is going to have
14 upper and middle classes? That you can just buy your way
15 into heaven and then pick who you get to hang around?
16 (*Leans into JOY.*) Oh, sad for you then, Joy. You won't see
17 half your friends there!
18 JOY: What are you trying to say, Lisa? That my friends aren't
19 high moral caliber?
20 LISA: I doubt your friends even know what that means!
21 JOY: Obviously, since I used to think that you were my friend!
22 BECKY: (*Obviously breaking things up again*) Look! We have another
23 caller! (*Flips switch.*) Hello and welcome to *The Student's*
24 *View*. Do you have a question for us?
25 CALLER 4: Yeah. I guess I'm wondering *why* we should reserve
26 a spot. Can't we just take our chances? See if we get in?
27 JOY: Oh no! The website is very clear about that!
28 BECKY: That's right! At the moment there is plenty of room in
29 Heaven, but spots are filling very quickly. So quick that if
30 you don't act now you may lose your chance at getting in.
31 JOY: That's awful! How does a future of endless suffering
32 sound? Not so good, which is why Get You a Spot in
33 Heaven is there to help.
34 BECKY: Looks like we have time for one more caller.
35 JOY: (*Flipping on a switch*) Hello and welcome to *The Student's*

1 *View*. Do you have a question?
2 CALLER 5: Yes. Can you tell me how much the luxury
3 reservation costs?
4 BECKY: The luxury reservation is twenty-nine ninety-five, and the
5 standard reservation is nineteen ninety-five.
6 JOY: They both come with a certificate suitable for framing, a
7 key chain, and if you act now, they're offering buy one get
8 one free!
9 CALLER 5: Wow. Twenty-nine ninety-five. That seems a little
10 steep.
11 BECKY: True. But who can put a price on eternity?
12 LISA: Well, apparently Get You a Spot in Heaven can.
13 JOY: OK ... well, I think that's all the time we have today.
14 BECKY: Thanks for taking the time to listen to ...
15 ALL 3: *The Student's View*.
16 JOY: Be sure and join us tomorrow as we discuss summer
17 vacation options!
18 BECKY: Don't forget, we want to hear from you! E-mail us your
19 summer vacation plans and we'll be sure to put them on
20 the air!
21 LISA: And that's a wrap.
22 BECKY: That was one of our best shows yet!
23 JOY: Really. Can you believe the callers? They actually bought
24 that stuff! Completely amazing.
25 LISA: I know! For a moment there, I thought you did, too. Great
26 acting, by the way!
27 BECKY: Yeah, I especially loved the part about Brewster and Spot!
28 JOY: Could you believe that girl asking if she could reserve a
29 spot for her *tarantula*? What a complete moron!
30 LISA: What about the girl who's going to buy all of her friends
31 and family into heaven? Can you say pathetic?
32 BECKY: Uh ... guys ... why is the recording light still on?
33 JOY: I thought you said we were off the air!
34 ALL 3: *Oh no!*