



F.E.C.B.A. DISTRICT CONGRESS PRESENTS

GOD

**WHY
ME?**

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"Just as someone is saved from drowning, Jesus pulls us from the depths of our struggles and gives us life. Only He can truly save."

Subject: Introduction and Important Rally Materials

Dear Pastors, Youth Pastors, or Youth Directors,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Lakeshia Flint, and I am excited to introduce myself as the Pageant Director for our upcoming Congress of Christian Education pageant on July 24th, 2025. I am looking forward to working closely with each of you to ensure a successful and inspiring experience for our children and youth.

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Attached to this email, you will find the monologues for the Children's Rally and the script for the Youth Rally titled "**God, Why Me.**" These materials are crucial for our preparations, and I encourage you to review them thoroughly.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Together, we will create memorable and impactful Pageant for our children and youth.

Best regards,

Lakeshia Flint
Pageant Director

“God, Why Me?”

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Job 7: 19-20: Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?

²⁰ If I have sinned, what have I done to you, you who see everything we do? Why have you made me your target? Have I become a burden to you?

Scenario:

*Group of students question God about their struggles/challenges and question their faith in God. They all have been faced with different situations or challenges and don't understand why God will allow this to happen to them especially being believers in Christ. One student is dealing with mental health issues (**trauma, depression, and anxiety**), one student is dealing with relationships both personal/spiritual (**breakups and maintaining friendships**), another student is dealing with (**substance abuse**) family dynamics.*

Characters Development

***Ms. Abby:** (18) voice of reason in group of students (boy/girl) which guides the discussion amongst the students and allows students to feel safe and allows them to be vulnerable.*

***Eze-Kiya:** (15) dealing with trauma of both parents being in prison and being placed in different living situations since childhood which causes anxiety and depression.*

***Ny'la:** (17) dealing with maintaining relationships with self, people, and friends but having trouble with boundaries which is affecting her mental health.*

***Derrick:** (16) dealing with bullying and doesn't know how or what to do about it. Bullying can lead to low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and self-harm.*

***Samone:** (14) dealing with substance abuse due to being touched inappropriately by someone she trusted which causes depression, anxiety, and isolation from family, friends, and church.*

God, Why Me?

***Open Narration:** A group of high school students are in this religious club at school, where they meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss feelings, concerns, issues, and discuss their faith in God.*

(In a group session four students and Ms. Absolute are meeting and discussing their issues where they can express themselves without judgement or embarrassment. It's their utopia or safe place.)

Scene One: Part One

Ms. Abby: Good afternoon, everyone. How are we feeling today? *(Pause)* Can I get a volunteer to lead us in prayer before we get started this afternoon?

Samone: *(Lifting her hand up)* I will lead us in prayer, if yall don't mind. *(Grabbing hands with the person next to her starting to bow their heads)* Father God, I come to you right now asking whatever our individual needs are that you meet each one and help us through our struggles, issues, or concerns God. *(Sounding emotional)* God I know that you can do all things because you have all power in your hands. Thank you, God, for answering all our requests made known unto you. In your son Jesus name, we pray. Amen. *(Everyone says amen)*

Ms. Abby: *(Waving her hands)* Thank you Samone for that opening prayer. *(Looking at Samone)* Are you okay Samone? *(Pausing)* You sounded like you were getting emotional while praying.

Samone: *(Looking sad)* You're right Ms. A, can we start we someone else please? *(Pause)* I need to pull myself together before I share out.

Ms. Abby: *(Shaking her head)* Of course Samone pull yourself together. *(Turning to the other students)* How have you all been since or last meeting? Anyone want to share out first? The floor is open.

Eze-Kiya: *(Raises his hand)* I will share out, y'all know that I am dealing with both my parents and in prison. *(Pause)* I have been in foster care since I was five, from foster home to foster home, with no stability. *(Frustrated)* I'm 15 now almost 10 years of being mistreated, emotional, and physical abuse; it's taking a toll on my mental y'all.

Ms. Abby: *(Showing Compassion)* Eze-Kiya, thanks for sharing and I appreciate you for being honest and vulnerable. *(Leaning into console Eze-Kiya)* I agree that's a lot on you because you have been dealing with not having stability since you were five. *(Pause)* That's a lot especially with both parents in prison.

Samone: *(Interrupts)* I can relate to him in some ways, the reason I was getting emotional during the prayer, is because I was thinking how can God allow such harmful things to happen to me as a child of his. *(Breathing heavy)* Being touched inappropriately by someone I trusted is the worst thing in the world. Why would God allow this to happen to me Ms. A? *(Crying out as the praise dancers minister in song)*

Ms. Abby: *(Providing comfort as Samone cries)* Remember, forgiveness is a personal journey, and it's okay to take it one step at a time. *(Pause)* "I know you're carrying a heavy burden right now. It's okay to feel hurt and disappointed, but trust God in all things. *(Speaking calmly and slowly)* Proverbs 3:5 says, **Trust the Lord with all your heart. Don't depend on your own understanding.** *(Pausing and smiling)* Surround yourself with people who uplift and support you. And most importantly, never forget that you deserve happiness and peace." *(Scene ends)*

(Praise Dance-God Is (Live Ricky Dillard)

Scene One: Part Two

Eze-Kiya: (*Consoling Samone as she is crying*) Let it out sis. Let it out.

Ms. Abby: (*Patting Samone on her shoulders*) It's okay Samone, release the hurt and pain release it baby.

Eze-Kiya: (*Feeling hurt and confused*) It's crazy how much pain we have dealt with even as young believers of Christ. **(*Throwing his hands up in disappointment*)** I know that God gives his toughest battles to the strongest soldiers, but I can only speak for myself, I am not that strong Ms. A.

Ms. Abby: (*Strongly Assertive*) In **Galatians 6:2**, it focuses on God's faithfulness, his provision of strength in weakness, and the purpose of change in trials of the believers.

Eze-Kiya: (*Looking confused*) Hold on Ms. Abby? **(*Sarcastically*)** Can you break down into layman's term as the older saints say?

Ms. Abby: (*Laughing*) Why of course honey. **(*Speaking directly to the group of students*)** All this means rather than focusing on individual strengths, the Bible calls believers to trust in God's wisdom and authority, knowing that He is at work for their ultimate good and His glory.

Samone: (*Feeling comforted*) Ms. A, I feel a little bit better, but I am still dealing with so much pain, hurt, and disappointment. **(*Pausing*)** I think it's going to take some time to heal maybe even years to be honest.

Ms. Abby: (*Nodding her head*) I completely understand Samone; and my heart goes out to you and your feelings and concerns.

Samone: (*Voice shaking*) I just... I don't understand why God would let people I trust hurt me. **(*Pause*)** If He loves us, why does He let us go through so much pain?

The room falls silent. The other students look at Samone with empathy. Ms. Abby takes a deep breath.

Eze-Kiya: (*Frustrated*) It just feels so unfair. I thought God was supposed to protect us. **(*Throwing his hands up*)**

Ms. Abby: (*sighs*) I wish I had all the answers, Samone/Eze-Kiya. **(*Pause*)** Sometimes, it's hard to understand why bad things happen, especially when they come from people we trust.

Eze-Kiya: (*Sarcastically*) Sometimes, I just feel like given up and crashing out in my NBA YoungBoy voice.

Ms. Abby: (Looking Concerned) Now, I don't want you "Crashing Out," like NBA YoungBoy now. **(Hesitant)** Please don't Eze-Kiya or anyone in this group. **(Takes a deep breath)** I can't afford to lose any of you to crashing out or anything for that matter.

Samone: (Calmly) Ms. Abby, you don't have to worry about me crashing out, I might have my moments where I have meltdowns, but not crash outs. **(Smiling)**

Ms. Abby: (Saying the students in a reassuring voice) This has been an intense session thus far. I think we need to take a 5-minute break; and regroup and when we come back, we going to speak with Derrick and Ny'la. **(Students get up and leave)**

Selection: Youth Rally Choir

Scene Two: Part One

(Students come back together from their break, it's time to talk to Derrick and Ny'la now, to discuss their struggles, concerns, and experiences.)

Ms. Abby: (Signaling group of students to come back together) Ya'll ready to get back into this deep but needed discussion young people? **(Turning to Ny'la)** How have you been doing lately? Talk to me the floor is yours.

Ny'la: (Sighing) Honestly, Ms. Abby, I've been feeling really overwhelmed. I think it's because I haven't been setting clear boundaries with my friends and in my personal life.

Ms. Abby: (Nodding) Setting boundaries is crucial for maintaining your mental health. What specific situations have been causing you stress?

Ny'la: (Thoughtfully) Well, with my friends, I often feel pressured to say yes to plans even when I'm exhausted. **(Pause)** And in my personal life, I struggle to find time for myself because I'm always trying to be there for everyone else.

Ms. Abby: (Empathetically) Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." **(Pausing)** It sounds like you're giving a lot of yourself without taking the time you need to recharge. **(Looking at Ny'la)** Let's talk about some strategies for setting boundaries that can help you feel more balanced.

Ny'la: (Curiously) Ms. Abby, what kind of strategies exactly do you mean?

Ms. Abby: (Explaining) First, it's important to communicate your needs clearly and boldly. **(Pause)** Let your friends know that you need some alone time each week to recharge. It's okay to say no to plans if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Ny'la: (Nodding) That makes sense. I guess I worry about disappointing them.

Ms. Abby: (Reassuringly) True friends will understand and respect your need for self-care. **(Pause)** It's also helpful to set separate times for personal activities that bring you joy and relaxation. **(Breathe)** This way, you can ensure you're taking care of yourself regularly.

Ny'la: (Smiling) I like that idea. I think having a routine for self-care would really help.

Ms. Abby: (Encouragingly) Absolutely. Remember, setting boundaries is not about pushing people away; it's about creating a healthy balance that allows you to be your best self. **(Looking Ny'la in her eyes)** How do you feel about starting to implement these changes?

Ny'la: (Confidently) I feel ready. I know it won't be easy, but I need to do this for my mental health.

Ms. Abby: (Supportively) That's the spirit, Ny'la. I'm here to support you every step of the way.

Praise Dance- Youth Rally

Scene Two: Part Two

(Ms. Abby turns her attention to Derrick as he is the last one that needs to share out)

Ms. Abby: (Smiling warmly) Derrick, it's good to see you again. **(Turning to Derrick)** How have you been feeling lately?

Derrick: (Sighing) Not great, Ms. Abby. **(Pause)** The bullying at school is getting worse, and it's really affecting me, especially in my academics and social connections.

Ms. Abby: (Concerned) I am sorry to hear that, Derrick. **(Pause)** Can you tell me more about what has been happening?

Derrick: (Hesitant) Well, there is this group of kids who keep picking on me. **(Pause)** They make fun of me throughout the day by sending me mean messages in class by way of notes; and on social media. **(Hesitating)** It is making it hard for me to enjoy my classes, and participate in this club because it is a club that is open about our relationships with God, a Christian Club.

Ny'la: (Interrupting him) Now, that is the truth because when I tell people that I'm part of this club, they also look down on me. **(Unapologetically)** You think I care, nope. **(Throwing her hands up)** They do not know my story.

Ms. Abby: (Compassionately) That sounds tough, Derrick. **(Pause)** Bullying can have a serious impact on your mental health. **(Reaching out to Derrick)** How has it been affecting you?

Derrick: (Looking down) I feel anxious all the time, and I do not want to go to school or anything dealing with people. **(Sounding defeated)** I used to love it, but now I just feel scared and stressed.

Ms. Abby: (Supportively) Matthew 6:34 says, “So don’t worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Tomorrow will have its own worries.” **(Pause)** It’s important that we address this bullying and find ways to support you. Have you talked to anyone at school about it?

Derrick: (Shaking his head) No, I haven’t. **(Pause)** I’m afraid it will just make things worse.

Ms. Abby: (Reassuringly) I understand your concern, but it’s important to speak up. **(Holding her hand out reaching towards Derrick)** We can work together to come up with a plan to address the bullying. **(Pausing)** Have you even told your parents? **(Pause)** We’ll start by talking to your Assistant Principal and School Counselor; that a start.

Derrick: (Nervously) Okay, I guess that could help.

Ms. Abby: (Encouragingly) You’re not alone in this, Derrick. **(Pause)** There are people who care about you and want to help. **(Pause)** Let’s also focus on some strategies to manage your anxiety and stress.

Derrick: (Smiling slightly) That sounds good. I could use some help with that.

Ms. Abby: (Smiling) Great. We’ll take it one step at a time. **(Pause)** Remember, you are strong, and still standing. **(Smiling)** You deserve to feel safe and happy.

Mime- Still Standing (Youth Rally, Young Man)

Closing Scene-

(Group comes together, says their last thoughts, and pray together)

Ms. Abby: (Gesturing for them to come together) As we conclude our meeting today, I want to leave you with some important thoughts. Life presents us with many challenges, and how we respond to them shapes our character and our future. **(Pausing)** **Eze-kiya**, if you are dealing with the absence of a parent, know that you are not alone. God is always with you, and you have a community here that cares for you. Lean on your faith and your friends for support.

(Pause) **Samone**, your body is a temple, a gift from God. Protect it and cherish it. **(Pause)** **Ny’la**, setting healthy boundaries is essential for your well-being. Know your limits and respect the limits of others. Boundaries help us maintain healthy relationships and protect our mental and emotional health. **Derrick**, remember that every person is a child of God, deserving of respect and kindness. Stand up against bullying, not just for yourself, but for others too. Be the light that shines in someone else’s darkness. **(Pause)** Remember, you are loved, you are valued, and you have a purpose. Let’s continue to support each other and grow together in faith and love.

Everyone: Thanks Ms. Abby

Ending Selection- Youth Rally Choir

Children's Rally 2025

Opening and Welcome

Opening

Good evening

Moderator- Rev. Toby T. Philpart

Moderator Emeritus- Rev. Dr. C.P. Preston,

Congress President- Rev. Dr. H. B. Barr Jr.

Congress Dean- Rev. Ricki Gardener

Woman's Auxiliary President -Sis. Lawana Parrott

Welcome

We the children and the youth of the Florida East Coast Baptist Association, District Congress of Christian Education welcome you to the C.V. Ford Children and Youth Rally Pageant entitled, "God, Why Me?" I bet you are saying to yourselves, we are too young to be questioning God. Believe me y'all children and youth are dealing with issues and challenges you didn't face when you were growing up as kids and teenagers. We're definitely living in different times and circumstances. 2 Timothy 3:1 says, "Remember this, there will be many troubles." Times and things have changed, we're living in the last days like my grandma says. Now, that I have your undivided attention, listen carefully with your ears and hearts open, so you can adhere, acknowledge, and accept the message and lessons in tonight's presentation. Again, we say welcome and enjoy our pageant, "God, Why Me?"

Pledges for Congress

Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Opening Song- Children's Rally (TBD)

First Monologue: "God, Why Me?"

God, Why Me? As a child you're probably saying to yourself. How can a child question God. (Pauses) Sometimes, I wonder why things happen the way they do. Why do some children get sick? (Pauses) Why do we have rejection issues? (Pauses) Why do some have to deal with bullying? (Pauses) Why do we get blamed/shamed when someone hurts us physically or mentally that we trust? (Pauses) These are some of the issues we deal with as children and youth. Psalm 127:3-5 says, "Babies are a reward. Sons who are born to a young man are like arrows in the

hand of a warrior.” (Pause) Happy is the man who has his bag full of arrows. They will not be defeated when they fight their enemies in court.” (Looking in the audience) Parents, family, Florida East Coast, and anyone that deals with children or youth it’s your responsibility to take care of us, help us, and guide us during our issues. We listen and we don’t judge, say it with me: We listen, and we don’t judge.

Monologue 2: God, Why Depression?

Depression looks different for all people, including children and youth. (Pause) Depression looks like problem concentrating, group withdrawal, declining school performance, and loss of interest of things you once loved. (Pause) After the pandemic things look a little different now. Church even looks different especially those that still doing Bedside Baptist. (Pause and smile) Sorry, but not sorry church. Philippians 4: 6-7 says, “Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks.” Florida East Coast it’s time to start praying hard, because times are not getting easier, as matter of fact it’s getting harder. (Looking up) I think God allows storms in our life, just to prove to us he is God.

Praise Dance: Children’s Rally (TBD)

Monologue 3: God, Why Relationships and or Friendships?

Relationships requires attention and time, even with children and youth. (Pause) Being a child is hard especially with kids these days. (Smiling) Personal space and setting boundaries is what I hear all day in school from teachers, staff, and my friends. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity". (Looking around) Friends are nice and fun, but my brothers will stand with me throughout rough times. They understand boundaries

and personal space without getting upset with me. Friendships are relationships as well. (Pause) You hear me, friendships are relationships as well. Sometimes, I need breaks from my friends.

Proverbs 16:28 says, “An evil person causes trouble. And a person who gossips ruins friendships.” (Pause) Sometimes we must learn how to walk away from relationships especially when they mean us no good.

Monologue 4: God, Why Substance Abuse?

Substance abuse is not talked about as much in the church as you would think it would be. 1 Corinthians 6:12 says, “I am allowed to do all things.” But not all things are good for me to do. (Touching her head)

Substance abuse is on the rise in middle and high schools across the state of Florida; especially in the tri-counties of South Florida. (Listing the different substances) Alcohol, vaping, and prescription meds are on the rise. (Pausing) Substance abuse is affecting our children and youth; and causing damage to our families, churches, and communities.

(Pause) Romans 8:28 says, “We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.^[a] They are the people God called, because that was his plan.” God, now I know why these things happen to us, to bring us closer to you, to keep us on our knees, and keep our paths straight. “God, Why Me?” is the question we present tonight, hopefully by the time you leave the question is answered. Thank you.

Closing Selection- Children’s Rally (TBD)