

Script sample #2 for "Listen To Your Mother!"

Mother: Lord, I also am concerned about Susie. She wants to be popular so badly, and I know that can lead to doing bad things that her friends want her to do. The desire to fit in is so strong. Give her the inner strength and guidance to make it through her teen years without making a serious mistake that could ruin her life.

(We see Susie and her friend come in on the opposite corner of the stage. They stand facing the audience, as if in front of a mirror. They are brushing their hair and touching up their makeup in the imaginary mirror. When they talk to each other, they act as if addressing each other in the reflection.)

Narrator: Meanwhile, over at Margie's house, Susie and her friend prepare to borrow her mother's car. Susie is excited, and tells Margie that she has heard so much about this new movie. Laughing, Margie tells Susie that the movie was just a cover story. They are really going to a party that one of the upperclassmen has invited her to. Disappointed, Susie tells her friend that she really wants to go to the movie. Margie derides her friend for being so square, and to get out and have a little fun. There will be lots to drink there also, confides Margie, so the ride home should be fun as well! Besides, Margie says, all the popular teens will be there, and that the boy she knows Susie likes, Eddie, will be there too. Although not keen on the drinking, Susie wants to be noticed by Eddie, and being seen with the older girls will make her look more mature in his eyes.

Thinking that she has won her over, Margie urges her to hurry with her makeup so they can go. But as she does, suddenly she seems to hear the words that her mother told her only a few days ago...

Mother: Remember, dear, not all of your friends have your best interest in mind when they want you to do something wrong. The Bible says "bad company corrupts good morals," and those intent on living for sin only want to drag you down into it with them. No friend is worth a ruined life, and one taste of strong drink is all it takes to bait you into a trap you may never get out of.

(Susie has been frozen in place as she remembers her mother's words, in the acts of applying lipstick. When her mother's voice fades, she is thinking as she puts the lid on it, places it in her purse, and then she turns with conviction to her friend.)

Narrator: Realizing that she would be betraying her mother's trust by lying about where she had gone, and her life in possible danger by riding with someone that had been drinking, Susie decides that she wants no part of it. Margie protests that her mother will wonder why she isn't going and might not let her go out by herself in the car. Susie replies that can't be helped, and reminds her that she wouldn't be in this situation if she hadn't tried to do something she shouldn't. And with that, Susie leaves to go back home for the evening. I think Susie did the right thing, don't you?

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