

## Church Jokes

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### YOU DON'T HAVE A PRAYER

In case of nuclear attack  
the Supreme Court ban on prayer  
will be temporarily lifted.

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### EPITAPH

Under these clouds  
and under these trees,  
lies a man named  
Solomon Peas.  
But Peas is not here,  
only his pod.  
Peas checked out  
and went to God.  
(Author: Solomon Peas)

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### WHO'S DEAD?

Nietzsche: "God is dead."  
God: "Nietzsche is dead."

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### STRESSED OUT

I met a pastor  
who slept like a baby.  
(Woke up every two hours and cried).

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### ADVICE TO PREACHERS

If you don't strike oil in twenty minutes  
Stop boring.

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### BREVITY

He was able  
to compress a ten minute sermon  
into thirty minutes.

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### A SERMON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EVERLASTING

To have eternal value.

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### BUTTON, BUTTON

WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

A preacher friend  
used to time his sermons  
by placing a breath mint  
in his mouth  
before he started speaking.

The mint melted  
in about twenty minutes  
and he would quit speaking.

One Sunday  
he reached into his coat pocket  
and popped a button in his mouth.  
The last I heard  
he was still preaching.

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### WHOSE JOB?

There were four people, named  
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.  
There was an important job to be done.  
Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.  
Anybody could have done it, but  
Nobody did it!

Somebody got angry, because  
it was Everybody's job.  
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but  
Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.  
In the end,  
Everybody blamed Somebody, when  
Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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### ALMOST EVERY DAY

This was Johnny's first camp  
and the counselor demanded,  
"Johnny, you have to take a bath!"

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"But Mr. Jones," Johnny defended,  
"I had a bath  
almost every day last week.  
I almost had a bath Monday.  
I almost had a bath Tuesday.  
I almost had a bath Wednesday."  
etc.  
(NICKELODIAN)

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### ADAM AND EVE

It wasn't the apple in the tree  
that got them into trouble.  
It was the pair under the tree.

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### SMALL

When we lived in seminary housing,  
our apartment was so small that,  
1  
We had to teach our dog  
to wag his tail up and down.  
2  
We had to go outside  
to change our mind.

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### MARTIN WHAT'S-HIS-NAME

A collector of rare books ran into an  
acquaintance who had just thrown away an old  
worn-out family Bible. He happened to mention  
that Guten something-or-other had printed it.  
"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the book  
collector.  
"Yep, that was the name!"  
"You idiot! You've thrown away one of  
the first books ever printed. A copy  
recently sold at an auction for \$400,000!"  
"Mine wouldn't have been worth a dime,"  
retorted the man. "Some clown named Martin  
Luther had scribbled all over it."

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### MOTHER'S SON

A lady was praying  
at the altar in a Catholic Church  
when Jesus walked up  
and tapped her on the shoulder.  
She replied,  
"Where's a you manners?  
Can't you see I'ma talking  
witha you mama?"

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### THE LOTTERY

A minister was asked to inform Joe  
Jones, who had a heart condition, that he had  
just won sixty million dollars in the state  
lottery. Joe's wife was afraid that the  
shock would cause another heart attack and he  
would die.  
The minister went to Joe's home and  
said, "Joe, what would you do if you won the  
sixty million dollar lottery?"  
"Well, Pastor," Joe responded, "I would  
probably give half of it to the church."  
The minister COLLAPSED with a heart  
attack.

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### PREACHERS AND BAKERS

Preachers are like bakers.  
They both knead dough.

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### TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Mrs. Jones awakened her son Sunday morning:  
"Johnny, time to get up and go to Sunday School!"  
"But," replied Johnny, "I don't want to go!  
And I have two good reasons:  
(1) I don't like those people and  
(2) They don't like me!"  
"Johnny," demanded Mrs. Jones,  
"You're going to Sunday School!  
"And I'll give YOU two good reasons:  
"(1) You're forty-five years old and

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"(2) You're the pastor!"

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### QUIT THAT

Did you know it's a sin to play marbles?  
Jesus said, "Marble not!"

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### IN THE MINISTRY

The rooster returned to the minister's farm house after scratching in the newly-plowed field. The hen was all upset and blurted out,  
"The preacher's wife is frying our two sons for dinner tonight!"  
"Well," the rooster replied, "I always did want my sons to go into the ministry. They wouldn't have made good laymembers anyway!"

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### A SUNBEAM

Our son attended a church kindergarten. One day he came home singing a new song that he had learned that day:  
"A Zombie, a Zombie, Jesus wants me for a Zombie."

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### BEAR WITH US

"What did you learn in Sunday school today, Johnny?" his mother asked.  
"We learned a song about a bear," he replied: "Gladly, the Cross-Eyed Bear."

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### TICKLED GREEN

The preacher took his text from Daniel 5:25, "And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN."  
Which he translated, "Money, money

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tickles your parson."

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### YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY

The first woman smoker  
was mentioned in the Bible:  
Rebecca lit off a camel.

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### BASEBALL

The first baseball game  
was mentioned in Genesis 1:1:  
In the big inning.

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### AUTO

The first automobile  
was mentioned in the Bible:  
Job went out and sat on a Nash heap.

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### STATE

The first state  
was mentioned in the Bible:  
Noah looked out the ARKANSAS.

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### ONCE UPON A TIME

What time of day  
did God create Adam?  
(Right before Eve)  
(Michael Landon)

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### YUCKY

When I pastored, people sometimes  
brought us terrible food, which we promptly  
threw away. When they asked us about it, we  
replied,  
"Food like that doesn't last long around

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our house!"

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### TANGLED WEB

My memory is too poor  
to be a good liar.  
(Abraham Lincoln)

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### IDOLS

Man certainly is stark mad: He cannot  
make a worm, and he makes gods by the dozen.  
(Michel Eyquem de Montaigne)

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### BASEBALL

During the world series in 1989, the  
Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis  
Cardinals were to face each other. There was  
quite a stir in the Kansas City area.  
Our church was located in Oak Grove,  
about fifteen miles east of the Kansas City  
Sports Complex, on highway I-70. It was in  
full view of motorists enroute to Kansas City  
from St. Louis. Someone placed this message  
on the church marquee:  
Give up your Cardinal sins  
and join the Royal family!

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### MISQUOTE

And Judas went and hanged himself.  
Go and do thou likewise.  
Whatsoever thou doest, do quickly.

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### COUNSELING

Mr. Casper Milquetoast and his unkempt  
wife, Naggie, were in the pastor's office for  
marital counseling. After listening for a  
few minutes, the pastor got up from his desk,

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walked around to where Naggie was seated and planted a big kiss on her astonished face.

"See that she gets two of these per week, Casper," the pastor prescribed.

(Pause)

"Could I bring her in at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays?" timid Casper asked.

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### SHORT MEMORY

The young minister was listening to a seasoned minister's sermon, when the congregation was beginning to lose interest. The older minister quickly gained everyone's attention when he blurted out,

"The best years of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife [pause]—my mother!"

The young minister made a mental note of the attention-getting device. Later, when he was preaching, the congregation started evidencing boredom. He then loudly declared, "The best years of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife...."

At this time, old ladies' mouths dropped open, old men woke up, and everyone stared wide-eyed in amazement. He had everyone's attention, but the shock made his mind go blank. He stuttered,

"And for the life of me, I can't remember who she was."

(Speaker in Bible College, ca. 1958-60)

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### SUNDAY DINNER

The Jones family invited Pastor John for Sunday dinner. After service, they all went to the Jones' farm. Ma went into the kitchen to get dinner going and Pa went outside to do a few chores.

This left nine-year-old Johnny to entertain the preacher in the living room. Both sat in silence, Johnny sitting with his head shyly bowed. Pastor John broke



the silence.

"Nice day, isn't it, Johnny?"

"Yup," Johnny replied, with his head still bowed.

"Well, uh, what are we having for dinner, Johnny?" the pastor questioned.

"You wouldn't believe me if I wuz to tell you, Pastor," Johnny responded.

"Sure I would," Pastor John assured him, "What are we having?"

"Buzzard."

"Buzzard! Are you sure, Johnny?"

"Yup. I heard Ma talking on the phone to Mrs. Smith this morning, and she said, `Guess it's about time we had that old buzzard for dinner!'"

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### GOOD FOR NOTHING

Two boys were trying to outdo each other. The first said,

"My dad is a doctor. I can be sick for nothing!"

"Big deal!" the second shot back, "My dad is a preacher. I can be good for nothing!"

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### PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A young man was interviewed to become a deacon and the church board was asking him questions about the Bible.

"What is your favorite passage in the Bible?" one of the board members asked.

"My favorite text is the Parable of the Good Samaritan," the candidate replied. Then he began to wax eloquent: "The good Samaritan was riding his donkey down the road to Jericho one day when he rode under the bough of an oak tree. His long hair got tangled in the branches and his donkey ran

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out from under him and left him hanging there for forty days and nights. Then along comes Delilah and cuts his hair and he falls—he falls among thieves who robbed him and left him for dead. He picked himself up and hitchhiked a ride with Jehu in his chariot. As they approached Jericho, the boys looked down and said, 'It must be Jehu, for he driveth furiously!' The boys hollered down to Jehu and said 'What should we do with this here Jezebel woman?' Jehu said, 'Throw her down!' The boys said, 'How many times?' Jehu said, '70 times 70!' And of the fragments they picked up twelve baskets. Now, I ax you, 'Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?'"

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### PRAYER

During prayer meeting, Sister Jones made this request,  
"My husband is at death's door. Pray that the Lord will pull him through."

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### FISH AND CHIPS

a monastery opened a fish and chips stand in California. One of the first customers asked the monk on duty,  
"Are you the fish friar?"  
"No, I'm the chip monk," he responded.

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### TWO-THIRDS OF A PUN OR PU!

Mr. and Mrs. Skunk went to church where they sprayed and sat in their own pew. Their two offspring, appropriately named IN and OUT, were always on the move, running in and out the church and playing. After church, IN could not be found and OUT went out to look for him. Later, OUT brought IN in. Papa Skunk asked,

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"OUT, how did you find IN?"  
OUT answered, "IN-stinct!"

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### SERMON TITLE

What on Earth Are You Doing  
For Heaven's Sake?

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### REPLACEMENT

The late Cyril Homer,  
a fellow Army Chaplain,  
was filling the pulpit  
for a minister who was out of town.  
He stated,  
"No one can really take the place  
of your pastor.  
In fact, I feel like a  
piece of cardboard  
used to temporarily replace  
a broken window pane."  
After the service,  
a little old lady approached him and said,  
"Brother Homer,  
you're not a piece of cardboard.  
You're a real pane!"

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### SAY SOMETHING!

The minister entered the pulpit and remarked,  
"Before I bring the message,  
I want to say something."

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### SOAP

Two aggies were standing on the street corner  
when a priest walked by  
with his arm in a cast. Jed asked,  
"Good morning Father.  
What happened to your arm?"  
"I slipped on a bar of soap," he replied,  
and broke it."

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The priest walked past, and Clem asked,  
"Jed, what is soap?"  
"Clem, how should I know?  
I ain't a Catholic!"

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### THE DEVIL YOU SAY!

The Sunday school teacher asked Johnny,  
"Johnny, is the Devil real?"  
Johnny replied,  
"Naw, he's just like Santa Clause.  
He's my daddy!"

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### PRAYER

Mr. Smith went bear hunting.  
He finally saw a large bear  
and had him in his sights.  
Click! Click, click, click!  
Forgot to load the rifle!  
Mr. Smith knelt and prayed,  
"Lord, may he be a Christian bear!"  
The bear heard the sound and charged,  
then stopped and also knelt and prayed,  
"Lord, thank you for this food  
I am about to receive."

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### COMPROMISE

Reverend Smith went bear hunting.  
He was cold and wanted a bear skin coat.  
Soon, he met a hungry bear.  
The bear said,  
"Come into my cave and let's negotiate.  
Maybe we can reach a compromise."  
Both went in and only the bear came out.  
The bear got his meal  
and Reverend Smith got his fur coat.

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### PASTORS' PAY

Church work doesn't pay much,

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but the retirement  
is out of this world.

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### GOOD PRESS

Oral and Evelyn Roberts were taking  
an evening walk by Lake Evelyn  
when the wind blew her hat  
into the lake.  
Oral walked on the lake  
picked up his wife's hat  
and brought it back to her.  
A member of the media saw what happened.  
The next day's headlined screamed,  
ORAL ROBERTS CAN'T SWIM!

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### NERVOUS USHER

Back in the days when people paid pew rent,  
A tattered old lady did the unspeakable.  
She went right up front  
And sat in the pew of a "church boss."  
The minister motioned for the head usher,  
Nodded his head and pointed to the old lady.  
The nervous usher approached her and said,  
"Marden me, padame,  
But you're occupewing the wrong pie.  
If you will come with me to the chack of the birch,  
I'll sew you to another sheet!"

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### THE CHANDELIER

The church was having a business meeting.  
One of the main items on the agenda  
was deciding whether or not to buy  
a fancy chandelier for the entrance.  
The congregation was about to vote  
when Sam, the resident "aginer"  
woke up, rose and said,  
"I'm agin it fer four reasons:  
One, we don't need it.  
Two, we can't afford it.  
Three, if we was to git it,

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they ain't nobody here can play it.  
An' four, what we really needs here is more light."

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### COMMENTARY ON COMMENTARIES

Wise old deacon to young preacher:  
"You'd be surprised  
how much light  
the Bible throws  
on them commentaries!"

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### CHURCH WEATHER REPORT

Relative humility: 50%  
Chance of Participation: 10%

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### BIBLE NAMES

"I named my boys Bible names,"  
said Clem,  
"Matthew, Mark, Luke, Ralph..."  
"Ralph!" interrupted Zeke,  
"Ralph ain't no Bible name!"  
"Ain't you ever heerd o' the Ralph o' God?"  
countered Clem.  
"I also named my girls Bible names,"  
continued Clem,  
"Mary, Ruth, Elizabeth, Shirley..."  
"Now wait a minute,"  
interrupted Zeke,  
"I knows Shirley ain't no Bible name!"  
"Ain't you never read yore Bible?"  
"Shirley, Goodness and Mercy  
shall follow me all the days of m' life!"

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### EXAGGERATION

"Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned,"  
began Fred at the confessional.  
"Fred, have you been exaggerating again?"  
quizzed Father Flanagan.  
"Well, I did stretch the truth again,

and I tried, I really tried this time.  
In fact, I've cried buckets of tears  
over my problem."

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### BEAR WITH US

"Mommy, there's a bear in the front yard!"  
Johnny exclaimed to his mother.  
"Johnny, that's just a little puppy!"  
replied his mother while looking out the window.  
"Now, go into the closet and talk to the Lord  
about your wild imagination!"  
A few minutes later,  
Johnny's mother opened the closet door and asked,  
"Well, what did the Lord say about your `bear'?"  
"The Lord said, `That's ok, Johnny.  
The first time I seen him,  
I thought he was a bear, too.'"   
quipped Johnny.

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### TAKE IT WITH YOU

Jack O'Toole was dying and he called in  
his three closest friends:  
Sam, a Jew.  
John, a Protestant.  
and Terry, a Catholic.  
"I may need some money,  
so I am giving each of you  
fifty thousand dollars in  
twenty dollar bills.  
Just before they close the casket  
at my funeral,  
I want each of you to place  
your money in my casket.  
Then, meet after the  
graveside service and  
report what you did."  
After the graveside service,  
the three friends met and reported:  
Terry: "I placed my money in the casket.  
John: "I did also."  
Sam: "I got there a little late,  
and the casket was too crowded

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for me to put in my money.  
So, I took out all the money  
and left a personal check  
for one hundred fifty thousand!"

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BAPTIST BRED  
BAPTIST FED  
BAPTIST DEAD  
The Baptist pastor  
approached one of his deacons:  
"Brother Jones,  
I heard you became a Catholic.  
It just doesn't seem like you.  
You have been a Baptist  
all your life!"  
"Pastor,"  
deacon Jones responded,  
"I just learned  
that I have a month to live  
and I thought it would be better  
for them to lose one of theirs  
than for us to lose one of ours!"

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CAN YOU CHEW TOBACCO  
AND GO TO HEAVEN?  
Yes,  
But you'll have  
to go to hell  
to spit!  
(C. Telford Patterson)

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GRANDMA WAS REALLY  
GETTING INTO THE SERMON  
WITH LOUD AMENS!  
Until the preacher  
started preaching  
against dipping snuff.  
Grandma quickly deflated with  
"There he goes!  
Quit preachin'



and gone to meddlin'!

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### DIVERS DISEASES

Sick people that were taken with  
divers diseases  
were brought to Jesus.  
The preacher said,  
"Now, the doctors can scrutinize you,  
analyze you  
and sometimes cure your ills.  
but when you have  
DIVERS DISEASES  
Them only the Lord can cure.  
And brethren  
there is a regular epidemic  
of divers diseases among us!  
Some dive for the door  
after Sunday school is over.  
Some dive for the television set  
instead of going to church.  
Some dive into a bog of excuses  
when work for the Lord  
is mentioned.  
Others dive for the car  
and take the boat to the lake  
and forsake their teaching assignments.  
Then a few dive into a flurry  
of fault finding  
every time the church takes on a project.  
When you've got divers diseases  
youse in a bad way.  
Yes brethren,  
it takes the Lord  
and lots of love  
to cure DIVERS DISEASES."

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