

Extra! Extra!

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CHARACTERS

A bunch of apathetic Christians

A news guy selling papers

A bunch of Christians sit on a park bench at center. The news guy enters with a stack of papers, up stage left, and begins hawking them loudly.

NEWS GUY: Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Hundreds die daily in third world famine! Dictator stops food at border! Atrocities committed by evil regime in region rocked by natural disasters! Get your paper right here and read all about it! Page two, national news, Teen pregnancy on the rise! Babies having babies at alarming new rate! Debate rages over sex education in schools! Ready all about it! Page three, local news, homeless shelter is now homeless! City forces long-time charity out of lease! Neighborhoods come together to bar efforts to find new location! Soup kitchen, clothes closet, women and children's centers shuttered forever! Get your news right here! Page four, pro-life charity denied tax exempt status! Assisted suicide on the ballot in ten states! Human life now a commodity on the stock exchange! Read all about it! Page five, students threatened with jail time for expressing religious beliefs in school! God banned from commencement ceremonies! Bibles burned in school parking lot! Get your news, right here! Page one, sports, world's most famous athlete caught in affair with floozy! Married man photographed with Vegas showgirl! Get the salacious details and exclusive photos right here!

Everyone on the bench jumps up and runs over. They all fight to buy their papers first. All of them end up with papers and go immediately to the sports section, grinning like fools as they read the story they want to read. The paper salesman walks down stage past the other characters.

NEWS GUY: And people say Christians don't care what happens in the world.