

Coming Ready or Not

Cast:

Fred, Bert, Alfonse the Angel, God, someone to hold cards

Props:

Signs saying 'In heaven', 'Back on earth', 'Later' and 'Imagine a blinding flash and cracks of thunder'

Sickle, Angel costume

Story:

Fred	Hi Bert how are you today?
Bert	I'm OK, listen what about going to that new cinema tonight?
Fred	Yea
Bert	They've got a reputation for playing some good films.
Fred	What like insert name of current children's film?
Bert	No like insert name of current action film.
Fred	Hey that, insert name of celebrity Christian, if they're in a film currently match up with Bert's line was on telly the other day saying how he was one of these Christians.
Bert	Yea well it's alright if you like that sort of thing, but all that 'Beware and heaven and hell' stuff is boring. I mean we're not bad people, are we?
Fred	I've never broken any of the ten commandments.
Bert	Never?
Fred	Nope, I don't steal, I don't murder, I haven't got a wife so I can't commit adultery, and I don't fancy my neighbours donkey!
Bert	Has your neighbour got a donkey?
Fred	No but he's got a rabbit and I don't want that either.
Bert	I bet you've stolen.
Fred	No!
Bert	Never picked up a pen from work? Never had a sweet from Woollies' pick and mix? Never brought one of those paper tape measures home from Ikea?
Fred	Alright enough of that, are we going tonight?
Bert	OK see you there.
	Hold up card saying 'In heaven'
God	I hate to do this but angels the time is coming - I'm going to have to bring it all to an end. The earth is wearing out and the appointed time is near. Still I don't

	want to lose any of them, bad as they are, so Alfonse, you will have to go down there and try to tell them what to do.
	Hold up card saying 'Back on earth'
Fred	Hi Bert. Hey this isn't a bad place is it?
Bert	No, it's OK actually and that bird over there is very tasty pick on a lady in the congregation
Fred	I saw her first
Bert	Who cares? She's looking at me.
Fred	No, me.
	They fight. Just then Alfonse the angel flies over.
Alfonse	People of the earth listen to me! Very soon God will bring the earth to an end and anyone who is not a Christian will be not be safe. The time is coming for the harvest of the earth, get yourselves ready. Looks at Fred and Bert fighting. Hey you two I said, "Get yourselves ready".
Bert	Ready I'm ready for anything. Flexes muscles.
Alfonse	Even the end of the earth?
Bert	I recycle.
Alfonse	Well so does God and He'll be putting this lot in the car crusher in the sky very soon.
Fred	Who are you to talk in that get up, a thousand fluffy little birds must have died to produce those wings?
Alfonse	These are entirely natural.
Fred	Oh, yea they all say that!
	Hold up card saying 'Later'
Bert	And where were you the other night? I was at the club waiting for you.
Fred	Well, I was at church. I thought about that Angel we saw the other night. I've decided to become a Christian, the world's really changed lately, everything seems to be getting worse and I don't want to get left behind.
Bert	You don't believe in all that stuff, do you? There's no such thing as heaven and hell.
Fred	But we saw that Angel.
Bert	We were drunk and so was he!
	Hold up card saying 'Imagine a blinding flash and cracks of thunder'.
Alfonse	I am the angel come to harvest the earth with my sickle. Hook Fred round the neck with sickle.

Fred	Looks at Bert Come on Bert before it's too late. Gets dragged off by Alfonse.
Bert	Fred stop messing about where're you going? Playing tricks indeed.
Alfonse	I am the angel come to collect the grapes for the winepress of God's wrath.
Bert	Look I don't believe in you right, you're a hangover.
Alfonse	No, I'm an angel, could anything this amazing be a figment of your imagination?
Bert	Funny look Well how about I play chess with you and if you win I'll go but if you lose I stay?
Alfonse	This is not a classical story it's life!
Bert	The fiddle?
Alfonse	It's not a film either.
Bert	Scrabble?
Alfonse	It's not even Bert and Fred's bogus adventure, sorry mate it's the wailing and gnashing of teeth for you. PUSHES Bert off with her sickle (he is not being harvested), as she goes, looks at the audience. I don't know what you lot are looking at. Are you, sure which way you're going?