

FEAR

Characters: Giant of Fear (stand on small stool to appear as a giant)

Fearful Fanny (wearing handcuffs, or acting as if she is wearing handcuffs)

Helpful Holly (off-stage, phone voice)

Narrator (optional)

Props: stool, handcuffs (optional), cell phone

Theme: Facing the giant of Fear

Verse: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a

sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7)

Script

Narrator: Today we meet Fearful Fanny (Fanny walks in, wringing her hands, looking behind her as if someone is following, wearing handcuffs)

Fanny (startled upon seeing the giant): Who-who-who are you?

Giant: Today my name is FEAR.

Fanny: What do you mean "today"?

Giant: Well I have different names on different days and with different people. Today, for you, my name is FEAR.

Fanny: I've heard of you. Lately it seems like FEAR has been my constant companion. Weren't you the one who "gave" me these handcuffs?

Giant: Well, it's nice to be acknowledged. What's going on today?

Fanny: Well, I'm afraid I'm going to fail; I'm afraid that my husband is losing interest in me; I'm afraid I'm going to be laid off; I'm afraid that someone has been following me; I'm afraid that the doctor is going to give me a bad diagnosis when I see him next week. Oh, and I'm pretty freaked out about mazes and hot ovens...just sayin'!

Giant: um-hum (agreeing) Go on...

Fanny: (getting worked up) I'm afraid I'm going to die...my husband is going to die...my parents are going to die...we're all going to die! I'm afraid of being alone....I'm afraid of being alone in a maze! (getting worked up)

Giant: Sounds plenty scary to me. I don't see how you get any rest at night.

Fanny: I don't! Who knows? Terrorists may attack! Banks may fail! I might dream about mazes! My oven may explode! I'm afraid I'll fall asleep when I'm driving!

Giant: You <u>definitely</u> have reason for concern. Who knows what might happen? Who knows what's right around the corner? Large scary mazes lurk in the most unexpected places!

Fanny: My family says I'm over-reacting...

Giant: No, no! You have huge reason for concern. Bad things happen to good people every day. What if you're next?

Fanny: (panicked) What? Do you know something I don't know?

Giant: Well, far be it from me to add to your fears.....

(Fanny's cell phone rings...)

Fanny: Hello?

Holly: Hi Fanny. How are you doing?

Fanny: Today I'm worse than normal. It doesn't seem to help me to talk about my fears, Holly. I'm having heart palpitations as we speak.

Giant (interrupting): Heart palpitations!! What if you're going to have a coming heart attack?!

Fanny (reacts to giant): Maybe I'm going to have a heart attack right here!

Holly: Fanny, stop! Fear can paralyze you if you focus on it.

Fanny: It already has me handcuffed!

Holly: So what should you do, Fanny?

Fanny: Maybe I should just move to a deserted island with no mazes and no ovens!

Holly: Mazes? Ovens? Who is filling your mind with those foolish and baseless fears?

Fanny: Why, it's the giant named FEAR.

Holly: Fanny, giants can only have the power we give them. As you give place to the giant, you start to believe his lies. And that is what he is doing--lying to you. When you believe his lies, you allow him to handcuff you...

Giant: (trying to get her attention) Hey Fanny--looks like some tornado clouds forming. Look! (pointing)

Fanny: I'm not going to look! *(covering her eyes)* Holly, if I don't believe him, what should I believe?

Holly: Believe that God is good and He can be trusted with your life. Believe that He is with you. Believe that He will strengthen and help you. Believe that greater is He that is in you than any giant you may face. Be strong and courageous, because God is with you wherever you go.

Fanny: You're right. I have listened to this giant lie and whisper his "what ifs" long enough. I even gave in and allowed him to handcuff me. I'm going to get these things off right now. (takes off handcuffs)

Giant: Don't worry, I'll be back...