



GUILT

- Characters:** Giant of Guilt (stand on small stool to appear as a giant)
Guilty Greta (wearing sunglasses, dragging a ball and chain)
Helpful Holly (off-stage, phone voice)
Narrator (optional)
- Props:** stool, sunglasses, ball and chain (cover a ball with duct tape, chain to leg), cell phone
- Theme:** Facing the giant of Guilt
- Verse:** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:1a)

Script

Narrator: Tonight we will meet Guilty Greta.

(Greta walks in head down, wearing big sunglasses, and dragging a ball and chain)

Greta *(startled upon seeing the giant when she passes him)*: Who-who-who are you?

Giant: Today my name is GUILT.

Greta: *(lifts up sunglasses)* Oh, you. Of course I know you. You gave me these dark glasses! And this ball and chain. And what do you mean "today"? It's more like **everyday** with me, your name is GUILT. Where are your awful sisters, "SHAME" and "REGRET" today?

Giant: Oh, yeah...you do remember us. SHAME and REGRET took a short break today. Don't worry, they'll be back!

Greta: They never far away--I can't ever escape them.

Giant: I'm here to remind you of your horrible sin.

Brenda: Remind me? I carry that secret with me every single day. I wish I could forget it!

Giant: I bet you do! But that's impossible. It's true, and you can't escape that. You did it, and you can't take it back. What's done is done. You are guilty, GUILTY, **GUILTY!** You can wear those dark sunglasses and avoid looking anyone in the eyes. But you're still GUILTY. I don't want you to forget it!

Greta: Don't worry. Between you, and SHAME and REGRET, any way I turn I run into one of you. I drag this guilt and regret with me wherever I go! The sunglasses of shame keep me from being open with people--I can't look them in the eye because of my shame.

Giant: My sisters and I--we're a team, and that's how we work! We have a great system.

Greta: I feel like I'm in a prison--the prison of a secret.

Giant: (*proudly*) Oh, yeah!

(*Greta's cell phone rings*)

Greta: Hello?

Holly: Hi Greta. This is Holly. We've met a couple times at church.

Greta: Hi, Holly. I do remember you.

Holly: I want to get to know you better, Holly, but you are always wearing those sunglasses.

Greta: I know. Like it or not, these sunglasses of shame are a part of me. And the ball and chain of guilt and regrets hold me back from reaching out to God and people. I can barely make it to church.

Holly: Greta, we've all made mistakes and have done things in our lives that we are not proud of. Thank goodness for God's forgiveness and cleansing.

Greta: Oh, God can't forgive me for this sin...

Giant: That's right. You're guilty. You did it. You sinned big time. It's done and you can't do anything to take it back.....

Holly: You know that is not true, Greta.

Greta: Well He won't forgive me, at least not for a long time. I need to adequately suffer for my sin first. I've been condemned and I deserve to be punished. These sunglasses and the ball and chain are my just due. I deserve them.

Holly: That's true--we all deserve to be punished for our sin. We stand condemned before a holy God. But did you forget that Jesus took your punishment? He already suffered for that sin and all the other ones. When you confessed your sins and accepted Jesus as your Savior, He removed your guilt and shame. There is no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! You're free! That's good news!

Greta: I know He died for my sin, but...

Giant: You're guilty, GUILTY, **GUILTY!** No buts about it! Fact is fact!

Greta: I'm guilty...

Holly: Who are you going to believe, Greta? Are you going to believe God's promise of forgiveness and cleansing and freedom from guilt and condemnation? That enemy wants to separate you from God and from other believers. He wants that ball and chain to hold you back in your walk with Him.

Greta: It does hold me back, that's for sure. How can I get rid of it?

Giant: NO, NO - that ball and chain are yours for life.

Holly: Here's what I want you to do, Greta. Come before God and honestly bring Him your sin and guilt and shame. Confess it, and give Him all that unnecessary baggage you drag with you. Whenever the enemy reminds you of your sin and guilt, just direct him to the One who already took your punishment.

Greta: I'm ashamed to even face God.

Holly: Confess it to your loving Father, Greta. Then claim His promise. He says that if you confess your sin, He is faithful and just to forgive you and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. He's made it so simple!

Giant: No, no--it can't be true! It may be true for others, but not for YOU!

Holly: It is true for you, Greta. It is a promise in God's Word!

Greta: I'm going to do it, Holly. Right now. Thanks for calling, and thanks for caring. Goodbye. *(pause) (takes off sunglasses and bows her head)* God, I'm so ashamed to even confess to you what I did. I knew it was sin, and I did it anyway. But God, You already know what I did. And Your Son died for that sin too. Thank you for your everlasting love, and your promise of forgiveness. I'm going to believe it this time. I'm going to get rid of this guilt once and for all *(she takes off ball and chain and throws it at the giant, who falls down)*. I want to walk with You in the light, and in freedom.

(lifts head) Thank you! Thank you!