

PEER PRESSURE

(Spike enters looking for something)

Spike: Now where could that thing be? Rats! If I don't find it I'll be grounded for life!

Maria: Hi, Spike. Whatcha huntin' for?

Spike: Maria! What are you doing here? Uh, I mean, how are you doin'?

Maria: Fine. But you sure are acting funny. You want me to help you find it?

Spike: Find what?

Maria: Whatever you were looking for. What did you lose anyway?

Spike: Uh...my shoe.

Maria: Your shoe? But Spike, you have both shoes on!

Spike: (looks down) Oh yeah. Thanks maria! You're a big help.

Maria: OK, Spike, somethin's goin' on here. Don't you think you want to level with me?

Spike: OK, Maria. One of the guys handed me a cigarette, and then the bell rang, and I stuck it in my school bag, and it fell out somewhere, and I sure don't want Mom and Dad to find it! I won't ever be able to sit down again!

Maria: Spike! I'm ashamed of you! It wasn't lit, was it?

Spike: Of course not! I'm not a total space cadet!

Maria: OK, OK, but why did you let one of the guys give it to you anyway? You didn't have to take it.

Spike: Well, I was afraid if I didn't the guys would make fun of me and call me a baby.

Maria: I understand how you feel. But sometimes we have to do
what's right even if it means getting laughed at.

Spike: But that's hard! I hate to be laughed at!

Maria: Me, too. But wouldn't it feel worse inside to know you'd done
something that would make God unhappy?

Spike: Yeah, I guess so. But how do I know that for sure? Where
does it say in the Bible that smoking is wrong?

Maria: Well, it doesn't say that speci-- specksi-- uh, I mean it
doesn't say "Thou shalt not smoke" but it does say our bodies
are the temple of the Holy Spirit, so anything that hurts our
bodies is wrong.

Spike: You mean like drinking, drugs, smoking, stuff like that.

Maria: Yeah. And it also says in Col. 3:17 "and whatever you do in
word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." So
anything you wouldn't want to do in Jesus name, in other
words, for Him, is also wrong.

Spike: Like watchin' R - rated movies at a friend's house on HBO, or using ugly words that
your mom would give your mouth a bubble bath for if she heard you. You
know what? I think it takes more courage to say no than to do something just
because everybody else does it.

Maria: Definately. And when I do that, I feel good inside because
I know God is happy with me.

Spike: Thanks, Maria, for setting me straight. I'd better go tell Mom about that
cigarette before she finds it. I sure hope
she understands.

Maria: I'm sure she will.

Spike: Do you think maybe you could go with me for moral support?

Maria: Sure, Spike.

Spike: And maybe if you're with me she won't yell at me quite as loud.

Maria: Oh, Spike! (All exit)