

## SKIT

*Scoop newsman  
show music*

*Scoop enters*

SCOOP

Hello everyone! Thanks for watching the Scoop Newsman show on KABC! I am so glad to be back for the last show of the year!

I have to tell you, I was really excited about this show until I got the call that my archenemy Ima Newswoman was in town for the annual reporters convention. I can't stand her! She is so annoying!

Oh no! Someone is coming! I hope it is not Ima!

*Scoop hides in  
ridiculous places.*

*John enters and  
spots scoop.*

JOHN

Uh. Hey there Scoop. What are you doing?

SCOOP

Hi John! Whew! Am I glad it's you! I thought you were my archenemy Ima Newswoman.

JOHN

Oh. Well, why is this Ima your archenemy?

SCOOP

It all goes back to when we were in reporter school. Ima stole every story I got the scoop on. When I found out about the 1,000 pound pig at the fair,

Ima got there first. When I had the picture of the two-headed snake, Ima took it off my desk and used my story. And when I got an exclusive interview with the mayor, Ima shot spit wads at me the entire time. She drives me crazy!

JOHN

Well scoop, it sounds like you have a lot to forgive Ima for.

SCOOP

Forgive! I can't forgive her! She's too terrible, too awful! There is no way I can do that!

JOHN

Well Scoop, I know it can be hard to forgive, especially when we think the person doesn't deserve to be forgiven. In the Bible, the disciples were worried about this very thing. They wanted to know, if someone keeps doing something mean to you, how many times do you need to forgive?

SCOOP

How many times did Jesus say? Because I guarantee you that Ima has done more mean things to me than she deserves to be forgiven for.

JOHN

Well, Jesus said, " I do not say to you, forgive up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

SCOOP

490? That's a lot of forgiving!

JOHN

Actually, Do you think Jesus was saying you only need to forgive up to 490 times?

Jesus was saying we need to keep forgiving. Stop keeping track of how many times and just forgive. Everyday I do things that Jesus needs to forgive me for. And you know what? He forgives me every time. We need to forgive others like Jesus forgives us.

SCOOP

That is a great point. Let's say that all together. I know I need to remember that one.

**Since God forgives you, you should forgive others**

SCOOP

Wow! Thanks John! I needed to hear that. I will try to keep forgiving Ima.

JOHN

Good luck Scoop.

SCOOP

Thanks

*John exits*

*Scoop mutters to himself and paces.*

*Brittney enters.*

BRITTNEY

Hi Scoop! How are you?

SCOOP

*Hey Brittney! I'm ok. I'm just thinking about someone I need to forgive.*

BRITTNEY

Who do you need to forgive?

SCOOP

My archenemy Ima Newswoman. She is in town and I know I am going to run into her at some point. I am trying to

avoid it. She is always terrible to me and I know I need to forgive her but I don't really want to right now. I'm thinking about leaving town for a while.

BRITTNEY

Yeah, forgiveness can be hard, but you know what Scoop?

SCOOP

What?

BRITTNEY

Even though it is really hard to forgive, it doesn't make it easier to put it off. If we wait to forgive, it will just eat at us and drive us crazy. Don't wait to start making things right. Trust me, you will be happy to put it behind you.

SCOOP

You're right. That is another great point. Let's say that all together.

**Don't wait to start making things right with others**

SCOOP

Thanks for the advice Brittney!

BRITTNEY

Sure scoop! See you later!

*Brittney exits.*

SCOOP

Ok. I need to find Ima and forgive her. Where would Ima be? Probably out finding a good story to steal from somebody.

*Sue enters.*

SUE

Hey Scoop! What big story are you covering today?

SCOOP

Hi Sue! I'm actually not covering a story today. I am trying to figure out how to forgive my archenemy Ima Newswoman. I know I need to forgive and soon, but I'm thinking about all the mean things she as done to me. Now I'm thinking it might be easier if I forgive her after I give her a taste of her own medicine. I was thinking of stealing a story she was working on. Or even better... Do you have any spit wads?

SUE

Wow Scoop. It sure seems like you want to get even more than you want to forgive.

SCOOP

I do want to forgive. I really do! I just think it will be easier if she knows how I feel.

SUE

Um, Scoop, I know it can be tempting to want to get even with someone when they hurt us. We want them to feel as bad as we feel. But you know what? Forgiveness means letting that other person off the hook. It means that we are not going to make them pay for what they did to us. They get a free pass!

SCOOP

Wow! That is really hard! We'd better say that all together so I remember it.

**When you want to get even, do the opposite**

SCOOP

Thanks For the advice Sue. I will try my best.

SUE

I know you will Scoop. Good luck!

*Sue exits.*

SCOOP

Wow! I really need to find Ima soon! This whole forgiveness thing is way more intense than I thought it would be. It goes way beyond just saying "I forgive you" doesn't it?

*Melissa enters.*

MELISSA

Hi Scoop! What are you up to?

SCOOP

Hey Melissa! I am just trying to figure out how to forgive my archenemy Ima Newswoman. I'm realizing that it is going to take a lot of hard work.

MELISSA

That is true. It does take a lot of work to forgive someone, but even though it is not easy, it can be really worth it.

SCOOP

How?

MELISSA

Well, When people are forgiven, it can change them. It is one of the biggest ways we can show God's love to others. It goes against everything we think and feel as a person to truly forgive someone when they have been mean. We want to get even. We want to get as far away from that person as we can. But if we forgive, we show that we are different than other people. We show that we are on God's team. We show them that even though they are mean and do bad things, God still loves them.

SCOOP

Wow! Forgiveness is really powerful!  
This seems like a really important point.  
Let's say it all together.

**When people are forgiven, it can change them**

SCOOP

Wow! Thanks Melissa! Now I am really  
excited to find Ima and forgive her!

MELISSA

I hope it goes well! See ya!

*Melissa exits.*

SCOOP

Well, where could Ima be? I really  
thought she would be here by now.

*Ima peeks around  
from behind the  
building.*

*Scoop sits down on  
the bench to think.*

*Ima jumps out from  
behind the bush  
and scared Scoop.*

IMA

Boo! Ha ha ha! You jumped so high  
Scoop Newsman! What a scary cat! Ha  
ha ha!

SCOOP

Uh. Hi Ima. I've actually been looking for  
you.

IMA

I'll bet you have Scoop. You working on  
a good story? I bet you are! Come on  
give it over.

*Ima playfully punches scoop in the stomach.*

*Scoop looks irritated.*

*Point number 1 comes up on the screen.*

SCOOP

Thanks for the reminder guys. Actually, I just finished a series of documentaries.

IMA

Documentaries huh? With cameras following you everywhere?

SCOOP

Yep.

IMA

I bet you always try to look your best then huh?

SCOOP

I try to.

IMA

I've got just the thing for you then Scoop.

*Ima hands Scoop a rose.*

IMA

Go ahead, give it a sniff!

SCOOP

Wow thanks Ima! What a kind gesture!

*Scoop sniffs the rose and gets ink all over his nose.*

*Ima stifles her laughter.*

SCOOP

That does smell nice. Actually Ima I wanted to let you know that I... What is so funny?

IMA

I don't know. You tell me.

*Hands scoop a mirror.*

IMA

You should try a little harder to look good for those cameras big guy. Ha ha ha!

SCOOP

I can't do this you guys! I thought I could, but I can't. Not today. Maybe tomorrow Things will be different.

*Bottom line 2 comes up on the screen.*

SCOOP

You're right! I have to do it now!

Ima, I really need to talk to you...

IMA

I know, that was a little out of line. Here, let me make it up to you.

*Ima hugs Scoop and tapes a "kick me" sign to the back of him.*

SCOOP

Um. Thanks Ima. Um, if you've got a sec here I would really like to talk to you about something.

IMA

Hang on a second. It looks like you came with an instruction manual and I want to follow the directions.

*Ima kicks Scoop.*

SCOOP

What?!

*Scoop reaches back and finds the sign.*

*Ima laughs hysterically.*

SCOOP

Ok Ima. That's it! I've had enough. You've got it coming.

*Scoop tries to tape the sign to Ima.*

*Bottom line 3 comes up on the screen.*

SCOOP

Ugh! I can't take it anymore! This is too hard! It isn't worth it.

*Bottom line 4 comes up on the screen.*

SCOOP

Fine! I give up! Ima, I am trying to forgive you! Could you please stop tormenting me long enough for me to get it out?!

IMA

You're trying to what?

SCOOP

Forgive you.

IMA

Why would you want to do that? I'm mean to you all the time.

SCOOP

Yeah. Tell me about it. But I do things that are wrong all the time and Jesus forgives me. I want to show you the same love He shows me. I forgive you Ima. Can we stop this fighting, please?

*Ima is crying hysterically.*

IMA

No one has ever been this nice to me! All this time, all I wanted was a friend! I'm sorry Scoop! I promise, from now on I will leave you alone. No more stealing stories. No more mean tricks. This is the last you will see of me. Goodbye Scoop.

*Ima starts to sulk away.*

SCOOP

Ima, wait. You don't have to be by yourself. If you want a friend, I can be your friend.

IMA

Really?

SCOOP

Absolutely! Maybe we can even work on a story together!

IMA

That would be great! I have so many ideas! I hear the pig is back at the fair this year. Maybe we could interview him...

*Ima chatters as they start to walk away. Scoop stops and turns around.*

I guess Melissa was right! Forgiveness can change people. I learned a lot today and I hope you did too. Thanks again for watching the Scoop Newsman show this year. Have a great summer! And as always... Stay classy Atascadero.