



Bible Byte 4

Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

Isaiah 53:7

The Ice-Cream Shop

Characters: Scoop
Waffle
Mr. Isaiah Ice-cream

Scoop and Waffle work side by side in the Isaiah Ice-cream Shop. Today Mr. Isaiah Ice-cream has a special offer, giving each person who buys an ice-cream a complimentary Bible Byte.

Scoop makes a number of mistakes while serving customers, and each time frames Waffle, who takes the blame for what has happened.

Enter: Mr. Isaiah Ice-cream, followed by Scoop and Waffle carrying large tubs of ice-cream, cones and a large sign saying "Isaiah's Ice creams. Today's Flavour: Cinnamon Sprinkles. Special offer: Free Bible Byte with every ice-cream. Ice-cream 53c Cones 7c"

Each cone is placed inside a cardboard cone holder with the Bible Byte printed on it.

Mr. Isaiah: Scoop, Waffle – I must say I'm very excited about today's special offer. A Bible Byte with every ice-cream. It's unique, it's innovative, it's ahead of the pack and no one else is doing this.

Waffle: That's true Mr. Isaiah Ice-cream, you are the only ice-cream seller giving a Bible Byte with every ice-cream.

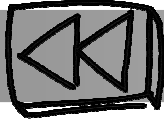
Scoop: Those other guys are still doing sprinkles, iced chocolate, crushed nuts...but not you – you're ahead of the trend.

Mr. Isaiah: Now with every customer you serve today, place the cone in the Bible Byte cover, and say

"Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us. Isaiah 53:7"

Fill it with flavour, sprinkle with cinnamon ... I want a super smile ... and charge them 53 cents for the ice-cream and 7 cents for the cone. Got it?

Scoop: Yep. 1) Cone in the cover 2) "Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us. Isaiah 53:7"
3) Fill with flavour 4) Sprinkle with cinnamon, 5) Super smile, 6) 53 cents for the ice-cream and 7 cents for the cone. Is that right Mr. Isaiah?



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Mr. Isaiah: Perfect! Now you Waffle?

Waffle: 1) Cone in the cover 2) "Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us. Isaiah 53:7"

3) Fill with flavour 4) Sprinkle with cinnamon, 5) Super smile, 6) 53 cents for the ice-cream and 7 cents for the cone. Is that right Mr. Isaiah?

Mr. Isaiah: Wonderful, any questions?

Scoop: Yes, I think we should find out the most popular flavours in the audience.

(Takes a quick vox pop asking kids their favourite ice-cream flavours)

Waffle: I have a question. Mr Isaiah, I don't mean to be rude, but the free Bible Byte with the ice-cream...it's a little odd, and I'm not really sure I understand it.

Mr. Isaiah: Glad you asked, Waffle. It's about Jesus. He lived a life fully in God's good ways, but others thought he was a *sinner* – a person living against God's ways.

Waffle: No way – Jesus was totally into love and justice, living for others, showing people God's love!

Mr. Isaiah: But still, others thought he was a sinner. He was killed, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us. Anyway – time for work! I'll leave you to it.

(exits)

Scoop: Waffle I think we should go over what we have to do one more time

Waffle: Good plan, Scoop.

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Scoop: Ok! Open for business

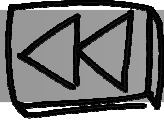
(Several team members come out of the audience to buy an ice-cream. Repeat the steps each time, making sure the audience joins in.)

Scoop: I'm just going to adjust the sign...*(pulls it down)*

Enter Mr. Isaiah

Mr. Isaiah: *(seeing sign on the ground)* What happened to the sign?

Scoop: Oh Mr. Isaiah, I tried to tell Waffle not to touch the sign, but he wouldn't listen to me. And he pulled it right off the wall. Isn't that right boys and girls?



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Mr. Isaiah: Waffle, how could you? That will be \$10 less in your pay this week.

(Leaves as Waffle is speaking, and doesn't hear)

Waffle: Mr. Isaiah, I didn't....

Scoop: *(Laughing at Waffle)* Ha ha ha ha. Phew I got away with that. He thinks it was you. Look here come some more customers.

(Serve more team members and audience members, repeating all of the steps)

Waffle: Scoop can you pass me another bag of cinnamon sprinkles please?

(Scoop takes a bag of sprinkles and treats it like a footy. He 'commentates' as he mimes playing with it, but drops it and it spills. Make sure that the bag is already open, and just twisted closed so it does spill on impact)

Scoop: Uh Oh...

Waffle: Scoop, you keep serving the customers and I'll sweep it up *(begins sweeping with a brush and shovel)*

Mr. Isaiah enters

Mr. Isaiah: Cinnamon sprinkles on the floor! Waffle! Don't tell me you were careless with the sprinkles!

Scoop: I know Mr. Isaiah – I tried to tell Waffle, "Be careful with the sprinkles" but no!

Mr. Isaiah: Again, Waffle, you will have to pay for this, and stay back until everything is clean. Scoop, I don't know how you put up with Waffle.

(Isaiah exits)

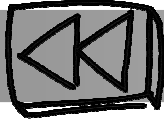
Scoop: *(To the audience)* Got away with it again! But somehow I think Waffle is going to be pretty mad with me.

Waffle: *(Finishes sweeping up)* Hey Scoop. I still need a bag of cinnamon sprinkles. Can you pass me one, please?

Scoop: Aren't you mad at me? I've made other people think you've done all this stuff, and you've suffered for my bads.

Waffle: Scoop, it may just be a cone cover to you, but I've been thinking about what happened to Jesus. Boys and girls, Mums and Dads, sunbakers and swimmers, picnickers and BBQ-ers, sorbet and gelati lovers, remind our friend Scoop here of the cone cover Bible Byte.

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Scoop: And you're seriously going to forgive me too?

Waffle: I am.

Scoop: Wow.

Waffle: Scoop, there's a special order here, for a super sized, scoop-a-licious ice-cream. We better get on to it

Scoop: So it's the usual, just super-sized...

Waffle: Yep.

(Waffle and Scoop assemble a huge 'ice-cream' using a blown up balloon in a cardboard 'cone' and covering the balloon with shaving cream)

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3) fill with flavour 4) Sprinkle with cinnamon, 5) Super smile

Waffle: Ok, I'll deliver it to [insert name of team member with biggest appetite]

Scoop: No, I want to! *(Grabs the cone and turns to go...Mr. Isaiah enters and Scoop plants the ice cream face first into Mr. Isaiah who is covered in cream...this might best be done in slow motion for full effect)*

Waffle: Uh oh!

Scoop: Uh oh!

Mr. Isaiah: (yelling) Scoop...Scoop...

Scoop: I can't think of a way to blame this on Waffle – gotta run!

(Gratuitous chase scene, as Waffle clears everything from the stage.)

Wrap up with a straight leader simply reviewing the verse. Don't over interpret this but say something like...

"Scoop could be in trouble with Mr. Isaiah, who might not be so forgiving. It seems Waffle is giving it a go, trying to follow Jesus' example."

