

**EASY YOKE**  
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**Purpose:**

Often bogged down with the *things* of this world, we try and do things on our own. We need only to ask and God will gladly help us. Mt:11:30: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Characters:**

Jesus and man bogged down with the cares of this world

**Props:**

Cardboard (or wooden, if available) yoke.

Empty boxes with labels on the side: job, car, children, wife/husband, house, bills, sickness, etc.

**or** empty boxes of things: like computers, stereos, toys, etc. In other words, the material things for which we become weary, striving to obtain them.

*As the lights come up, Jesus stands still with his back to a side door across the stage. Over his shoulders is the yoke. He occupies one side of the stage, with the other side empty.*

Behind Him and across the stage, a door opens. A man in street clothes comes in through the side door. Behind him, he pulls a net containing the boxes. As the man pulls it across the stage toward Jesus, he is laboring, staggering, and gasping for air. He goes slower and slower until he comes to an exhausted stop, several paces from Jesus, who still has not turned around.

Jesus does not acknowledge his presence until, the weary one calls out softly, "Help me, Lord!" (*These are the only words spoken in the whole presentation*).

At the sound of the voice, Jesus smiles. Then he steps backwards until the empty side of the yoke can be fitted over the weary man's shoulders. Jesus takes hold of the same end of the net the traveler grips and loops it around the center of the yoke (Taking care to hold onto the net). Then, together, they walk off the stage, pulling the net behind them in a straight line, with apparent ease.