

St. Michael's School

Goose Bay
Labrador

presents

Led Astray

CAST:

Connie Pilgrim	Narrator
Cheryle Mularz	Introductory Speaker
Peter Moffatt	Classroom Teacher
Stephen Hungerford	Guidance Counsellor
Derrick Goudie	Bus Driver
Sean Hedges	Terry, the student led astray
Kirk Howell	Ross, the leader of the gang
Myron Pollard	Joe, Terry's best friend
Daryl Martin	Driver of the car
Kent Pickford	Students who are part of the gang
Darren Dyson	
Kirk Hanrahan	
Tina Gilliland	Other students in the class
Tracey Kublek	
Tracey Orman	
Carrie Brown	
Arlene Viscount	
Dee Dee Saunders	

DIRECTED BY: Mrs. Gregory

SCENE I

Introduction: In our class this year we read a lot of Aesop's Fables, e.g. the fox and the crow where the fox stole the cheese from the crow. From these fables you learn a lesson. This play that we've put together is also for the purpose of teaching students a lesson.

Narrator: Students in the Grade Seven classroom are sitting in their seats anxiously waiting for the results of their History test.

Mr. Moffatt: I'm not overly pleased with the results of this test. The highest marks goes to Terry Lee. Where is Terry? He sure is an example of a good student. (Terry smiles showing his happiness)

Ross: Oh yes, goody, goody Terry shines again.

Mr. Moffatt: That's O.K. Ross. If you have that same attitude in June, you'll most likely be repeating Grade Seven.

Ross: But Sir, I'll get a job even if I don't get Grade Seven. My Dad makes all kinds of money as a truck driver and he didn't even pass Grade 5.

Student I: Oh my, here we go again - Ross and his truck driving.

Mr. Moffatt: Ross, your Dad didn't have the opportunities open to him like you have, so you should take advantage of them. But, I guess, as the saying goes "If you make the bed for yourself, you'll lie on it".

Student II: There goes sir with his favorite expression again.

Mr. Moffatt: Well it's that time again - the end of another day. We will review the test tomorrow so you may catch your bus now.

Student III: Ross, Where's your books?

Ross: I'm not doing any homework anyway. Who cares about books? Not me!

SCENE II

Narrator: Students are now on the bus. Terry is sitting with his friend, Joe.

Joe: (tapping him on the shoulder) What did you get on your History test?

Terry: Oh, I got a ninety-eight.

Joe: I only got a seventy-nine. Gee that was a hard test but you always seem to get high marks.

Terry: What question did you do poorly on, Joe?

Joe: The question on current events about the hostages in Iran.

Bus Driver: (bringing the bus to a halt) O.K. Joe, your stop.

Joe: See you later, Terry.

Terry: See you later, Joe. (Ross skips seats and sits with Terry)

Ross: So you're trying to be the teachers pet with all those high marks. Why don't you play with us? We don't get high marks but we have lots of fun. Hey there's a barn not far from my house. We'll meet you there in 20 minutes. Don't be chicken now! (They get off the bus)

Bus Driver: My, they're a noisy gang! Terry, you just live around the corner, right?

Terry: Yes, right here will be fine. (Terry gets off the bus)

SCENE III

Narrator: Terry is at his house having a lunch but at this point Terry is troubled. He has a decision to make. Should he stay with his good friend, Joe, or should he go with Ross and the gang?

Terry: (picks up the phone) I'll ring Joe..... No, I'll ring Ross and the gang. They have fun! But.... But the bus driver, he even talked about that noisy gang. Oh heck, whatever, I'll go with the boys.

SCENE IV

Narrator: Terry and the boys are in the barn, looking about.

Terry: Oh look, I found an old saddle!

Ross: Oh that's mine. I found that yesterday.

Terry: I bet you didn't!

Gang: Yes he did find it yesterday. That's his.

Terry: (looks at his watch) Oh I better be getting home. My parents will be worried.

Ross: Oh, no problem, just hitch with us, we'll have no trouble gettin a ride.

Terry: Hitch! That's against the law.

Ross: Oh nobody takes that seriously. Not our gang anyway. Good luck with a ride Terry. See you at school tomorrow. (They go in opposite directions and start thumbing a ride)

Terry: I hope my mom and dad don't come along. Gee! I had fun though!

SCENE V

Narrator: Terry is on the bus going to school and Joe gets on.

Joe: Terry, what are you doing, sittin way back there?

Terry: I don't know. Do I have to sit in the same place every day?

Joe: Boy, you're grouchy this morning. You must have gotten out on the wrong side of the bed.

Terry: My bed's against the wall. I always get up on the same side. (Bus Driver drives on and student puts up the sign "St. Mike's School". The bus stops. Terry is the last to get off)

Terry: Hi Ross!

Ross: Hi Terry! I don't feel like being cooped up in school all day. Let's skip school. Lets go back to the old barn.

Narrator: Terry and Ross look around. Joe is out of sight as they take off for the old barn. This kept up for the next six weeks, the boys usually swinging a day at the barn each week.

SCENE VI

Narrator: Terry's absentee days have been far to many. He is at the Guidance Counsellor's office.

Counsellor: Terry, your marks have really dropped this term. I'm afraid you are going to have to shape up. Is there something bothering you?

Terry: Well, Well I get headaches and sometimes I can't come to school.

Counsellor: Has your mom taken you to the doctor? I'll tell you what. I'll give your mom a call at work and explain the situation.

Terry: But...But...she knows. She said this morning I didn't look well.

Counsellor: No Terry, I think I'll call her anyway.

Terry: No Sir, I'll tell her after school

Counsellor: Terry, you seem worried. Are you telling me the truth?

Terry: Well, Well, it's like this. I got led astray by the wrong gang. They talked me into being part of their gang. I...I...I...guess I was foolish. I couldn't make a decision for myself.

Counsellor: Terry it's very easy to be led down the wrong path. You have to have will power yourself, don't just do things because others are doing it.

Terry: Sir, I'll get back to my studies, no more skipping classes and larking about. If Ross wants to do that, well... hopefully he'll see his mistake before it's too late.

Counsellor: Terry, you may go back to class now and remember the old saying "Stand up for what you believe in yourself. There'll always be a crowd to lead you astray".