

The Pilgrim Family Drives to Zion

A series of boxes is set up in the configuration of a car.

NARRATOR

Good morning. And welcome to our play. This play is all about the Pilgrim family and their drive to Zion.

Narrator points to the boxes.

That is the Pilgrim family's car. Yeah, I know, it's a little on the old side.

Dad Pilgrim enters.

DAD PILGRIM

It may be old, but it's still reliable. It will get us anywhere we want to go.

Dad Pilgrim kicks the tires and checks under the hood.

NARRATOR

That's Dad Pilgrim. He makes sure the car is running ok.

DAD PILGRIM

It's running ok. But it does need an oil change. But the battery is good. I think we'll make it to Zion.

NARRATOR

The family had planned a trip to Zion. Dad Pilgrim was all set to go, but some of the Pilgrim Children took a long time to get ready. Dad called out to them.

DAD PILGRIM

Come on, children, it's time to go.

The rest of the Pilgrim family enters. There is Mom Pilgrim and perhaps three children.

MOM PILGRIM

Come on, children. We're driving to Zion.

NARRATOR

Well, there they are; the Pilgrim family. There's Mom Pilgrim (she takes a bow). There is Pilgrim Child Number One (takes a bow). There's Pilgrim Child Number Two (takes a bow). And there is Pilgrim Child Number Three.

Pilgrim Child Number Three is not very happy. s/he doesn't bow.

Pilgrim Child Number Three was not very happy. S/he refused to bow. S/h received encouragement from his/her siblings.

PILGRIM CHILD ONE AND TWO (whispering)

Go on. Bow. Bow.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER THREE

I'm not going to bow. I don't want to be Child Number Three. I want to be known as Fred. Fred Pilgrim. That's me.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim Family had heard all this before. They all looked up to heaven and heaved a deep sigh. They all said, "o.k."

PILGRIM FAMILY

O.K.

NARRATOR

So, there they are: Dad Pilgrim, Mom Pilgrim, Pilgrim Child Number One, Pilgrim Child Number Two. And...yes, FRED Pilgrim.

FRED PILGRIM

That's me.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO

It sure is.

NARRATOR

Finally, the Pilgrim Family was ready to go.

DAD PILGRIM

Everybody in the car.

*The Pilgrim Family piles into the car. Mom and Dad are in front.
The Pilgrim children sit on raised boxes in the rear.*

NARRATOR

Dad started the car.

Everybody makes car noises.

And they headed down the road. The road to Zion was a very winding road. It was full of twists and turns.

Dad leans from side to side. Everyone follows his lead.

Sometimes, the road got very bumpy.

The family bounces up and down, taking their lead from Dad.

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But the Pilgrim family entertained themselves by singing songs.

FAMILY

“Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.”

NARRATOR

That was one of their favorites.

PILGRIM CHILD ONE

It's my favorite.

PILGRIM CHILD TWO

It's my favorite, too.

PILGRIM CHILD THREE

It's my favorite three.

Pilgrim Child Three realizes he has made a boo boo.

PILGRIM CHILD ONE AND TWO

Ahhh. Haaa. Pilgrim Child THREE. We thought you were Fred Pilgrim. Ha Ha.

PILGRIM CHILD THREE

I am Fred Pilgrim. Be quiet.

The other Pilgrim Children continue to laugh. Fred Pilgrim pinches one of the other children.

PILGRIM CHILD ONE

Ow. Mom, he pinched me.

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MOM PILGRIM

Children, behave. Why don't you all just have a nice conversation?

CHILDREN (without enthusiasm)

O.K.

Long. Pause. The car bumps over rocks. The children look glum.

NARRATOR

There was a long pause. The children couldn't think of anything to say. Finally, one of the children said...

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER TWO

Are we there, yet?

Mom and Dad Pilgrim look up to heaven in frustration.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim children thought that was pretty funny.

The Pilgrim children laugh.

But Mom and Dad Pilgrim didn't think it was very funny at all.

Dad Pilgrim stops the car and Mom and Dad Pilgrim glare at their children.

The children said they were sorry.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

We're sorry.

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NARRATOR

They promised to behave.

PILGRIM CHILDREN (without much enthusiasm)

We'll behave.

NARRATOR

They all rode in silence for quite awhile. The children got very bored.

The Pilgrim children yawn in unison.

Mom Pilgrim noticed a sign up ahead.

MOM PILGRIM

Look, children. What does that sign say?

The children strain to read it.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

It says: "DANGER. BEWARE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS."

NARRATOR

The children wondered what the Seven Deadly Sins might be.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

What are they?

NARRATOR

Mom Pilgrim told the children to be very careful of the Seven Deadly Sins.

MOM PILGRIM

Those Seven Deadly Sins can be deadly.

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NARRATOR

The children wondered if they were more deadly than wild animals.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER TWO

Are they more deadly than grizzly bears?

MOM PILGRIM

Yes, indeed.

FRED PILGRIM

More deadly than alligators?

MOM PILGRIM

Um hum.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER ONE

More deadly than...

NARRATOR

But before Pilgrim Child Number One could finish the question, a very strange person appeared in front of their car.

Pride appears, looking in a mirror.

Dad Pilgrim had to apply the brakes very quickly so he didn't hit the person.

Dad Pilgrim applies the brakes. The Pilgrims all bounce back and forth.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family was about to meet one of the seven deadly sins. The one called...PRIDE.

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PRIDE

Oh, hello. I didn't see you coming. I was busy looking at myself. I spend a lot of time looking at myself.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family wondered who this person could be. Pilgrim Child Number 3...

Fred Pilgrim gives the Narrator a look.

I'm sorry...FRED Pilgrim asked the person who s/he was.

FRED PILGRIM

Who are you?

PRIDE

You mean, you don't recognize me?

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim Family didn't recognize the person.

Pilgrim family members shake their heads.

PILGRIMS

No.

PRIDE

Oh. That makes me sad. Very sad.

Pride starts to cry.

Boo hoo.

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Then Pride looks in the mirror.

But I am too pretty/good looking to cry. But I am ALWAYS good looking.

NARRATOR

Pilgrim Child Number One thought Pride was pretty conceited.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER ONE

You're pretty conceited.

PRIDE (pleased)

Yes, I know. I am conceited. I love being conceited. But what I really am is PRIDE. Oh, I am so prideful. There is no one more proud than me.

NARRATOR

And so, Pride began to sing a little song.

PRIDE

I'm so prideful
Just a wonderful prideful
I'm so prideful
There is no one else
As prideful as me.

I'm just simply full of

P-R-I-D-E

Oh, yeah!

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim Children were not very impressed with Pride. They asked their

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Father to drive on.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Dad, let's get out of here.

DAD PILGRIM

Excuse me, Pride. Would you mind moving?

PRIDE

Me? You want me to move? Why?

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Because you're so conceited.

PRIDE

Oh, ok. Bye.

Pride exits.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim children didn't think Pride was very scary of dangerous-looking. But Mom Pilgrim explained that Pride could be very dangerous. When we are filled with pride, we think ...

MOM PILGRIM

...only about ourselves. We forget other people.

NARRATOR

The pilgrim family drove for awhile longer. Then they were stopped by another deadly sin. This time, they were met by...ANGER.

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ANGER

Hey. You guys. You are driving on my road. I get very angry when anybody drives on my road. Sometimes, I even get FURIOUS.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrims were not impressed with ANGER

PILGRIMS

We are not impressed by you.

ANGER

Oh, yeah. Well that makes me even more angry.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrims thought Anger was pretty boring. Fred Pilgrim thought he was really boring.

FRED PILGRIM

I think you're really boring.

ANGER

Oh, yeah. Well, that makes me very, very angry. Roar.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrims watched Anger. They noticed that the more angry he got, the more red his face became, the more his eyes seemed to bug out and the more silly he seemed. They all started to laugh. This made Anger even more angry. He began to beat his hands on the ground and finally he collapsed.

ANGER collapses on the ground. The Pilgrims pull him away from the car so they can drive on. The Pilgrim children got the message, even before their mother could remind them of how

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dangerous anger could be.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

You don't have to tell us, Mom. We know that Anger can be dangerous.

MOM PILGRIM

That's right.

NARRATOR

They also thought that Anger was pretty silly. They remembered what he looked like when he got really angry.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Did you see what he looked like...

They laugh.

NARRATOR

Dad Pilgrim explained to the children that sometimes everybody gets angry with other people. But it was always better to tell the person you are angry with why you are angry. Understanding other people is a great way to deal with anger. The children nodded in agreement. But Pilgrim Child Number One brought up an issue.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER ONE

But I'm still angry with Child Number Three...

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER THREE

That's FRED Pilgrim to you.

PILGRIM CHILD NUMBER ONE

I'm still angry with Fred Pilgrim for taking my toys.

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FRED PILGRIM

Well I'm still angry with you!

NARRATOR

Mom Pilgrim asked the children to be quiet.

MOM PILGRIM

Quiet.

NARRATOR

She asked them if they wanted to be like Anger, one of the seven deadly sins. The children shook their heads.

The children shake their heads.

Mom Pilgrim asked the children to say they were sorry to each other. And they did.

They don't.

AND THEY DID.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Sorry.

NARRATOR

Mom Pilgrim asked the children to forgive each other.

Pause. Narrator looks at them sternly. The children finally hug each other.

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NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family had passed two of the seven deadly sins. But there were still five more to go before they reached Zion. Dad Pilgrim drove the car with great skill. He avoided hitting the next deadly sin. Lust leaped out in front of them at the last minute. But Dad Pilgrim swerved the car and missed Lust. But just barely.

Lust leaps out at the car. Lust dances in front of the car, but finally runs away.

LUST

Whoa. That was close.

DAD PILGRIM

That was close. Only four more sins to go.

NARRATOR

Next, they encountered Covetousness. But Covetousness was much more clever than Lust.

Covetousness enters. S/he wears a disguise. Quietly, Covetousness sneaks into the car without anyone noticing.

Covetousness was very clever. The Pilgrim family didn't even know s/he was there. But they felt the presence of Covetousness. Covetousness began to work magic. Covetousness loved that.

Covetousness giggles.

The family began to change. The children began to argue about who had the best toys.

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CHILDREN

You have better toys than me. Do not. Do too.

NARRATOR

Dad Pilgrim noticed that something was wrong. He asked what had gotten into the children.

DAD PILGRIM

What's gotten into you children?

NARRATOR

Dad wondered why they were so covetous. He decided to stop the car. He got

out of the car and looked into the back seat.

Covetousness tries to be invisible, as if s/he were just another of the children.

Dad Pilgrim finally noticed Covetousness sitting with the children.

DAD PILGRIM

You! Out!

COVETOUSNESS

Me? But I want to go to Zion.

DAD PILGRIM

Out!

COVETOUSNESS

All right. But I really like your car. I want it. And I want all your toys.

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NARRATOR

Dad Pilgrim got back into the car. He said “that was close” (he does). He counted the deadly sins they had already seen. The children joined in.

PILGRIM FAMILY

One, two, three, four...

NARRATOR

They had only three more to go. Would they make it? They wondered.

PILGRIM FAMILY

We wonder.

NARRATOR

The next deadly sin was envy.

Envy enters. Filled with envy.

ENVY

That's me.

ENVY runs around the car, looking at it with envy.

NARRATOR

Envy was envious of everything.

ENVY

I'm envious of everything. Especially your car. I want it.

NARRATOR

Envy ran around the car, looking at it with envy. But the Pilgrim family thought that envy was pretty boring. They told ENVY they thought s/he was

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boring.

PILGRIM FAMILY

You're boring!

NARRATOR

ENVY questioned their opinion.

ENVY

Me? Boring?

PILGRIM FAMILY

Yes, you!

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family drove on very quickly. There were only two more deadly sins before they reached Zion. Fred Pilgrim wondered if Zion was like Disney World.

FRED PILGRIM

Is Zion like Disney World?

NARRATOR

Mom and Dad Pilgrim rolled their eyes. Finally Dad Pilgrim said...

DAD PILGRIM

It's better than Disney World.

NARRATOR

Just when Fred Pilgrim was about to ask more about Zion, up ahead they saw...GLUTTONY.

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Gluttony appears, gorging him/herself with food.

GLUTTONY

I just can't get enough FOOD.

NARRATOR

GLUTTONY would eat anything. He was not very discriminating.

GLUTTONY

Hey!

NARRATOR

Well, it's true.

Gluttony shrugs. Eats.

The Pilgrims were pretty repulsed by what they saw. GLUTTONY was surrounded by food scraps and flies.

GLUTTONY

They're my pets.

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Ew!

NARRATOR

Dad Pilgrim drove through all the food scraps. The Pilgrim children held their noses. Now they only had one deadly sin to go. Which one would it be? Before the final deadly sin appeared they could see Zion in the distance. The Pilgrim children stood up and pointed. They shouted: "we can see it!"

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PILGRIM CHILDREN

We can see it!

NARRATOR

Mom Pilgrim told the children to sit down, because up ahead was the last deadly sin...SLOTH.

Sloth appears, covered with...stuff.

SLOTH was very messy.

SLOTH

I'm the messiest camper in the whole world.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim children decided they wouldn't want to camp with SLOTH.

SLOTH wondered why.

SLOTH

Why?

PILGRIM CHILDREN

Just look at you.

SLOTH

Oh. You got a point.

SLOTH exits.

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family finally arrived at Zion. They were greeted by all the residents of Zion. They sat down and had one of the most delicious meals

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they ever had. The food was great. But the fellowship was even better. The Pilgrim family discovered what it was to be among people who always shared Christian love. Even the children decided that this was the best place they had ever been. Even Fred Pilgrim thought it was a great place.

FRED PILGRIM

It's better than Disney World.

NARRATOR

But then, they saw some others coming toward them. They thought they recognized them, but weren't sure. They looked familiar, but...Who were they? Finally, Dad Pilgrim figured it out.

DAD PILGRIM

They're the Seven Deadly Sins!

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Not any more. We've reformed.

NARRATOR

The Seven Deadly Sins explained that they had discovered that their previous lives were just not rewarding. They had discovered Jesus and decided to journey to Zion. The Pilgrim family and all the other residents of Zion welcomed them. They all sat down to eat. Gluttony tasted the food and was very surprised.

GLUTTONY

This is the best food I've ever had. Why is that?

NARRATOR

The Pilgrim family, who had learned all this before explained that it had been prepared by faithful Christians who loved and thanked God and loved their

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neighbors as themselves. GLUTTONY had a breakthrough. He said.

GLUTTONY

That really makes a difference.

NARRATOR

And everybody said:

ALL

Yes, it does.

CURTAIN

