God’s Favorite
Written by Neil Simon

Directed by Brad Nies
Technical Direction by
Kevin Patrick
Costumes, Makeup and Hair Design by
Jennifer Patrick
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Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatrical, Inc.

Resource Guide
This resource guide serves as an educational starting point to understanding and enjoying Neil Simon’s God’s Favorite. Please note that the interpretations of the theatrical work may differ from the original source content.
Synopsis

Successful Long Island businessman Joe Benjamin is a modern-day ‘Job’ with a demanding wife and ungrateful children. Just when it seems things couldn’t get any worse, Joe is visited by Sidney Lipton, a messenger from God, with a mission: Test Joe’s faith and report back to “the Boss.” The jokes and Tests of Faith fly fast and furious as Neil Simon spins a modern morality tale like no other in this hilarious comedy.

This show is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Public Performances
May 1 & 2  7:00 PM
May 3 & 4  2:00 PM

Preview Performances
May 1  10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Endowed Scholarship Auditions
May 3  4:30 PM

Dr. W. W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center’s
MRW Studio Theater
Blinn College-Brenham
American playwright and screenwriter Neil Simon is considered to be one of the most successful, prolific and performed playwrights in theatre history. His play, *Lost In Yonkers*, won a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize, and his Broadway works include *Little Me, Come Blow Your Horn, Barefoot in the Park, The Odd Couple, The Star-Spangled Girl, Plaza Suite*, and *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. Simon’s screenplay credits include *The Out-of-Towners, Murder by Death, and Seems Like Old Times*. Before his death in 2018, Simon received more Academy and Tony nominations than any other writer.
The Book of Job

The Book of Job is a book found in the Hebrew Bible and is the first of the Poetic Books in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. The book tackles the question of why God allows for evil in the world by sharing the experiences of the protagonist, Job. A wealthy and God-fearing man, Job has a comfortable life and a large family. When God asks Satan for an opinion of Job's piety, Satan says that Job would turn away from God if he were rendered penniless, without his family, and materially uncomfortable. God allows Satan to inflict these tragedies upon Job in an attempt to prove Satan wrong. The rest of the book deals with Job successfully defending himself against his unkind friends, whom God eventually reprimands, and realizes God’s supreme power over nature.
Sources


