

# A FINE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

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*This sketch deals with the problems faced by Christians in Non-Christian states.*

## CAST

*Narrator Represents the 'official voice of the state'*

*Waters family David, Jane, Tom and Alice [or another suitable family!]*

*Guards At least two but could be any number. Perhaps dressed in military uniform and with weapons, or overcoats and dark glasses.*

*Narrator [Friendly, welcoming tone] Good morning. Welcome to church.  
I am just looking round to see who is here.  
I notice we have the Waters family.  
Good morning David, Jane, Alice and Tom.  
I wonder if you would be good enough to stand up for us – so everyone can see you; an example of a fine Christian family.*

*[Waters family stand up. They are holding service sheets and Bibles. David should be wearing a jacket and tie. After a pause the narrator resumes but this time shouting in an aggressive manner and with an authoritative voice.]*

But this country is a non-Christian state.  
You are not allowed to worship Jesus Christ.  
You must follow only the state religion.  
Guards! Seize them.

*[Guards appear and stand alongside Waters family]*

The building of churches is banned.  
It is against the law to meet with other Christians.  
Guards! Bring them to the front.

*[Guards lead Waters to front of church and line them up. They are carrying Bibles and service sheets.]*

There will be no preaching.  
There will be no talking about Jesus in public.  
You are not allowed to sing Christian songs.

*[Guards grab service sheets and tear them up]*

The Bible is banned. It is illegal to have one.

*[Guards grab Bibles]*

Because you are a Christian you are not a loyal citizen of our country. So you will not have a job in our government, business offices or factories.

*[Guards remove David's jacket and tie]*

Your children can only go to school if they convert to the state religion. Since you are unsuitable parents we will take your children away from you and force them to marry one of our loyal citizens.

*[Children are taken off stage by guards. Parents look suitably distraught]*

Since you are a second-class person we will treat you as we please. You will have no electricity or water. We will knock down your home and we will beat you up.

*[Guards start to turn over chairs and begin to rough David up]*

And we will take your wife away from you and rape her.

*[Guards lead Jane off stage]*

We will arrest you on the charge of blasphemy. We accuse you of insulting our religion.

*[David is led to chair and tied with his hands behind him. They then start to beat him as if inflicting torture]*

When found guilty we will put you in prison and torture you – probably for a long time. Finally we will put you to death.

*[David is led off stage. He finds it hard to walk.]*

We offer a reward of £3000 for anyone giving information about any Christians.

*[Guards put price tag "£3000" in empty chair]*

Anyone becoming a Christian will be killed immediately.

*[Narrator and all guards stare menacingly at the congregation]*

So, what about you lot? Are any of you Christians?

*THE END*