



*The Rock is a Youth
Ministry of Ascension
Lutheran Church*

Complain, Complain, Complain! *Based on Numbers 11:1-30*

Brady Bunch

Greg	Toby
Peter	Chandler
Bobby	Sam
Marcia	Lauren
Jan	Annee
Cindy	Sandra
Michael	Michael
Carol	Allee
Alice	Nate

Peanuts

Charlie Brown	Matt
Schroeder	Ryan
Pig Pen	Zach
Sally	Annee
Linus	Joe
Shermy	Oliver
Franklin	Johannes

Setting: Parody of "The Brady Bunch" TV show and "Peanuts" comic strip. Greg is watching TV.

Greg: Peter! Bobby! Hurry up! The game is gonna start!

(Peter and Bobby enter. Peter takes the last seat closest to the TV.)

Bobby: Man, this stinks! How come you always get to sit in that chair Peter? Now I can't see.

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Peter: Oh, grow up Bobby.

Bobby: I can't see anything. I'm hungry. This chair isn't comfortable. I'm bored.

(Girls enter, Marcia walks over and turns the TV channel.)

Greg: Hey! You can't do that!

Marcia: I just did.

Peter: Turn it back! We're missing the game!

Cindy: But Charlie Brown is on!

Greg: So what! You can watch it tomorrow.

Bobby: Well, I still can't see anything.

Peter: You're not missing much.

Jan: Marcia always gets to pick what we watch. I never get to. I want to watch Happy Days! Marcia! Marcia! Marcia! *(Storms out).*

Marcia: Sssh! It's starting!

(Peanuts music, Charlie Brown is pacing around holding a baseball bat.)

Schroeder: What's wrong Charlie Brown?

Charlie Brown: I just don't see how we can win. We have no strategy or talent.

Schroeder: I agree. But even worse-I can't find my glove!

Franklin: It's raining...or at least it might rain. I don't want to play in the rain!

Pig Pen: Charlie Brown, I can't wear this uniform.

Charlie Brown: Good grief. Why not?

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Pig Pen: Because its green.

Shermy: And...?

Pig Pen: Green just doesn't look very good on me.

Shermy: Pig Pen! You've been wearing the same shirt for years! For all you know that shirt used to be green!

Charlie Brown: Good grief! Why do we even go down to the field? We never win. We don't even have fun. Why do we have to play like the Ames High Football Team?

Sally: Why hello big brother! Are you ready to lose?

Charlie Brown: Aaahhhh!!!

Linus: Hello Charlie Brown! What's bothering you today?

Charlie Brown: We have a 0-10 record, Schroeder can't find his glove, green doesn't look good on Pig Pen, we have no strategy, my little sister doesn't think we can win and my shoes are too small!

Linus: Charlie Brown! When did you become such a complainer?

(Switches back to the Brady kids)

Greg: Alright, that's enough. I'm watching the game now!

Cindy: No! It's not over yet!

Peter: Too bad!

Bobby: I wouldn't know. I can't see anything.

(Alice enters)

Alice: What's with all the yelling??

Greg: We were here first, then the girls came and changed the channel.

Peter: We don't know the score of the game, the girls are

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being loud, we're out of chips, and Bobby won't be quiet!

Alice: Sounds like a nice bonding experience. I'll get back to work.

Greg: Alice! Tell the girls they can watch TV after the game.

Marcia: Tell the boys they can watch the game highlights after our show.

Alice: How about I just tell your parents you guys will stop fighting about the TV when pigs start flying?

(Mike and Carol enter)

Mike: What in the world is going on?

(Greg and Marcia speaking at the same time, then Peter and Jan join in)

Greg: The girls won't leave us alone! We were here first!

Marcia: The boys don't know how to share! They always get the TV!

Peter: The game is only on once a week and we're missing it!

Jan: Marcia always gets what she wants! It's not fair!

Cindy: I just wanted to watch Charlie Brown.

Bobby: *(Very loudly, over everyone else.)* Well I can't see!!!!

Mike: Enough! Enough! Kids stop yelling right now!

Carol: My goodness, when did you all become such complainers?

Greg: Since the girls always get their way.

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- Marcia: Since the boys can't share.
- Mike: Don't even start. All this over a silly TV show? Don't you realize how petty this is? You should be happy that you even have a TV!
- Carol: You should be happy that you have a home, food, and a family that loves you.
- Mike: Remember the Israelites? Even though God protected them, freed them from slavery, and provided them with manna every day, they still found things to complain about.
- Peter: Like what?
- Carol: Well, the manna wasn't good enough; they wanted meat. They wanted to return to Egypt.
- Jan: So God went to all that work of helping them escape and made sure they were safe and they still weren't happy? That must've made God mad.
- Alice: It did! I was just reading up on that story last night. In Numbers chapter 11 it says, "Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the LORD and the fire died down."
- Greg: Hmm, so that must be how you feel sometimes. You do all this stuff for us, but we still find something to complain about.
- Mike: Well the story goes on. God tells Moses to gather the elders of the camp so that he can talk to them. He promises to give the Israelites meat to eat for a month. So much of it that they will be sick of it.
- Carol: It also says, "But Moses said, "Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!' Would

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they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?" The LORD answered Moses, "Is the LORD's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

Marcia: So God was using the meat to show his love for the Israelites even though they were being complainers?

Mike: Exactly. We should praise and thank the Lord for all of the blessings he has poured out on us instead of complaining. Agreed?

All: Agreed!