

# youthESource Drama

## Say What?

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For Lent 5, Lectionary Series B, based on Mark 10:35-45

Focus: We often confuse power and greatness. The world equates power and honor with greatness. God sees greatness in those who serve. Micah 6:8 says:

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Characters: School kids, teacher

Setting: A classroom. Props could include a desk and two chairs.

Molly: Teacher, teacher! Polly and I want you to do whatever we want!

Teacher: (looking very astonished) Molly! Whatever are you talking about?

Molly: (with a spoiled, whiney tone of voice) Polly and I. We want to be line leaders. We want to sit wherever we want! We want to be first in line at lunch.

Polly: We want to sit at your desk and be the teachers!

Teacher: Molly & Polly, you know we take turns at these things. You two will have your turn. But the other kids want their turn, too. And you can go to college and learn how to be a teacher and then you'll have your own classroom and can sit at the teacher's desk!

(Molly and Polly cross their arms and stamp their feet, frowning)

Molly: But my dad's the school principal!

Polly: And my mom's the school secretary!

Molly: We should get whatever we want!

Teacher: You girls don't know what you're asking for. Do you really want to stay after school and grade papers? And go home and grade more?

Molly: No big deal. We have to stay after school and wait for our parents anyway.

Polly: And do homework at home.

Teacher: Do you want to have the talk I have to have with a certain adults? Do you want to plan IEPs?

(Molly considers this and then brushes it off arrogantly)

Polly: Sure. We don't care. That's not hard.

Teacher: Oh, you think not! Little do you know...

(Molly and Polly move their chairs to the teacher's desk.)

(Other kids murmur and complain)

Jack: What's going on? They're not the teachers!

Jake: No kidding! What do they think they're doing? If they can be the teacher, then we can, too!

Teacher: Kids, listen up. You might think being a teacher is glamorous. Being a leader can be very special. But you don't realize all the things we teachers do behind the scenes. Or all the ways we spend our own money to help out. Or the extra time we put in. Besides, I don't have the authority to make Molly & Polly teachers.

(Kids murmur some more)

Jack: What makes them think they're so great?

Jake: No kidding.

Teacher: Listen. Our way is different. Whoever wants to be great, must be a servant. Whoever wants to be first, must be like a slave. Even Jesus didn't come to BE served. He came to serve! He came to give up His life to save people. Us. You and me.

(Molly & Polly look at each other and shrug.)

Teacher: (Pointing at floor) Now who's going to sweep up that dried mud?

(All freeze)