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## **My Little Davy**

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### **CAST: 2 females**

**Emma:** Mom, early 30s, running late for son's big bowling lesson. Competitive.

**Doris:** A doting mother in her mid-50s. Equally competitive over her little Davy.

### **RUN TIME: 5 minutes**

### **PROPS – None required.**

### **STORY**

Emma and Doris are proud to watch their two sons bowl their first game without bumper pads. Emma is competitive about her son's accomplishments, but she's no match for Doris – a devoted mom who loves to brag about her little Davy. No matter what Emma says about her son, Doris has an even better story about hers. There's comes a point in our Christian walk when, just like the bumper pads at the bowling alley, we have to put away childish things and mature.

### **THEMES**

Maturity. Competitiveness. Parenting.

### **PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTES**

You'll need an off-stage sound effect of a bowling ball thudding on the lane.

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*(We're at a bowling alley. DORIS is seated on a bench, watching her son bowl. EMMA enters; she's running late.)*

EMMA

Have the kids been playing long?

DORIS

Just started.

*(Calling out to her son)*

Davy! Keep your shoulders square to the foul line! Remember? You can do it!

EMMA

You have a son playing today, too?

DORIS

Yes. I never miss my little Davy's practices, especially the big day today.

EMMA

Aaron doesn't like it when I stick around, but he's so excited about today.

*(Calling out and waving to get her son's attention)*

Mommy's here, honey.

*(To DORIS)*

I had to drop his sister off at dance rehearsal across town. I didn't think I'd get back in time.

DORIS

First game without the bumper pads. It's such a big deal to them. They feel so grown up.

EMMA

Which lane's your son on?

DORIS

Nine.

EMMA

So's Aaron.

DORIS

How nice. ... I'm sure my Davy will go easy on him.

EMMA

I'm sorry. ... He'll what?

DORIS

My Davy's very talented ... but he doesn't show off. It's OK to win, I tell Davy, but try not to discourage the others by winning by too much.

EMMA

That's so ... thoughtful of you. And I'm sure your son's a very good bowler but Aaron ... he is pretty good, too.

DORIS

Of course he is, honey. ... But not like my Davy.

EMMA

I don't like to be competitive with my children –

DORIS

-- I'm sure that's wise of you.

EMMA

Still Aaron, he did score seventy-eight last week. Seventy-eight. That's pretty good for an eight-year-old.

DORIS

Good for him. ... My Davy broke a hundred. Twice now.

EMMA

Well, that's wonderful. Yes it is. ... You know, Aaron got a strike a few weeks ago. He said his bowling ball didn't even touch the bumpers. One of the coaches told him not many kids can do that.

DORIS

You must be so proud. ... My Davy got a turkey. The only one who's done it.

EMMA

Oh.

DORIS

You do know what a turkey is, don't you?

EMMA

Of course, I know what a turkey is. Who doesn't know that?

DORIS

It's three strikes in a row.

EMMA

I knew that. ...

*(Looking away from DORIS and under her breath, mocking)*

It's three strikes in a row.

DORIS

What was that?

EMMA

Nothing.

*(Pause, then she sees her son coming up to take his turn. She stands to yell her encouragement)*

That a boy, Aaron! Keep your eye on the guide marks! That's it!

*(EMMA watches her son's delivery. We hear a loud thud off stage. EMMA winces)*

**END OF SAMPLE**

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