

## MY FATHER

*Technically a monologue since there is only one speaker. The other, silent person needs to have 4 sets of bandages - Strips about 4-6 inches wide. One will need to be 3 feet long; the other three can be 18 inches long. You can use toilet paper possibly for the bandages if the audience is far enough away and you are careful when you handle it.*

*(Voice changes as child grows older. It is important for the voice tone only to change. Use the exact same wording over and over for greatest impact. Mocking voice must be deeper than any other voice used)*

*(Voice tone, mannerisms are that of a 5 year old) My father is no fun. He makes up all these rules just so I don't have any fun. He said, (Change voice to indicate you are mocking father) "Don't play with matches." (Back to child's voice) That's a really dumb rule. (More enthusiastic) Fire's so cool so when Tommy came over we got out some matches and played with them. (With great enthusiasm) Boy did we have fun.*

*Silent person bandages hand*

*(Voice tone, mannerisms are that of a 7 year old) My father is no fun. He makes up all these rules, just so I don't have any fun. My father said, (Change voice to indicate you are mocking father)" Don't ride your bike in the road." (Back to child's voice) Now that's dumb. Everyone knows that's what the road is there for. So me and Tommy went riding our bikes down the road when my parents weren't looking and Boy, did I have fun.*

*Silent person bandages head*

*(Voice tone, mannerisms are that of a 9 year old) My father is no fun. He makes up all these rules, rules just so I don't have any fun. My father said, (Change voice to indicate you are mocking father)" Don't tease the dog next door." (Back to child's voice) Really dumb rule. It's allotted of fun to see how mad we can get that old dog. So one day I climbed over the fence and got that dog REAL mad. (with less enthusiasm than last time) Boy, did I have fun.*

*Silent person bandages arm*

*(Voice tone, mannerisms are that of a 12 year old) My father is no fun. He makes up all these rules, just so I don't have any fun. My father said, (Change voice to indicate you are mocking father)" Don't shoot the BB gun unless your mother or I are home." (Back to child's voice but let a little sarcasm creep in) What do they think I am, a baby? I'm old enough to play with the gun myself. So one day while they were at the mall I got out the BB gun.*

*Silent person bandages foot,*

*(doubtfully)* Boy, did I have fun.

*(Pause. Change voice and posture to indicate an adult)* You know, when I was younger I thought my father made up all of those rules just so I wouldn't have any fun. Sometimes I thought God wrote the Bible just so I wouldn't have any fun either. *(Pause Look at bandages. Look straight at audience)* I think I am beginning to catch on.