

## **DRAMA: VANITY FAYRE**

**Cast:** Christian, Faithful, Hopeful, Tempter 1, Tempter 2, Tempter 3, Narrator

*Props:* Use 'Welcome to Vanity Fayre' sign (to be found at the end of this session's notes), use a table and some bunting to create a market stall

**Tempter 1:**

Come this way...delicious food for sale!

**Tempter 2:**

Look no further...all the best bargains you could want!

*(Christian and Faithful move past the table and bunting, looking bemused, their attention drawn to all the shouting)*

**Tempter 2:**

Hello my lovelies! Buy some trinkets....cheap at the price.

**Tempter 1:**

This way....this way....for the best clothes in town. All sizes....something for every occasion.

**Tempter 2:**

China....hardware for sale.

**Tempter 1:**

Delicious sweets....mouth watering goodies.

**Tempter 2:**

Gold, silver....buy now....never been such good value.

**Tempter 1:**

Persian carpets, Irish linen....look no further.

**Tempter 2:**

Wives for sale....lovely elegant wives. Trade in the old for a new one. Great bargain!

**Tempter 1:**

Portraits painted ...have a statue made of yourself.  
Come on.... be famous!

**Tempter 2:**

Land for sale.... acres of it ....mountains and lakes, oceans and rivers.... come on, sir  
– you look a likely candidate.

**Tempter 1:**

How about a knighthood....can do you now....come on....be important! Take life easy....have a slave do all your work. Slaves for sale.

**Tempter 2:**

Choose your job....hey, you.... *(addressed to Christian)* what would you like to be? Not too expensive....name it and I'll get it for you....

**Narrator:**

There was noise everywhere! People selling, people shouting, people pushing and people making bargains....temptations and distractions at every turn.

Christian and Faithful tried to keep their eyes down and move as quickly as possible through the fayre, but the crowd pressed in and the shouting and demands became louder and more aggressive.

Suddenly the mood changes....the challenge to their seeming resistance becomes more frenzied....

**Tempter 3:** *(in an angry voice)*

Hey, you two....turning up your noses at our goods....who do you think you are? Too posh for us are you....too clever maybe? Huh.... take a look at yourselves! You're a scruffy pair of individuals! Come on....buy! Buy....why don't you? Buy and make your lives better.

**Narrator:**

Faithful glances at Christian. The Preacher had warned them they would meet trouble and danger. In fact he'd said one of them would die. Faithful responded to the taunts of the mob.

**Faithful:**

I'll buy a basket of truth if you have it?

*(End of drama)*