**Chapter 6 Scripts**

*Give groups of student a script to work with and prepare a scene to show to the rest of the class.*

*Group sizes:*

*1 x 6 (girls)*

*1 x 4 (mixed)*

*1 x 4 (girls)*

*1 x 3 (mixed)*

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*23 in total*

*For a larger class, get students to devise scripts based on the conversation between Mrs Fletcher and Kirby on pages 82-84 or between the girls on the way home from school on pages 86- 87 or another scene on pages 94-95.*

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| **Going to school (pages 80-81)** | |
| Maggie | I am going to school today Esther. |
| Naomi | Let me braid your hair today Esther. You must keep to the Rule while you are at school. It is very important. Do you understand? |
| Kirby | Yes Aunt Naomi. |
| Naomi | There! That is as seemly as I can make your hair. Do not forget your scarf. Daniel will take Magdalene to school, but I would like you to collect her and the boys afterwards. |
| Kirby | Yes Aunt! |
| Kirby | I’ve never worn a skirt before I came here. |
| Damaris | But what did you wear to school last year? |
| Kirby | Shorts or track pants. We could wear them or a skirt. I’m allergic to skirts, |
| Charity | We do just enough to stop us getting teased |
| Kirby | Don’t you mind breaking the Rule? |
| Damaris | We prayed about it and it came to us that the Lord was not offended. |
| Damaris | Did you not go before you left home? |
| Kirby | There’s mirrors in toilets! I want to see if I’m still here. |
| Charity | We will wait for you |
| Ms Chandler | Now, who are you? |
| Kirby | Kirby Greenland |
| Ms Chandler | Your name isn’t on my list. |
| Kirby | Oh. Esther Pilgrim. Is that there? |
| Ms Chandler | Yes, that’s here. Now, what is your name, young woman? Are you Esther, or are you Kirby? |
| Charity | She is Esther Pilgrim, Ms Chandler. |

6 roles:

Magdalene

Naomi

Kirby

Damaris

Charity

Ms Chandler

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| **At the dinner table (pages 88-89)** | |
| Caleb | You will call her Miss or Mrs. She is either married or not. I suggest you call her Miss. |
| Rachel | Yes father |
| *Make up your own script to fill this gap. Luke had the same teacher as last year and Abraham had a new one.* | |
| Abraham | She’s cool! |
| Caleb | Do not use unseemly language, Abraham. Try again, if you please. |
| Abraham | Miss Rivers is a very nice person. |
| Caleb | You wore your hair unbraided today, Esther. |
| Kirby | Yes |
| Caleb | At least you are honest. But in future, you will keep your hair braided. The women of our faith are modest in thought and appearance. Braided hair does not draw attention to itself. |
| Kirby | It’s my hair and I’ll wear it how I like! |
| Caleb | Resume your seat child. That was a most unseemly display. We will pray for you after the meal. |
| Kirby | No! I won’t be prayed over! I won’t wear my hair in a dumb plait – it looks ghastly and I hate it! No dumb man is going to lust after my hair, it’s the most stupid rule I ever heard! |
| Caleb | Go to your room and wait until I call you for prayer. You will spend tomorrow in the discipline room and you will braid your hair. |
| Kirby | If you think my hair is a temptation then there’s a way round that! |
| Caleb | Go to your room and wait! |
| Caleb | Do not talk to your sister! |

4 Roles:

Caleb

Rachel

Abraham

Luke

Others can sit in on the dinner table scene as Naomi, Magdalene, Rebecca and Daniel

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| **The Girls in the Bedroom (page 90)** | |
| Kirby  (whispering) | Please can you look out for Magdalene tomorrow? Give her a hug and stuff? |
| Rebecca (whispering) | Your hair is a mess! |
| Kirby | An ungodly mess! |
| Rebecca | Beulah would have narked on you. She’s a cow that girl. |
| Rebecca | Sorry! But watch out for her. She is fifteen and thinks she can boss us all because she will be getting married next month. |
| Rachel | Poor Eli! Except that he is so wet, he deserves her. |
| Kirby | I don’t know her. So how can I watch out for her? |
| Rachel | Yes you do! She is the one at the fellowship meeting who thought she was too old to come outside with us. |
| Kirby | Oh! Skinny with buck teeth and pretty hair. |
| Rebecca | Outward appearance does not matter. It is the purity of the should that should concern you, child. |
| Maggie | The price of a good woman is above rubies. What does that mean? How much was Ruby’s price? |
| Naomi | Good night girls. Say your prayers and may God keep you until morning. |

4 or 5 roles:

Kirby

Rebecca

Rachel

Maggie

Naomi

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| **Naomi gets sick (page 97)** | |
| Kirby | Aunt? I am going to stay with you today. |
| Naomi | Thank you, Esther. I do not feel very well, it will be good to have you here. |
| Kirby | Should I get a doctor? |
| Naomi | No. I will try to sleep a little. I am glad you are here. |
| Naomi | Moaning. |
| Kirby | Stop! Please stop and help me! |
| Man | What’s up, kid? |
| Kirby | It’s my aunt. I think she’s dying and there’s no phone! |
| Kirby | Ambulance |
| Kirby | Oh, thank you! |
| Man | You want me to come in and wait with you? |
| Kirby | My aunt would be upset. She is very religious and she would think it was wrong. Don’t ask me why. |
| Man | Okay then. Hope she’ll be all right. |

3 roles:

Kirby

Naomi

Man

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| **The ambulance arrives (page 98)** | |
| Kirby | In here, my aunt is in here. |
| Tony | How long has she been sick? |
| Kirby | Sunday. She didn’t seem very well on Sunday. |
| Tony | What date is the baby due? |
| Kirby | March, I think. I’m not sure. |
| Tony | You’re not sure? |
| Kirby | It’s the religion. They prayed. They said she’d be all right. They won’t tell me anything. |
| Tony | She’ll have to have a Caesarean. Will that be a problem? |
| Kirby | No. I don’t think so. |
| Tony | Good. We’ll take here to hospital. Can you come? We’ll need to know how to contact her husband. |
|  | Sit there |
| Kirby | She’s very sick, isn’t she? |
| Tony | Yes, but we’ll have her to hospital double quick. |
| Kirby | What’s wrong with her? My uncle won’t tell me. He’ll say I don’t need to know – but I do! |
| Tony | She’s very ill. It’s called pre eclamptic toxaemia. John’s radioed the hospital to tell them to have specialists waiting. They’ll take her straight to theatre. |
| Kirby | They only use the siren when it’s real bad don’t they? |
| Tony | Yes, that’s right. You’d best be prepared. This is an extreme emergency. Your aunt is very, very ill. |
| Tony | They’re looking after her. How do we get hold of her husband? You did well, lassie. All we can do now is wait. |

3 Roles:

Kirby

Tony

One other ambulance person

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| **At the hospital (pages 99-101)** | |
| Kirby | Oh Daniel, I’m so pleased to see you! |
| Daniel | How is it that you knew she was ill? You were at school! |
|  | *Make up your own script to fill the gap* |
| Kirby | Uncle Caleb will kill me |
| Daniel | This has shown me I cannot live this way, Kirby. I knew my moher needed help. I told my father, but he said he had prayed and all would be well. So I did nothing. It was not my place. If you had thought the same way, then my mother would have no chance of life. She might even be dead at this very moment. |
| Kirby | Daniel, she is very ill. |
|  | *Make up your own script to fill the gap* |
| Daniel | Thank you for what you did Kirby. I could not have borne it if my mother had died there, alone. I knew she was too ill to leave. I knew it. |
|  | *Caleb comes back.* |
| Daniel | Is she….? |
| Caleb | She is very ill, but they think she will recover. We and the Fellowship will pray for her. |
|  | Kirby collapses into a chair |
| Caleb | Th Lord works in mysterious ways, Esther. You were the means by which He saved my wife. We will pray and give thanks when we return home. |
| Daniel | The child? What of the baby? |
| Caleb | The child is ill. It is a girl and she is being cared for. I have seen her and blessed her. |
| Daniel | Father, what happened? What made my mother so ill? She has never been ill before with a baby. |
| Caleb | Daniel, you know we are not concerned by such questions. All that concerns us is that the Lord has been pleased to spare your mother. The fate of your sister is still in His hands. We will pray for the strength to accept His will |
| Kirby | May we visit my aunt? |
| Caleb | You may go and say a prayer by her bedside. She is unconscious still from the operation. |

3 Roles:

Kirby

Daniel

Caleb