

= Ike 's Wee Wee =

" Ike 's Wee Wee " is the third episode of the second season of the animated television series South Park , and the 17th episode of the series overall . It first aired on Comedy Central in the United States on May 20 , 1998 . In the episode , school counselor Mr. Mackey is fired , and turns to drugs . Meanwhile , the boys misconstrue what circumcision entails , and try to save Kyle 's younger brother Ike from his upcoming bris .

The episode was written and directed by series co @-@ creator Trey Parker . " Ike 's Wee Wee " satirizes certain attitudes towards drug users , and explores whether family can only mean those who are related by blood . This episode introduced Ike 's backstory as an adopted Canadian child . " Ike 's Wee Wee " received positive responses from fans , as well as critics who especially praised the episode for its touching moments . A line often repeated by Mr. Mackey in this episode , " drugs are bad , m 'kay ? " , has entered popular culture , and has been referenced in various songs , articles , and court documents .

= = Plot = =

Mr. Mackey , the school counselor , is giving a drug and alcohol prevention lecture for the class , emphasizing that smoking , drinking , marijuana , and LSD " are bad . " He passes a sample of marijuana around the class so that the children can learn its smell , but it is never passed back up to the front . We later see that Mr. Garrison stole it . But as a result , Mackey is fired , and is later kicked out of his house by his landlord , leaving him homeless . A desperate Mackey gives in to trying marijuana one night in an alley , and later , LSD . Soon enough , Mr. Mackey becomes a drug @-@ addled hippie , and meets a hippie woman , with whom he decides to get married . While on honeymoon in India , Mr. Mackey is captured by the A Team , Mr. Garrison and Principal Victoria and is taken into rehab . Mr. Mackey emerges clean from rehab and is given his job back .

Meanwhile , Kyle invites Stan , Cartman and Kenny to his younger brother Ike 's bris . When they learn more about what a bris is , and misconstrue it as a party where they are going to " chop off his penis " , Kyle is shocked and tries to find a way to hide his brother from his parents and the circumcision process . Kyle puts Ike on a train to Nebraska and makes an Ike @-@ style doll out of meat bones in an attempt to not arouse his parents ' suspicions . This backfires when the doll is eaten by a dog , and both the dog and doll are run over by a fuel tanker which then explodes in front of the Broflovskis ' house , which leads to them to think that Ike is dead . It is at the funeral that Kyle finds out that Ike is not his biological brother , but was adopted from Canada . Upon discovering this , Kyle decides that Ike is not his " real brother " and he no longer cares about him . His parents are shocked by what has happened , and Ike is retrieved from Nebraska . During the funeral , Kenny falls into an open grave and the gravestone falls on him .

The day of the bris arrives , and Kyle is grounded . When the mohel arrives to perform the bris , Ike flees to Kyle 's room in terror . Seeing Ike in distress and some old pictures prompts a change of heart in Kyle , and he defends his brother fiercely before it is explained to him what a circumcision actually is , at which point Stan and Cartman decide they want to be circumcised too . They then watch the process , and Kyle is relieved to see Ike unharmed . The episode ends with Mr. Mackey attempting to explain drugs to the children again , and the boys arguing about whose bris should be the next .

= = Production = =

" Ike 's Wee Wee " was written and directed by series co @-@ creator Trey Parker . The scene where Mr. Mackey loses the marijuana cigarette in class was inspired by a real event from Parker 's life , where a counselor came into his class in seventh grade , and passed around a lit piece of marijuana , which then disappeared . At the beginning and end of the episode , there are scenes where the kids imitate Mr. Mackey 's voice to him , while he is oblivious to the fact that he is being made fun of . Parker and his classmates used to do the same thing to their counselor in junior high

school who was the basis for Mr. Mackey 's character . Parker said that he was especially proud of Chef 's line " There 's a time and a place for everything , and it 's called college " , which is something Parker believes in , noting that if he had a child , he would tell him : " Do whatever you want , just wait till college because you don 't know what the fuck 's up right now . " Chef 's sentence would later return in the season four episode " The Tooth Fairy Tats 2000 " .

The episode introduced Ike 's backstory as a Canadian child adopted by the Broflovskis . Ever since the recurring characters Terrance and Phillip were established to be Canadians in the season one finale " Cartman 's Mom Is a Dirty Slut " , and the subsequent season two premiere " Terrance and Phillip in Not Without My Anus " , all Canadian characters on South Park have shared the same simplistic design : having simple beady eyes , and a floppy head made up of two halves . While Ike had been on the show since its first episode , the writers originally did not know that he was going to be Canadian ; he was retroactively made one based on his visual similarity to Terrance and Phillip . Ike 's backstory would play an important role in the movie South Park : Bigger , Longer & Uncut , which involves a fictional American ? Canadian war , as well as in future episodes of the series , such as the season seven episode " It 's Christmas in Canada " , in which Ike 's biological parents take him away from the Broflovskis , and bring him back to Canada .

" Ike 's Wee Wee " features regular voice acting from series creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone for most characters , Mary Kay Bergman (credited as Shannen Cassidy) for female characters , and Isaac Hayes for Chef . Additional dialogue was provided by South Park audio engineer Bruce Howell , while Ike 's lines were uttered by Howell 's then @-@ 5 @-@ year @-@ old son Jesse .

= = Themes = =

" Ike 's Wee Wee " raises the question of who really can be considered one 's family . At first , Kyle 's implicit idea is that family consists of " those for whom we care that are related by blood " . Based on this viewing of family , he no longer feels the need to help Ike when he learns that they are not related by blood . As the story progresses , Kyle questions his initial beliefs , and forms the episode 's central moral by saying that " Family isn 't about whose blood you have . It 's about who you care about . " Thus , Kyle 's reformed view of family not only includes his adopted brother , but his friends as well . Kyle 's questioning of his own morals has been likened to engaging in the dialectical Socratic method of inquiry .

The other plot in " Ike 's Wee Wee " satirizes certain drug subcultures , as well as drug use , and societal attitudes towards drug users . The way the episode portrays Mr. Mackey 's lack of real knowledge about drug use and addiction has been described as an example of South Park satirizing left @-@ wing politics , when " they lead to the sort of hypocrisy inconsistent with a proper open society . "

= = Cultural references = =

Part of the episode revolves around the practice of religious male circumcision in Judaism , and the related ceremony called the brit milah or bris , and the boys ' misunderstanding of the tradition (to which they refer as " circumstition ") . The boys believe that circumcision entails the cutting off of one 's penis , which they refer to by the childish colloquial term " wee wee " , except for Cartman , who insists on calling it " fireman " . Cannabis is also referred to by various names , including weed , grass , pot , and marijuana , in which Mr. Mackey constantly pronounces the letter j as / d? / (as in jam) , which makes Kyle mispronounce the drug as " marry @-@ Jew wanna " .

Drug use is often portrayed in conjunction with the hippie subculture , through hippie characters such as the two teenagers that give LSD to Mackey , and the woman that he befriends and eventually marries . Jimbo and Cartman both use the term hippie pejoratively . During their argument , Jimbo tells Mackey that he should just go to a Grateful Dead concert . On two occasions , the episode shows people watching Teletubbies while high on marijuana or in rehab . Teletubbies is a British children 's television show that started in 1997 . In his drug prevention speech , Mackey claims that LSD was made famous by John Lennon and Paul McCartney , former members of The

Beatles . Both Lennon and McCartney are known to have experimented with the drug .

While walking home , Mr. Mackey drunkenly sings the 1983 Pat Benatar song " Love Is a Battlefield " . During Ike 's supposed funeral , a bagpipe player starts playing the Hebrew folk song " Hava Nagila " . At the funerals , the priest uses the phrase " Ashes to ashes , dust to dust " , from the Anglican burial service . When the townspeople start to harass Mackey , one of them shouts " Now we see what you and Homer Simpson have in common ... Dope ! " This references the famous catchphrase from The Simpsons , " D 'oh ! " , which sounds similar to the word dope , meaning illicit drugs . At Kyle 's house , Kyle 's parents offers the boys a dish called " GaHekgafuga " , which is not a real dish . When Mackey is in India , he is captured by members of The A @-@ Team , and driven away in their van . The A @-@ Team is a 1980s action adventure TV series . Mackey is taken to rehabilitation to the Betty Ford Clinic , which is based on a real @-@ life hospital .

A common plot device is referenced , where a shoulder angel (represents conscience) and a shoulder devil (representing temptation) appear near a character . This concept is spoofed in the episode , as both the devil and the angel suggest to Mackey that he should drink the beer . When Stan tells Kyle what he thinks a bris means , a dolly zoom is used , which is an unsettling filmmaking effect often used to show that a character is undergoing a major realization . The hallucinogenic effects of certain drugs are portrayed by different means . When inhaling cannabis , the alley that Mr. Mackey is in suddenly turns very colorful . After taking LSD , Mr. Mackey 's head inflates like a giant balloon , and then literally detaches from his body , and floats away .

In the scene when the boys are talking to Chef , he leaves without answering the boys ' sexual question , angrily saying , " Dammit , children , why do I always have to be the one to explain all this stuff to you . Ask your parents for once ! " This is in reference to Chef 's tendency to give advice to the boys . While the children are trying to think of what is the most important thing for a man , Cartman says " Ham ? " , to which Stan angrily replies , " No , not ham , you fat fuck ! " . This exchange was used verbatim between the same characters in The Spirit of Christmas , the 1995 short film that was the precursor to South Park .

= = Broadcast , reception , and impact = =

Two episodes preceded " Ike 's Wee Wee " in the second season of the show . The episode scheduled for April 1 , 1998 promised to resolve the cliffhanger ending of the first season finale , " Cartman 's Mom Is a Dirty Slut " , regarding the identity of Cartman 's father , but was in fact an April Fools ' Day joke : " Terrance and Phillip in Not Without My Anus " , an entire episode revolving around the two title characters . The April 1 day episode was supposed to be a one @-@ off , with the rest of the season starting in May . However , following overwhelmingly negative fan reaction , the episode resolving the Cartman 's father storyline , " Cartman 's Mom Is Still a Dirty Slut " , was moved from its planned May 20 air date to April 22 . " Ike 's Wee Wee " then kicked off a 6 @-@ episode run of the season when it was broadcast on Comedy Central in the United States on May 20 , 1998 .

" Ike 's Wee Wee " was met with favorable reviews . Critics especially praised the episode for its touching moments , in contrast with the off @-@ color humor often employed in the series . In his review of the episode in the Chicago Tribune , Allan Johnson praised the episode , especially in comparison with the first two episodes of the season , and wrote that " ' Ike 's Wee Wee ' ranks with some of the better episodes of ' South Park . ' " Upon the series reaching its 100th episode in 2003 , the same writer also listed " Ike 's Wee Wee " as one of the " top 10 episodes that have made [South Park] one of the most provocative comedies on TV . " A South Park review in the Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette said about the series that " [i] n the midst of all this potty @-@ mouthed humor , there are moments that are downright touching " , and particularly highlighted the ending of " Ike 's Wee Wee " as an example , explaining that " all 's well in the end , and Kyle and the boys learn a lesson about family values that even Dan Quayle would approve of . " In 2000 , visitors of the Comedy Central website chose " Ike 's Wee Wee " as their favorite episode during a voting called " South Park e @-@ Lections " , held around the time of the United States presidential election that year .

Mr. Mackey 's line " drugs are bad , m 'kay ? " has entered popular culture . The Eminem song " The Kids " ? which is featured on the B @-@ side of the single " The Way I Am " and the clean version of The Marshall Mathers LP ? is thematically about drug use , and makes numerous references to South Park and impressions of the show 's characters , including an impression of Mr. Mackey 's voice and the repetition of his line . The song " Hip Hop Quotables " by Ludacris , from his album Chicken @-@ n @-@ Beer , also contains the line . In 2008 , the line was referenced in the dissenting opinion of a judge , in a case of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit . Also , in a 2010 marijuana @-@ related court case at the Maryland Court of Appeals , Judge Clayton Greene , Jr. referenced the episode in his dissenting opinion , calling Mr. Mackey 's words " immortal " . In 2011 , during a judiciary committee hearing about a marijuana @-@ related bill in Denver , Colorado , a representative showed off a potential packaging for edible marijuana products . According to a group called the Cannabis Therapy Institute , the label on the package , which bore the placeholder text " Legal and governmentally approved statement describing that pot is bad , M @-@ ok " , was a reference to the South Park episode . Comedy Central sells a poker chip @-@ shaped keychain that bears Mr. Mackey 's picture , along with his famous line .

= = Home release = =

" Ike 's Wee Wee " was released on VHS in April 1999 , along with the episode " Chickenlover " , on a video titled South Park : Volume 8 . The episode saw its first DVD release in December 1999 , on a disc called South Park : Volume 4 , which also included " Chickenlover " , as well as " Cartman 's Mom Is a Dirty Slut " and " Cartman 's Mom Is Still a Dirty Slut " . South Park : The Complete Second Season was released on DVD on June 3 , 2003 . On these home releases , " Ike 's Wee Wee " has a humorous introduction by creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker , who are playing music to the elderly in a retirement home . Episodes of season 2 have also been released digitally , on services such as Amazon Video , the iTunes Store , and Xbox Live Marketplace . Like most episodes of South Park , " Ike 's Wee Wee " is available to watch for free on the show 's website , SouthParkStudios.com.