

The Body of Christ (Skits)

Cast: 5 members of the body of Christ

Props: Crutches, Bibles, prayer journal, 4 baskets of cookies (enough for the students to eat after skit is over.) Cookies will be in the storage room. Divide them into baskets for the students.

Goal: Illustration of two contrasting gatherings of the body of Christ—the "Nobody Life" group and the "Real Thing" group.

SKIT #1 "NoBody Life"

(All file in the room silently and sit in arranged chairs. Girl walks in on crutches with Bible and prayer journal in hands, stumbles and drops her books. No one offers to help. She has to get the books herself and get into a seat. Teacher then enters.)

TEACHER: Today we're going to talk about what it means to be a Christian and how to become one. To be a Christian means to be a child of God. To be a child of God you must be born again. A person is born again when he or she asks God to forgive their sins. Everyone makes wrong choices. These wrong choices are called sin. In the letter that Paul wrote to the Romans in Chapter 3 verse 23, it says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." In order to have a personal relationship with God, we must deal with our sin. Isaiah 59:2a says, "Your sins have made a separation between you and your God." The fact is God dealt with our sin when he sent His Son to die for us. Jesus took our punishment. When Jesus died on the cross, He took all the anger of God for all our sin. To become a Christian, all we need to do is to ask God to apply Jesus' death on the cross for us, to receive God's gift of forgiveness. That's all I have to say today. We'll meet the same time next week. See you then.

Everyone gets up and file out of the room without a word.

SKIT # 2 "The Real Thing"

Enter Hanna, begin to arrange chairs in a circle. Enter Joe as Hanna is arranging the chairs. He has cookies!

Hanna: Hi! Come on in. How have you been?

Joe: Good, thanks! Can I help you get set up?

Hanna: Sure, that'd be great.

Joe: I brought some cookies! You know how I like to eat, so I thought I'd bring something along to share. Look, here comes Shelley on crutches. *(He hands over the cookies and goes to help Shelley who's carrying her Bible and prayer journal.)*

Shelley: Thanks, Joe. I brought the prayer journal I've been keeping. I wanted to share all the answered prayers.

(Mike and Carol come in)

Carol: Okay, let's get started. Tonight we're going to talk about how to become a Christian. The Bible tells us that we're all separated from God because of our sin. We need a bridge or some way to reach God. Jesus is the

person who can help us to reach God. Jesus tells us in John 14: 6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me."

Joe: I have a question. So many people seem to believe that we can get to heaven if we just try to be a good person. Can you explain how to tell people this is not true?

Mike: Maybe I can help answer this question. I've had to deal with that issue a lot also. What I usually do if they believe in the Bible, is to show them Ephesians 2:8-9, which says we are saved by faith and not by doing good things. Then I explain that faith is trusting God is.

Carol: That's a good suggestion. It was Christ, Himself, who said in John 5: 48, "You are to be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." Only He can make us perfectly acceptable to God through His death on the cross. Why don't we pray now for some of the people in our lives who don't know this truth.

Mike: Before we start praying, I'd like to let everyone know about my elderly neighbor who's having trouble walking and has to use a wheelchair. The problem is there are four steps to get into his house. I wonder if anyone could help me build a ramp this Saturday to make it easier to get in and out of his house.

Joe & Hanna: Sure. We can probably help with that. What time?

Shelley: I just wanted to let everyone know that there have been several answers to prayer. If anyone wants to get together to pray, we meet every Friday evening for about an hour and a half. Also, is there anyone who can give me a ride to Bible study next week? I'm still going to be on crutches and it was kind of hard to drive tonight.

Carol: I can swing by and pick you up next week. Now let's pray.

Shelley: Thanks God for this reminder that people must accept Your forgiveness to become Your child. Help us to speak boldly and clearly as we tell people about You.

Carol: God, we also thank you for this body of believers that you have placed us in. Thank you that you have given everyone different gifts and abilities. Help us to use these talents in serving others. Help us to love one another so that people who don't know You will see who You are by the way we help and serve one another.

(They get up to leave. People hug one another or shake hands. Someone carries Shelley's Bible and prayer journal. Carol, Shelley, and Joe walk out talking and laughing.)

Hanna: *(Hanna and Mike start putting chairs away)* "Hey, Mike, how's your mom doing after her surgery?"

Mike: She's doing well. Thanks for asking. Hey, we're done here. We'll see you later on this week.

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