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Synopsis

These five short skits were written for presentation by adults or kids at a vacation Bible school, but they could also be used for children's time during a regular church service, or as part of a Sunday school lesson. Each skit uses modern examples, language and humor to reinforce an important aspect of Christian belief. Two leaders, Jessie and Jay, are the main characters in each skit. The names can be changed to fit your group. Each skit is between two and five minutes long. All of the skits were written for performance in a Methodist church, but they are designed to be non-denominational. If terms such as "pastor," pulpit," or "altar" do not fit your denomination, feel free to change them to fit.

Cast of Characters

JESSIE	Skits 1-5
JAY	Skits 1-5
HAZEL	Skit 1

Props

Skit 1

A Bible

SKIT 1

The Golden Rule

Scenario: JESSIE and JAY are forgetting the Golden Rule, and HAZEL intervenes to set them straight. The Bible quote is from the New International Version.

JESSIE

O.K., everyone, time to get started. Let's start out with a Bible verse. I'm going to read from my Bible. Let's see here...

JAY

Hey! That's not your Bible! That's my Bible!

JESSIE

No, it's not.

JAY

Yes, it is! It has a little stain on the cover right there. That's my Bible!

JESSIE

No, it's my Bible. I brought it from home.

JAY

You better give me my Bible back.

JESSIE

No way! Go get your own! I'm using this one to read to everybody.

JAY

I'm telling the pastor.

JESSIE

Don't you dare!

JAY

Why not? You're just scared because you know he's going to tell you to give me my Bible back.

JESSIE

It's not your Bible!

JAY

You stole it!

JESSIE

You're a big liar!

JAY

Am not!

JESSIE

Are too!

HAZEL

Um, guys?

JAY AND JESSIE

What?

HAZEL

Have either of you ever actually read what is in the Bible?

JAY

Um...

JESSIE

Well, it's kind of a big book. I haven't actually read the whole thing.

JAY

Neither have I.

HAZEL

Well, did you read about what Jesus taught?

JAY

Oh, sure. He taught people how to fish, right?

JESSIE

No, no, no. He taught people how to walk on water.

HAZEL

Actually, that's not what I'm talking about at all.

JAY

It's not?

HAZEL

No. Maybe you guys should take a look at what Jesus said in the 22nd chapter of Matthew, verses 35-40.

(JAY and JESSIE huddle over the book.)

JESSIE

Oh.

JAY

Oops.

HAZEL

Want to read it out loud?

JESSIE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and

JESSIE (CONT)

great commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

JAY

What exactly does that mean?

JESSIE

I think that means you should treat other people the way you want to be treated.

JAY

Um, I guess I shouldn't have yelled at you. I wouldn't want anyone to yell at me like that.

JESSIE

I'm sorry I called you a liar.

JAY

It's O.K. Maybe that is your Bible. It just looks a lot like mine.

JESSIE

Want to share it?

JAY

That's a great idea!

JESSIE

Thanks. I think as long as we remember to treat each other the way we want to be treated, we'll both be happy.

JAY

Amen!

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SKIT 5

Thanks!

Scenario: JESSIE explains to JAY how God sometimes answers our prayers in unexpected ways. This skit paraphrases the modern parable of "Two Boats and a Helicopter." It can be performed after reading the story "Pascual and the Kitchen Angels" by Tomie dePaola, but reading the story first is not essential.

JAY

I just read a great story about about some angels who liked to cook, and that gave me some ideas. So here is my prayer for today: Heavenly Father, I do not want to cook dinner, so please have some of your angels bring me a pizza. Amen. Yay! I can't wait to see those angels flying to my front door!

JESSIE

Wait a minute.

JAY

What?

JESSIE

I don't think that's how it works. I never heard of God sending someone a pizza.

JAY

Maybe that's just because no one ever asked God for a pizza before.

JESSIE

God is not a fast food restaurant.

JAY

But I need help with dinner!

JESSIE

Hmm...how can I explain this? Let me tell you a story. Once upon a time there was a guy named Bob. He was shipwrecked on an island.

JAY

Yikes! Poor Bob! Did he pray for help?

JESSIE

Yes, he prayed for God to send an angel to save him. Pretty soon, along came a person in a canoe. The person said, "Bob, I'm here to save you! Get in the canoe!" But Bob said, "I don't need your canoe. God will answer my prayer and send an angel."

JAY

Wow! That Bob had a lot of faith!

JESSIE

So the canoe left. Pretty soon, along came a person in a rowboat. The person said, "Bob, I'm here to save you! Get in the rowboat!" But Bob said, "I don't need your rowboat. God will answer my prayer and send an angel."

JAY

I bet he was getting a little bit nervous, though.

JESSIE

So the rowboat left. Pretty soon, along came a person in a helicopter. The person said, "Bob, I'm here to save you! Get in the helicopter!" But Bob said, "I don't need your helicopter. God will answer my prayer and send an angel."

JAY

Here's the part where God sends an angel to save Bob.

JESSIE

No, actually, Bob lived the rest of his life on the island.

JAY

What? You're kidding me! What kind of crazy story is this?

JESSIE

When Bob died, he met God in heaven.

JAY

He must have been so mad!

JESSIE

Bob said, "God, I prayed that you would send an angel to save me, but you didn't!" So God said, "I sent you an angel in a canoe, an angel in a rowboat and an angel in a helicopter! What more could you ask for?"

JAY

Wait. Those were angels?

JESSIE

Yes! Bob didn't recognize the help God was sending him!

JAY

Uh...I'm not sure I understand this story. What does this have to do with pizza?

JESSIE

You want to eat dinner, right?

JAY

Yes, of course.

JESSIE

Well, God has given you the brains and the hands to make your own dinner. He doesn't need to send an angel with a pizza.

JAY

But I don't want to make my own dinner.

JESSIE

God doesn't always send you exactly what you ask for. God sends you what you need.

JAY

Oh, so you mean, Bob wanted an angel with wings and a halo to show up and fly him off the island. But he should have realized that God just sent a different kind of help.

JESSIE

Right. If he had been paying attention, he would have seen God's hand in the canoe, the rowboat, and the helicopter.

JAY

Well, I guess I am blessed that I am able to make my own dinner. I never really thought about it that way.

JESSIE

Sometimes we're so used to having God's blessings that we forget to be thankful for them.

JAY

O.K., I think I want to change my prayer. Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me the time and energy, the brains and hands, to make dinner tonight for myself and my family.

JESSIE

Amen!



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