

The Great Giveaway – Skit based on Mark 10

Skits was done with much wonderful adlibbing! Jen was ill, so Alan took her part.

Intro: Jen reads the story from the bible in the persona of Jesus.

John *[comes up to Jesus: kneels if possible]:* I really want to be on your team. How can I be on your team?

Jesus: Now, John, there are two things you need to learn to be on my team: love God and love people. It's really very simple. Do you think you can do that?

John: I'll try. Can I have some toys to play with as well?

Jesus: Of course. I've got lots and lots of toys, and I'd love for you to borrow them and play with them.

John: Oh, thank you, Jesus. That's great! *[John fills arms with toys, wanders around happily.]*

Person 1 comes up: John, can you help me with my shopping? I'm really tired, and it would be such a help.

John: *[takes a minute to notice]* Um, I'd love to, but I'm really busy playing with my teddies right now. Maybe there's someone else who can help you. *[Walks on, the person leaves, looking downcast.]*

Person 2 comes up: John, do you think you could help me shovel my sidewalk? I'm not strong enough any more, and I'm afraid someone is going to slip and hurt themselves.

John: *[takes a minute to notice]* Well, I can see that's a problem, but I don't think I'm the right person to help. As you can see, my arms are full of teddies, so it's not a good time. Perhaps tomorrow or the day after? *[Walks on, the person leaves, looking downcast.]*

Jesus *[comes up behind John]:* John, do you remember what I told were the two things that people on my team learn to do?

John: Oh, hi, Jesus. Of course. That's easy: love God and love other people. I'm good at remembering.

Jesus: But John, I sent you two people to help, and you were too busy to take care of them!

John: I know. I'm sorry about that, but I was too busy playing with my toys.

Jesus: Your toys? Do you remember who loaned them to you?

John: Oh, um, yes, it was you, wasn't it?

Jesus: So they're not really yours, are they?

John: I guess you're right.

Jesus: They're a lot of fun but they're not the most important thing in life. Let's try one more time.
[Jesus stays and watches. John looks around.]

Person 3 *comes up, trips and falls over:* Ow, ow, ow! Can you help me, please? I've fallen down and I can't get up!

John: Oh, sure, I can help you. *[Realises his arms are full of teddies, and he has to make a choice.]*
Wait a minute. *[Puts the teddies down carefully, helps the person up, dusts them down, etc.]* There.
Do you think you're OK now?

Person 3: That's so helpful. Thanks a million. I really appreciate that. *[They walk away.]*

Jesus: Well done, John. That's exactly the sort of thing I want you to do.

John: OK, but does that mean I can never play with the toys again?

Jesus: No, you can still borrow them. But remember: they're not what will make you part of my team and they won't make you happy in this life. Do you remember what it is that will make you happy?

John: Yes, I do: love God and love other people.

Jesus: Let's all say it: what will make you part of my team?

All: Love God and love other people!

Jesus: Right on!