

Did You Hear Who's In Town

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Theme:

This play is based on the story of the man who was healed because of the faith of his friends. Through it I hope to encourage Christians to keep the needs of their Christian friends close to heart, especially when they are in prayer.

Biblical Reference:

This play is based upon Mark 2:1-5.

Approximate Running Time:

15 minutes

Props:

A stretcher or a cot

Four ropes approximately six feet in length

A place where a person could be lowered down into and hidden, if it is possible to stage, will greatly enhance this play. A section just off of the foot of the main stage which is hidden by a partition, or a baptismal, or even a partition placed on the stage itself will greatly enhance the action of this play.

Cast of Characters:

Charlie: Charlie plays the invalid. He should act as if his friends have done this kind of thing before.

Fred: Fred is a good friend of Charlie's. He is the organizer of this little escapade. He should be very excited about the opportunity to present his good friend before Christ.

Bob: Bob is a good friend of Charlie's. He has a hard time with his vision, which adds a comic aspect to the play. He should play his part as slapstick as he can without taking away from the serious theme of the play.

George: George is another good friend of Charlie's.

Dan: Dan is another good friend of Charlie's.

Scene:

Bob is standing off to one side of the stage as Fred comes racing in from the back of the auditorium. He should run up to Bob and his enthusiasm should be evident as he approaches.

Fred: Did you hear who's in town?

Bob: No, who?

Fred: Jesus.

Bob: No way. Jesus is in town!

Fred: Yes way, Jesus is in town.

Bob: That's great! Hey, we have to go and get Charlie.

Fred: I agree. We also need to find George and Dan. The four of us have to take Charlie to see Jesus.

*[They move to the other side of the stage.]*

Fred: There's George.

Bob: Where?

Fred: Over there. Behind that camel.

Bob: I still can't see him.

Fred: He's right over there. Let's go get him.

Bob: All right, but you go first and I'll follow you.

Fred: Hello George, did you hear who is in town?

George: No, who?

Bob: Jesus!

George: Jesus is in town?

Fred: Yes, Jesus is in town. What do you say that we go and find Dan. Then let's get Charlie and take him to Jesus.

George: Yes! We have to do that.

Fred: I wish I knew where in the world Dan is.

George: I know where Dan is.

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Fred: Great! Where is he?

George: He went to the market place.

Bob: That's not so great. How are we going to find him at the marketplace.

George: It shouldn't be too hard.

Bob: Do you know how many people go to the market place at this time of day?

George: Yeah, but I think that I know where he might be.

Fred: Great.

George: I sure hope that we can find him. You do know where Jesus will be, don't you?

Fred: No, but I don't think that he will be very hard to find.

Bob: People flock to him whenever he starts to speak.

George: That's true. Come on, let's head for the market place.

*[They move to the other side of the stage.]*

Fred: I see Dan over there.

Bob: Where?

Fred: Over there. *[Pointing.]*

Bob: I still don't see where he is?

George: I see him too.

Bob: Where?

George: He's right over there.

Bob: I still don't see him.

George: Let's stop trying to point him out, and let's just go and get him.

Bob: That sounds like a good idea to me.

Fred: *[Calling from a distance.]* Hello Dan.

Bob: Now I see him.

*[They approach Dan.]*

George: Hi Dan.

Dan: Hey guys. What are you doing here at this time of day?

George: We've got some great news for you. Guess who is in town.

Dan: Who?

Bob: Jesus.

Dan: No way. Jesus is in town?

Fred: Yes. Jesus is in town.

Dan: This is awesome. Does Charlie know?

Bob: Not that I know of. We were just going to go and get him, but we needed your help first.

Dan: Well, what are we waiting for? Let's go and get Charlie.

*[They exit and Charlie appears at center stage on a portable cot. Fred, Bob, George, and Dan appear at Charlie's door.]*

Charlie: Come in. Oh, hi guys. What are you four doing here at this time of day?

Fred: We have a bit of a field trip to take.

*[The four pick up his cot and pretend to march to the town.]*

Charlie: Where are we going?

Bob: Into town.

Charlie: Great. Are we going to the market?

George: Nope.

Charlie: Are we going to the synagogue?

Dan: Nope.

Charlie: Are we going to see a doctor?

Fred: Nope.

Charlie: Where are we going?

Fred: You'll see.

George: Trust me, it'll be worth the trip.

Charlie: What are you guys up to today?

Bob: You'll see.

Charlie: Do you mean that you're not going to tell me where we are going?

George: You'll see.

Charlie: I can't believe you guys. Is this anything like the last time we went on a field trip?

Dan: You'll see.

Charlie: Okay, okay, I get it. I'll just shut up and enjoy the ride.

*[They walk for a moment.]*

Fred: Hey guys, it looks like that could be the place.

Bob: Where?

George: Over there.

Bob: I still don't see it.

Dan: Don't you see all of those people over there?

Bob: Oh, now I see it. *[He looks off in the wrong direction.]*

Fred: You're looking in the wrong direction. We're heading this way.

Bob: Oh.

Charlie: What's going on over there?

Dan: You'll see.

Charlie: Don't tell me that we're going over there where all of those people are.

George: That's where we are going.

Charlie: You guys are crazy. Hey, you're not going to embarrass me, are you?

Dan: You don't have to be embarrassed.

Fred: Yeah, that's up to you. You don't have to be embarrassed if you don't want to.

Bob: I'm not going to be embarrassed.

Charlie: Look at all of those people. We'll never get inside of there. How am I going to see what's going on?

Bob: Let's stop here.

*[The four lower Charlie to the ground and gather together to construct a plan outside of his hearing.]*

Bob: *To Charlie.* We'll be right back.

Dan: Don't go anywhere on us.

Charlie: Don't worry. I'll be right here when you get back.

*[They gather into a huddle.]*

Fred: How are we going to get him in to see Jesus?

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Bob: Why don't you, [*points to Dan,*] go inside and see how things look from there.

Dan: All right.

[*Dan leaves to check out the situation.*]

George: I don't think that we'll be able to get through the door.

Fred: What should we do if we can't get inside.

Bob: We have to get inside. This is Charlie's big chance.

Fred: This may be his last chance.

George: We can't leave here without getting Charlie to Jesus.

Fred: I just know that Jesus will heal him.

[*Dan returns to the huddle.*]

Dan: Guys. There is no way for us to get Charlie in that room.

Fred: Is Jesus in there?

Dan: Yes, He is in there.

Bob: Then we have to get Charlie into that room.

Fred: I just know that Jesus will heal him.

Bob: Me too.

Dan: Me too, but I know that we won't be going in through the front door.

George: There must be another way in.

Dan: I looked for a backdoor, but the front door is the only way into that room.

[*Fred looks over towards the house.*]

Fred: Hey guys, [*looking back*] what if we take him in through the roof?

Bob: Through the roof?

Dan: What are you crazy? There's no way to get in through the roof.

Fred: There is if we make a way in.

George: You know, I think that it might just work. Fred and Bob, you go and find us four ropes. Dan, you come with me.

*[Fred and Bob disappear off of one side of the stage. George and Dan disappear off of the other. Charlie gets up and removes himself from the stage. George and Dan reappear further upstage and begin to dig at the floor with their hands as if it was the roof surface.]*

Dan: I wonder if we are making some clay fall onto the people inside the room.

George: We probably are. I wonder what the people in the room think about it.

Dan: I wonder if Jesus will stop everything to see what we are doing.

George: I sure hope so.

Dan: Here, look through the hole with me, can you see where Jesus is?

George: Yes. He is over on the other side of the room.

Dan: Okay then. *[The two get up and move to the other side of the stage.]*  
Where do you think that he is?

George: This looks about right.

Dan: Are you sure? I don't want to get kicked off of the roof and not be able to get Charlie in to see Jesus. We have to get it right this time.

George: I am sure.

*[Fred and Bob reappear alongside of George and Dan with ropes in hand.]*

Dan: Oh, great, you found some rope.

Bob: It's a good thing that Fred came with me. I would have never found that rope by myself.

Fred: I found it sitting alongside of one of the camels over there. I hope that whoever it belongs to doesn't mind that we borrowed it.

Dan: Well, great. Why don't you two try to get Charlie up here on the roof while we dig a hole big enough to lower him down through.

Fred: All right.

*[They leave and return with Charlie. As soon as they get Charlie on the roof, the four of them start tying the ropes to the cot.]*

Charlie: What are you guys planning on doing?

Bob: You'll soon see.

Charlie: Come on, please tell me what you are doing. You are starting to scare me.

Fred: Okay. Today will be the last day that you have to use this cot.

Charlie: Why, you're not going to throw me off of this roof and kill me, are you?

Bob: No, we're not going to kill you.

George: In fact, today could be the day that you receive life.

Charlie: I don't get it.

*[They raise the cot off of the ground using the ropes. The cot should be lowered into a space that is hidden from the audience.]*

Charlie: Hey, guys, what are you doing to me? Guys, I don't like this.

Fred: Don't worry. Just say calm. It will all be clear to you in a moment.

Bob: Just remember that we love you Charlie.


George: May the Lord bless you today.

Dan: Praise the Lord for this glorious opportunity.

*[The four should let their ropes go slack as they stand there and watch what is happening to Charlie. They should have looks of intense concentration on their faces, then as they watch their friend be healed, they should jump up for joy and run down to meet him. Charlie should be waiting to greet them with open arms. They all hug each other.]*

Charlie: I can't believe that this is happening to me! I can't believe that I can walk. I can't believe that I am healed. I can't believe that you would do this for me. Did you hear what he said to me? Did you hear him say that I am healed because of the faith of my friends? How can I thank you? Oh, how can I thank Him!? I have so much to be thankful for. I have the greatest friends in the whole world! I have been touched by the master's hand. I have been healed. What a day for rejoicing! Come, let us go the priests so that I can be restored into the community. Let us tell of this great thing, let us tell everyone what Jesus has done for me today. *[Running, for the very first time in his life, off stage.]* Come on!

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