



NO BIBLE SUNDAY?

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Children/Youth Sunday School skit with discussion and Scripture application

Share the Blessing

Description: Skit (ages 10 and up)

Aim:

Understand that God wants us to share the blessings He has given us

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

What's needed:

Huge shopping bag stuffed to look full, leather Bible, ethnically unique attire

Time:

20 minutes

Pre-class Preparations:

Make four copies of the following script. Highlight one person's part on each of four scripts. Encourage characters to practice, until all feel ready to present the skit.

Characters: 2 children, 2 adults (gender-adaptable)

Scene One:

Two people, playing children, walk onstage from opposite sides. Child One has huge bag. Child Two carries nothing.

Child One: *(child carrying sack, sings happily)* I'm in heaven . . . I must be in heaven!

Child Two: *(second child walks toward him)* Why do you say that?

Child One: See what I have? *(waves huge sack)* Look at all this candy!

Child Two: Wow!

Child One: Yeah, wow! My dad said the store had a huge sale on leftover holiday candy, so he bought this whole big bag.

Child Two: What a great dad!

Child One: You got that right. *(Pushes face in bag, inhales deeply)* Ah, death by chocolate!

Child Two: *(reaches arms out)* Death by chocolate!

Child One: *(cold-hearted, holds bag to self)* Oh. Did you bring some candy, too?

Child Two: Wha--? Of course not! (*disgusted, sad*) My family can't afford *that*. (*brightens*) But look at all you've got. We don't need any more. It will take us weeks to eat all this! (*reaches out again for bag*)

Child One: (*holds bag even tighter*) What do you mean, "us"?

Child Two: You're kidding, right?

Child One: (*pulls out candy to eat it*) Nope.

Child Two: You have a billion pounds of candy in that bag. You won't share one bit of it?

Child One: My dad gave it to me, not to you.

Child Two: But you didn't even earn those treats! Your dad gave that bag to you. All you had to do was take it.

Child One: (*holds up bag with pride*) And I did take it. Now the goodies are all mine.

Child Two: I can't believe that you are going to keep all that candy to yourself. You aren't being very nice.

Kids begin to walk off stage right, neither looking very happy.

Child One: It's my candy, and I can do whatever I want with it.

Child Two: Okay, but I'm going to tell your dad that you aren't being very nice.

Scene Two:

Two different people enter stage left. Adult One is dressed in classic Western clothing. Adult Two wears unique ethnic dress, perhaps with sari or turban. The Westerner holds a leather Bible.

Adult One: Look at my new, soft-as-butter, leather-bound Bible.

Adult Two: (*with heavily accented English*) What is (*mispronounces*) Bib-ble?

Adult One: (*in disbelief*) You mean you don't know? It's the Holy Book—the righteous writings—the very Word of God!

Adult Two: You have God's words...(*points in disbelief*) in that book?

Adult One: Of course!

Adult Two: (*wonderingly*) Can it be? (*reaches for Bible*) Please, let me read it!

Adult One: (*holds it back*) It's in English.

Adult Two: Where can I get it in my language?

Adult One: You can't. Not yet, anyway. *Some day, maybe.* (*turns to go*)

Adult Two: (stops One, asks eagerly) Well, tell me what your Holy Book says, then.

Adult One: (opens Bible to read) I have to do my daily reading right now. You'll have to find somebody else to tell you about it.

Adult Two: (with regret) I can't. My people have a different holy book. I'm not allowed to bring anything else home.

Adult One: (shakes head) Really? Ooh, that's too bad. (then encouragingly) Don't give up, though. (turns to go) One day you'll learn how Jesus Christ gives us eternal life.

Adult Two: Eternal life? (grabs One's arm) Who is Christ? How can He give me eternal life?

Adult One: (looks at Two's hand on his arm) Look, I really have to go.
(removes Two's hand and turns to go)

Adult Two: Wait – how many Holy books do you have like that?

Adult One: (looks at Bible, shrugs) Just one. Just the Bible. (then to impress Two says) But we have 450 versions of it in English alone! My mentor says this one is the best of them all!

Adult Two: And how long have you had the Bib-ble?

Adult One: (scratches head) Hmm. Just about forever, it seems. No, wait. We got our English Bible in the late 1300's. (then proud of remembering) That's right!

Adult Two: (upset) That's unfair! You've had God's own words in a book – in many books. My people have never had God's Word. You should share the blessings you've been given.

Adult One: Well, we can't take responsibility for the entire world. (motions around stage and audience) We've already got too many needs right here at home.

Adult Two: But God blessed you ... you English-speakers didn't earn the Bib-ble. You said these are God's words, so God must have given them to you.

Adult One: That is true. But He's blessed us with so many things (count off on fingers) – good jobs, healthy families, lots of food and entertainment – with all that, we barely have time to share the blessings with our own communities, let alone with the whole lost and dying world. (pats Two's shoulder in sympathy and turns to walk away) Sorry!

Adult Two: (in disbelief) You mean ... you mean you have all those blessings and you're not going to share them?

Adults begin to walk off stage left, neither looking very happy.

Adult One: (nods without sympathy) Sorry, I'm busy with my life right here.

Adult Two: (desperate) Busy? Too busy to take just a few minutes to tell me about your God? Surely your God would want....

Scene Three:

Kids re-enter stage right, carrying the huge bag between them. The two joyously rub their tummies.

Child Two: Thanks for the candy.

Child One: Sure.

Child Two: Sorry your dad had to discipline you.

Child One: *(rubs backside)* Me, too.

Child Two: *(cheerful)* At least you shared after that!

Child One: I don't know why I kept it all to myself. *(holds up sack)* My Dad has so much more, we still have enough goodies for every kid on the whole block!

Child Two: *(nods, then changes topic)* Hey, what did your dad mean when he said that other part, later on?

Child One: What part?

Child Two: Remember, he said that if you didn't share what he gave you, he would take it away from you and give it to someone who *would* share?

Child One: I'm not sure, but I don't want to test him to find out. My dad doesn't make threats just to scare me into obeying. He always does what he says!

Kids exit stage right, munching happily on candy.

Discussion and Application:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.
2. Ask students to name a few of the blessings God has given each of us.
3. Ask, "Considering the verse we just read, why do you think God has given us these blessings?" Allow discussion time.
4. Close with a short time of silent prayer. Encourage students to talk with the Lord about what each can do with the blessings He has given.

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