Learn by Doing



Choice Keep Your Clothes On!

Students will act out scenes in pairs. One part will be acted in the manner of a person who is “naked”—behaving selfishly, without thinking of the Lord and others. The other part will be acted in the manner of a person who has “come to himself” and received clothing from his “Father.” That is, he is able to reflect on his actions from a higher perspective. Audience members can shout “freeze!” and replace players as described below. The teacher stops the scene when its purpose has been fulfilled. Follow the skits with a discussion. Choose several of the scenarios listed (p. 2) to use with your group, or come up with your own scenarios.

Activity

1. Ask for two volunteers to act out a scene. One player will act in the manner of someone who appears “naked.” The other player will act in the manner of someone who is “clothed”—leading an unselfish life. Players decide who plays which part.
2. Select a scene from *Keep Your Clothes On Starter Scenarios and Discussion Questions* (p. 2). Once students are engaged in the activity, they may have their own skit ideas.
3. Once a skit has started, audience members may shout “Freeze!” at any time. Both players must then freeze in whatever position they are in at the time.
4. The person who shouted “Freeze!” taps one of the players on the back. The player who is tapped then sits down while the new player assumes their frozen pose. Unfreeze and continue the scene.
5. Players may be replaced repeatedly until a scene has been resolved.
6. After each skit, discuss what happened and how it relates to the students’ lives. A list possible of discussion questions (p. 2) is included to help you get started.

Optional

Differentiate between “nakedness” (selfishness) and a “clothed” mind by handing one person a scarf to wear while acting.

New Church Concept
The Inner Meaning

The prodigal son symbolizes those who are prodigal or wasteful of spiritual riches…. His return to his father and his confession that he was not worthy to be called his son symbolize repentance of heart and humility. The best robe that is given to the son means important first truths. The ring means the conjunction of good and truth in the internal person and the sandals mean that conjunction in the external person. The fatted calf symbolizes the goodness of love and of charity. The eating and being merry mean heavenly joy and affection. *Apocalypse Explained* 279, adapted

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Starter Scenarios and Discussion Questions

Starter Scenarios

1. Two people are carrying trays of food and heading toward the same empty space at a table of friends. There is one empty seat.

2. Two people finish their shopping and reach the check-out at the same time.

3. A group of friends is going out to have fun (movie, food, shopping, party, skating). One person has not been invited and is left out.

4. One person wins a prize that everyone wants (candy, music gift card, movie tickets).

5. Two people are streaming videos on the same network. The videos are not loading properly. They keep slowing down and pausing.

6. One person is watching a loud action movie; another person is trying to do a quiet activity (sleep, read, talk to friend).

7. Friends have two servings of food (cake, pie, meat, potatoes). One serving is smaller than the other.

8. Two people have not seen each other for a long time and are both eager to share news.

Discussion Questions *(choose 1 or 2 after each skit)*

1. What impact did the "naked" attitudes have on problem resolution?

2. What clues can help people recognize attitudes in themselves that come from "nakedness"?

3. How might different choices have changed the conversation?

4. Children are taught that if they are caught in a fire, they should "stop, drop and roll". What steps might you suggest someone take to stop the path of an inner fire of "nakedness"?

5. What tactics do the hells use to fuel selfish states?

6. The father in the story of the Prodigal Son represents the Lord. He welcomes his lost son back. How might our Heavenly Father "run to meet" us after we have made a mistake?

7. Are there any sins that the Lord cannot forgive?

8. How many second chances does the Lord give people?

9. If a friend has behaved badly toward us, what steps might we take to restore the relationship?

10. If we have behaved badly, what steps might we take to restore the relationship?

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