

## EASY GOSPEL PRINCIPLES PUT TO MAGIC

*You will need a magician hat, wand and paper rabbits. On each rabbit write the magic trick to be performed and the song of choice on the other side. Also, you will need some items for each trick. To start, pick a child to pull a rabbit out of the hat! Do magic trick, then sing song. Think of some fun magic words and wave the wand...Have fun!*

### Magic Tricks:

**#1: Primary Colors:** You will need

3 crayons, red, yellow and blue, a blindfold and a volunteer.

Explain that you can identify the primary color that someone will choose.

Direct your assistant to blindfold you. Then, the assistant will have someone in the room, pick one of the crayons.

The assistant will then bring that crayon to you.

Pass the crayon through your hands. Then return the crayon to your assistant.

Remove the blindfold and pretend to concentrate for a minute.

Then name the color of the crayon.

**THE MAGIC** is in the crayon and your thumbnail.

When you pass the crayon through your hands, scrape the crayon with your thumbnail. When you pretend to concentrate, raise your hand slowly and rub it across your forehead. As you raise your hand, peek at the color under your nail. \*\*\*Not all crayons will work for this trick. Try several kinds in order to find those that work best. \*\*\*Sing Our Primary Colors

**#2: Fold your arms:** You will need 4 pieces of string about 2' long.

Ask for 3 volunteers from the audience.

Give each volunteer a piece of string.

Ask each of them to try to tie a knot in the string without letting go of the ends.

No one will be able to do it.

Next, show how to tie the knot.

**THE MAGIC** is in your arms. A knot will be tied as if by magic if you do the following:

A. Lay the string out on a table.

B. Cross your arms.

C. Bend over the string.

D. Grab one end of the string with each hand.

E. Straighten up and uncross your arms. The knot will be tied.

\*\*\*Don't be knotty....(naughty) fold your arms!!!

\*\*\*Sing a Reverence Song with everyone folding their arms.

#3: **4<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith:** You will need a piece of paper and scissors.

While holding paper, explain that each corner of the paper represents, faith, repentance, baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. The 4 things as stated in the Article of Faith.

You are now going to make  $4-4=8$ , which is baptism age. How does  $4-4=8$ ?

**THE MAGIC** is when you cut off the 4 corners of the paper to make 8!!! So,  $4-4=8$

\*\*\*Sing the 4<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith or a Baptism song.

#4: **Whose your Daddy/Mommy?** You will need two regular paper clips and a strip of paper that's 2 inches by 11 inches. You can write the word temple in the middle of the paper or draw a simple temple picture in the middle of the paper. Explain that it is important to be married in the temple, so families can be together

forever.

**THE MAGIC** is to have the 2 paper clips link up together in the middle. Gently bend the right side to the middle front and place one clip to hold there. Gently bend the left side back and place one clip just on the back part, not the front, to hold in place. Then tug sharply at each end of the paper. The clips will fly up in the air and land clipped together forever, because they went to the temple!

\*\*\*Sing, I Love to See the Temple or Families can be Together Forever

\*\*\*Practice this to make sure clips link together. You might have to do it slow...

**#5: Tithing Dollar Drop:** You will need a dollar bill and a child from the audience. Explain that you need to pay your tithing and need someone to help you. Your volunteer will sit at a table and rest their arm on the table with their hand sticking over the edge. They must hold their thumb away from their palm.

**THE MAGIC---**put the dollar right in their open hand. You hold it between their thumb and fingers. Tell the child to keep their eye on the dollar and don't move their arm. Then you let go of the dollar. The child must try to grab it. The dollar should fall to the floor. Try it again. The child should not catch the dollar. Put the dollar in tithing envelope and explain the importance of paying your tithing.

\*\*\*Sing a song about tithing.

**#6: Book of Mormon on the Edge:** You will need a Book of Mormon and a piece of paper. Ask a child to try to balance the book on the edge of the paper without folding it. When the child has finished trying, it's your turn.

**THE MAGIC---** Roll the paper into a tube. Hold the tube in one hand. Use the other hand to balance the book on top. (The tube makes the paper strong enough to support the book.) Note: You may want to practice rolling tubes to find the best width to support

your book.

\*\*\*Sing Book of Mormon Stories or another Scripture song

#7: **Never Alone:** You will need 2 pennies and one quarter. Explain that Heavenly Father and Jesus love us very much and we are never alone. The penny (make sure the children only know about 1 penny)--- represents Heavenly Father and Jesus, the quarter is you.

**THE MAGIC---** before you begin, hide one penny under the quarter in your open hand, on your finger part. Showing the children the quarter, explain that they are never alone, even though at times it may seem that way. Show the other penny and put it in your pocket. Then close your fist and the penny and quarter will appear in your open hand... We are never alone.

\*\*\*Sing A Child's Prayer, The Holy Ghost or another song of your choice.

#8: **Nothing to Good** You can do this on the chalkboard , with chalk or on a piece of paper with pencil. Explain that sometimes we feel like we are nothing or feel like a zero when we've done something wrong.

**THE MAGIC---** Put four zeros on the board or paper. Tell them that you are going to make nothing (or the zeros) into something good, just like repentance can make us feel good again, when we feel like we've been up to no good... Simply add two

lines to the zeros.

oooo good (a line down on the first zero to make it look like a g and a line up, on the last zero, to make it look like a d.

\*\*\*Sing a song on repentance.