

SKIT: Jesus & the Man Who Could Not Hear or Speak

Today's Text: Jesus Heals the Man who could not Hear - Mark 7:31-37

Memory Verse: "He who has ears, let him hear." - Matthew 13:9-16

WHY: In his gospel, Matthew writes, "He who has ears, let him hear." Jesus was able to make the deaf Man hear with his ears. We may have ears to hear the world, but we need to learn to have ears that hear God through prayer. The goal of prayer is to learn to listen to God. The skit is a fun rendition of us about the importance of prayer and listening to God.

THEME: Prayer and Listening to God

SKIT PARTS

Jesus

Two disciples,

Boy

Man

Crowd

SKIT

Narrator: Jesus was walking (*in place*) down the road while two of his disciples were behind him. Neither was listening to the other as they talked at the same time. **Disciple One**, tapping his forehead, said, "You know I'm really smart!" And **Disciple Two** said, pumping his bicep, "You know I'm really strong!"

Disciple #1: You know I'm really smart!

Disciple #2: You know I'm really strong!

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Narrator: Let's put them on mute. *Click. (Disciples keep mouthing the words.)* Then, a **Boy** brought to Jesus a **Man** who was deaf and could not speak. Watch, the **Boy** yells at the Man, "Can you hear me?" Nope, the **Man** is still deaf (*the Man lifts his hands with a confused face*).

Narrator: When you can't hear, you can't speak because you don't know how. The **Boy** tells the **Man**, "Go ahead and say something!" The **Man** pretends to speak, not knowing what sounds are!

Narrator: When the **Boy** sees **Jesus** walking by with his hands folded, he begs Jesus, following him on his knees and asking Jesus to lay his hand on the Man. **Jesus** lifts up the **Boy** and says, "Bring the **Man** here!"

Narrator: Meanwhile, let's unmute the disciples and see what they are saying to each other (*unmute*).

Disciple #1: You know, I'm really smart!

Disciple #2: You know, I'm really strong!

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Disciple #1: You know, I'm really smart!

Mute back on

Narrator: **Jesus** took the **Man** aside, away from the two **Disciples** who were back *on mute*. **Jesus** gently put his fingers into one ear and then the other ear. Then Jesus said, "His ears are fixed!"

Narrator: Let's test his hearing and see if Jesus fixed it!

"Lift up your foot," **Man** lifts his foot!

"Hop on one foot," **Man** hops on one foot.

Narrator: Then Jesus asked the Man to stick out his tongue. **Jesus** took out a tongue depressor and looked in His throat. Then Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a big sigh, I mean a really, big sigh, and said "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Then Jesus said, "His voice is fixed!"

Narrator: Let's test his talking and see if Jesus fixed it, say "God is great."

Man: God is Great!

Narrator: Say Mississippi three times! **Man** says Mississippi three times. Now we know the Man's ears could hear and his tongue could talk. The **Man**, his **Boy**, and the two **Disciples** said together, "Jesus, does all things, well!" The scene is filled with joy and celebration, with high fives and fist pumps of all present.

Narrator: The **Crowd** said, "Jesus makes, the deaf hear and the mute speak."