

That's What Friends Are For

The healing of the paralysed man.

Characters:

4 friends. F1, F2, F3, F4. played by children.

Paralysed man. Zac. A reasonably tall man.

Friends start off stage:

F1, Bye Zac.

F2: See you tomorrow.

F3: I'll bring you that book I told you about.

F4: and a fresh pint of milk.

F1,2,3,4: Bye!!!

(All come on stage)

F1: You know, I feel really sorry for Zac.

F2: Yea, it must be really awful being like that.

F3: Being stuck in doors all day.

F4: Not being able to walk.

F1: Yes it must be terrible,

F2: Really terrible.

F3: Really really terrible.

F4: really really really bad.

F1: But there's nothing we can do for him is there?

F2: We can't make him walk like we can.

F3: We can't make him jump like we can.

F4: We can't make him run like we can.

F1: No, there's nothing we can do.

F2: Nothing at all.

F3: Absolutely nothing.

F4: Zilch!

(slight pause)

F1: Oh well, what shall we do for the rest of the day?

F2: I hear that Jesus chap that everyone's been talking about is round at Bart's house.
We could go and see him.

F3: Hey, that's a really good idea, he's pretty amazing I'm told.

F4: Someone told me he can make blind people see, deaf people hear and even lame people walk.

F1: Really?

F2: Really really?

F3: Really really really?

F4: That's what they say.

F1: If he can make lame people walk, maybe we should take Zac?

F2: Yea, maybe this Jesus could help Zac.

F3: Oh I don't know about that, I mean Zac is very heavy.
F4: and it is a long way, we'd have to carry him you know.
F1: I know, but just think, maybe Zac could walk again.
F2: Maybe he could run and jump and come out with us.
F3: But I'm not sure that I've got the time you know. I mean, it will take all day.
F4: and even if we get there there'll be a big crowd. How will we get him near to Jesus?
F1: But what else can we do? If we really want to help Zac then it's the only thing left.
F2: We've got to take him to Jesus.
F3: But....
F4: It'll be really hard work.
F1: Oh come on, and stop moaning.
F2: If you were like Zac I'm sure you'd want us to do the same for you!

(1 and 2 pull 3 and 4 off stage).

Someone to read the story of the healing of the paralysed man from Mark 2

(1,2,3,4, enter saying: Wow, Cor, that's amazing etc ..)

F1: Well I've never seen anything like it.
F2: Never ever,
F3: never ever ever.
F4: Never never ever ever,
F1: And it all seemed so impossible to start with.
F2: It was your brilliant idea that made it happen.
F3: I mean who else would have thought of doing that?
F4: Of digging through the roof and lowering him down.
F1: I must admit it was rather clever,
F2: Rather clever?
F3: It was brilliant.
F4: A stroke of genius!
F1: Well yes, it was a good idea, but it was Jesus who did it.
F2: He's amazing.
F3: and it was all so simple.
F4: Get up, take your mat, and go home.
F1: and their faces!
F2: I think we had the best view in the house up there.
F3: They were stunned.
F4: and so were we.
F1: And he walked right through the crowd and out the door.
F2: and he's still walking now, look at him.
F3: (calling) Come on Zac, you can't tell everyone what has happened.

(enter Zac)

Zac: (talking to off stage. half way through conversation) That's right, 'Get up and walk,' and look at me now! (does a little dance as he enters).
F4: Well I'm glad we didn't have to carry you back again, my arms would have dropped off!

Zac: Oh thank you, thank you, this is amazing. However did you think of it? Of taking me to Jesus?

F1: Well errrr.... we errrrrr... we all thought it was a good idea

F2: Yes, all of us wanted to do something for you and it seemed like a good idea.

F3: And it was a good idea.

F4: A very good idea!

F1: Because, after all...

F1, F2, F3, F4: That's what friends are for!

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