

For Life Skits

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Use one of the following short skits to share the Gospel and message of life with those at your school, congregation, women's group, men's group, or your LFL Life Chapter or Life Team meeting.

Topic: Elizabeth and her family help a pregnant teenager

Student: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

The scene: Students, after school, talking with each other.

Elizabeth: Katie, my parents and I have a guest staying with us. She arrived on Sunday afternoon. She's going to live with us until her baby is born. Her name is Emily, and she's 17 years old.

Katie: Why is she staying with you and your parents? Doesn't she have a place to live?

Elizabeth: She lived with her mom before coming to stay with us. Her mom told her she had to get an abortion. She's pregnant. Although she isn't married, Emily didn't want to get an abortion. She wants her baby to live. Her decision not to get the abortion made her mom angry. She told her she couldn't live with her anymore. She was trying to force her to get the abortion, but it didn't work. Emily didn't know what to do, and she didn't want to be homeless, so she called a local pregnancy resource center. They helped connect her to resources and our family.

Katie: So, she is going to have the baby?

Elizabeth: Yes, my mom said it will still be a couple of months before the baby is born.

Katie: She's very young. What is she going to do after the baby is born?

Elizabeth: My mom said she is going to place her baby for adoption. The pregnancy resource center connected her to an adoption agency. The adoption agency is helping her select a great, loving family. She wants the parents who adopt the baby to be Christians. She wants the baby to be baptized and grow up to know Jesus. You

know I'm adopted, don't you? My mom said my birth mother was very young, too. I'm glad our family can help Emily and her baby.

Student: Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us when we are unlovable. Thank You for leaving Your heavenly home to suffer for my sins and the sins of Elizabeth, Katie, and Emily. Your suffering and death bring us forgiveness and eternal life. Help us promote physical life, eternal life, and the abundant life that is ours through our faith in Christ. Allow us to help others in their time of need. In Your name. Amen.

Topic: My Brother Brian

Student: To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. (Ephesians 4:8-9)

The scene: Two students sitting on steps talking about themselves and their families.

Daniel: I told you about my brother and my parents. Now tell me about yours. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Bill: Yes, I have an older sister who is in high school and a younger brother who is eight years old. My younger brother, Brian, is special. He has Down syndrome. Sometimes people make fun of him ... that really upsets me. People say mean things to him. I wish people could know Brian like I do. I love him so much. He is always smiling and has a great big, caring heart.

Daniel: What is Down syndrome?

Bill: Down syndrome is a genetic condition in which a person is born with 47 chromosomes instead of the normal 46. Symptoms vary from person to person and can range from mild to very severe. Children have a widely recognized appearance when they have Down syndrome. That's why I said my younger brother is special.

Daniel: I'd like to meet Brian sometime. I'd like to meet your entire family, too. Maybe you could invite me over to your house sometime soon. I won't make fun of your brother. I know God created all of us. We are all unique and special in God's eyes.

Bill: I'll ask my mom if you can come over this weekend. Let me call her right now. *(Bill gets his cell phone out and begins to dial his number.)*

Student: Lord, we are thankful that You created the world and each of us. Thank You for special children. Thank You for those who love us, who teach us, and who help us understand Your love and forgiveness. Help us always to remember that You created each of us and love us with an everlasting love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Topic: Ask, Seek, Knock in Prayer

Student: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)

The scene: A Lutheran school or Sunday school classroom. The teacher stands in front of her class and writes prayer requests on the blackboard as the children share them with her. More children can be a part of the skit and share additional prayers or comments.

Mrs. S.: Students, do any of you have a prayer request that we can pray for today?

Suzie: My dad is going on a business trip, and we want him to be safe. Can we pray for him as he travels?

Mrs. S.: Of course, Suzie, we will pray for your dad. *(She writes "Suzie's dad" on the board.)*

Sarah: Mrs. S., my dad never comes to church with us. Can we pray that he will come to the special Sunday school program coming up next week and that he will begin to worship God with me and my mom?

Mrs. S.: Yes, Sarah, that is a great prayer request. We will ask the Lord to work in your father's life so he comes to the special program, and that through it, he will come to know Christ as his Savior and will begin attending church with you and your mom. *(She writes "Sarah's dad comes to know Christ" on the board.)*

David: My grandma has cancer. She is getting chemo treatments and has lost her hair. Can we pray for her?

Mrs. S.: Yes, David, we will ask God to be with your grandma, heal her, and give her His strength to endure her illness and continue to trust Him and grow in faith. Please keep us informed about how she is doing. *(She writes "David's grandma" on the board.)*

Student: Heavenly Father, help us bring every concern to You in prayer and to know that You care for us and will be with us. Be with Suzie's dad as he travels and keep him safe, send Your Holy Spirit to work in Sarah's father's heart and help him

come to know Jesus as his Savior, and be with David's grandma who has cancer.
Heal her according to Your will and strengthen her faith in You. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Topic: We Die and Yet Live

Student: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

The scene: Three friends meet to eat a meal together: a college student and a husband and wife. The three friends greet each other (shake hands or give each other a hug) and then sit down together at the table.

Tom: It’s so good to see you two again. It’s been a while.

Mrs. F.: It’s great to see you too, Tom. How is school going?

Tom: Really well. I’ll graduate in May. I just began my break yesterday. I’m leaving tomorrow to travel home to see my mom for Thanksgiving *(or use the nearest holiday)*. I’m not sure if you know that my dad died the day before Thanksgiving *(or use other holiday)*, so this time of year is still really difficult for my mom. It’s also difficult for me.

Mr. F.: No, we didn’t know that. How long has it been now since your dad died? He had a heart attack, didn’t he?

Tom: Yes, it was sudden. It’s been a little over a year. It’s not as hard now as it was at first, but I still miss him.

Mrs. F.: You will never stop missing your dad. Thankfully, you will see him again.

Tom: Yes, I know my dad is in heaven, and I’ll see him again someday. I’m thankful that he had faith in Christ as his Savior and Lord.

Mr. F.: Have you ever wondered how people who don’t have faith go through the death of a loved one? I just can’t imagine how I would deal with death if I didn’t know my loved ones were with the Lord.

Mrs. F.: It seems like more and more people today don’t think going to church and having faith in Christ is important. You should be thankful that you were raised in a good Christian family, Tom. We’re thankful that you believe in Christ, even in the midst of your trials and tribulations.

Tom: I am thankful for my Christian family, Mrs. F. I also know that many people have kept my mom and me in their prayers as we grieve my dad's loss. Although some have turned away from Christ, many others are actively involved in living out their faith. Not because they need to, but just because "it's what they do." In a past letter from Dr. Lamb, the former executive director of Lutherans For Life, he shared some wonderful true stories about how members of Lutherans For Life are living their faith. Like the eighty-year-old husband whose wife has Alzheimer's: He sets the alarm clock to get up every night to take her to the bathroom so she doesn't hurt herself trying to do it alone. He told about another elderly man who uses a walker and takes church bulletins and tapes of the worship services to people who are homebound. These types of stories give me hope for the future.

(The three friends continue talking to each other, but the mics are turned off so you can't hear what they are saying. The audience sees their lips moving but can no longer hear them.)

Student: Lord Jesus, we know Tom is still grieving the loss of his father and ask that You continue to be with him and give him Your strength. Help his faith to grow. Be with all of us who grieve the loss of a loved one who has died and has passed from this life to the next. Thank You for suffering in our place on the cross and for giving us forgiveness and everlasting life as a free gift. Help us continue to shine Your light and to live our faith in today's world. Amen.