

# USELESS TOOLS

## BIG IDEA

Discipleship is the key! This skit focuses on the need for discipleship in our Churches today.

## KEY VERSES

Ephesians 4:11-12

## MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 4:11-12

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

## BIBLE LESSON

- Cast: Bob, Frank, Mary, Sue
- Props: Toolbox, Bible

## GAME

- Chairs will need to be gathered on location, but sheets of paper can be used if chairs are not available

## CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- 3x5" index cards (20 per child)
- Rubber stamps
- Stamp pads
- Stickers with 20 of the same design (optional)
- Markers or colored pencils
- Binder clips (one per child)

## WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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## BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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Tips: Setting is simple. Frank stands center stage the entire time, and the other players enter from the right and left to talk to him.

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### SKIT

Bob: (Hands Frank a toolbox. Throughout this opening lines Frank is smiling but trying to ask a question to Bob who doesn't even notice. Frank gets slightly agitated, but keeps his good nature.) Well congratulations, Frank, I'm just so excited about your decision to become a carpenter. Well here's your toolbox in it you will find the tools to help you build hundreds of exciting things. I want you to know that we have put your name in the Union files so you are officially a Carpenter now. I hope you have fun building things. Well I have to be going. Being a carpenter is a very busy job.

Frank rummages through the toolbox looking puzzled as he pulls out different tools.

Mary: Hey, hey bub! Are you a carpenter.

Frank: (sort of proud) Why yes, I am a carpenter

Mary: Good because I've got a table over her with a leg missing. My children, Lord bless them were runnin' around the house and knocked it over. I know what you are saying, why are my kids runnin' around the house well when you have ten of them it's just hard to watch them all at once ya know. Hey, why aren't you getting your stuff ready to come. Ain't ya gonna come and fix my table.

Frank: (embarrassed) Well I'd love to help, but I don't know how to fix a table.

Mary: What you mean you can't fix a table, you're a carpenter ain't ya.

Frank: Yes I am, but I don't know how to fix anything.

Mary: Then who's Supposed to fix my table?

Frank: Oh you definitely need a carpenter, but just not me.

Mary: Well thanks a lot bub, thanks for nothing.

Frank stands there looking somewhat rejected, but brightens when Sue enters.

Sue: Hey! Hey you!

Frank: Me?

Sue: Yes, you. You with the toolbox hurry over here and give us a hand.

Frank: Well what do you need?

Sue: Well, we have a big hole in our roof, and it looks like it might rain. Right now my husband is up there trying to hold down a tarp and staple it over the hole, but now that we have a

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carpenter you can come and show us how to really fix it.

Frank: Well, I'd really love to come help, but I just don't know how to fix a roof.

Sue: Can't fix a roof, well that's basic. Didn't you have to get some sort of carpenter training?

Frank: No! They just handed me a toolbox said you're a carpenter now and sent me on my way. I don't even know what half of these tools are, much less how to use them. I'm sorry, but I just can't help you.

Sue walks off in disgust. Frank sits the toolbox behind him faces front the freezes. Bob comes back on stage, and Frank unfreezes.

Bob: Frank, congratulations on becoming a Christian. I'm just so excited about your decision. Well here's your bible. It's just full of the tools that you will need to become a fruitful Christian. I've put your name on the church role so your journey to Christ is now officially accomplished. I hope you have fun out there helping people. You now have all of the tools. Well I have to go. Being a Christian is such a busy job. Bye.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think this skit was about?
2. Why was Frank unable to help people with his tools?
3. Why didn't he know how to use the tools?
4. How could he have learned to use the tools?
5. Was it Bob's fault or Frank's fault that Frank couldn't use the tools? (Important to point out that both of them had some responsibility. Bob should have taught Frank. Frank should have found some help).
6. What does the toolbox represent? (Becoming a Christian and having a bible with God's tools)
7. Do we automatically have complete understanding and bible knowledge when we become a Christian?
8. How can we get more understanding and knowledge?

NOTE: It's important to point out that the bible is sufficient for all teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (1 Timothy 3:16), but it's also necessary for believers to help one another in becoming familiar and comfortable with the bible.

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## CRAFT & GAME

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### • CRAFT •

#### OBJECTIVE: FLIP BOOK

Kids will make a moving picture flip book out of index cards and rubber stamps.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Use rubber stamps and markers to create a simple picture on an index card
- On a second index card create the same design but move the stamped image about 1/4 inch
- Repeat the previous step 18 more times moving the stamped image 1/4 inch each time
- Secure cards together with a binder clip
- Flip book pages from front to back and watch the image move across the page

NOTE: This craft can be done with stickers rather than stamps. Older kids might enjoy drawing each image on their own.

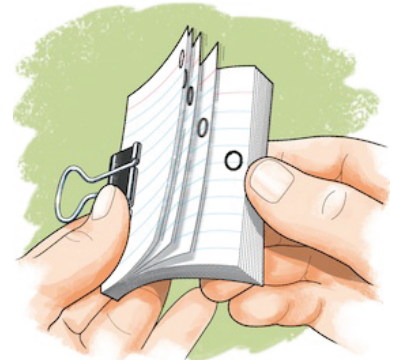
#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, hole punches, staplers

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- 3x5" index cards (20 per child)
- Rubber stamps
- Stamp pads
- Stickers with 20 of the same design (optional)
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#### EXAMPLE



### • GAME •

#### OBJECTIVE: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Kids answer questions and continually move from chair to chair.

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Chairs will need to be gathered on location, but sheets of paper can be used if chairs are not available

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Everyone sits on chairs in a circle except for one player.
- This player must stand in front of a player and ask him “Do you love your neighbor?”.
- When the answer is ‘Yes’, the player moves to the next player’s lap and continues the question. If the answer is “No”, the following question is asked “So who do you love?”. A possible answer – “People who wear red t-shirts”. Then all the people wearing red t-shirts must exchange seats.
- Whoever doesn’t get a chair, goes in the middle.



# Discipleship

Helping another believer make biblical  
change toward Christlikeness -  
helping others in the sanctification process.



I Timothy 4:15-16