A PUPPET PLAY IN ONE ACT

Baby Sisters

Based on Isaiah 40:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:7 · Written by Carrie Elderberry



SUITABLE FOR
Ages 5 and up

PERFORMANCE TIME
8–10 minutes

CAST SIZE
4 puppets

PROPS REQUIRED
A princess costume (or a second NEW GIRL puppet) for the costume change

MAIN THEME

God loves people gently and patiently even when they make mistakes or don't yet understand — and helping someone new grow into their identity in Christ is an act of love, not judgment.

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PRODUCTION OVERVIEW

Synopsis

GIRL and BOY are getting BABY ready for a Halloween party when BOY spots a NEW GIRL from church wearing a witch costume — not realizing it isn't appropriate for a Christian party. BOY wants to keep his distance, but GIRL reminds him that God doesn't hate people, only the harmful things they do, and that BABY's own scraped hand shows how love responds to mistakes with kindness, not rejection. By the end, GIRL's mother has helped NEW GIRL trade her witch costume for a princess costume — a picture of her new identity as a daughter of the King.

Spiritual Concept

Just as GIRL kisses BABY's hurt hand instead of scolding her for touching something hot, God responds to our mistakes with tenderness, not rejection. NEW GIRL's costume swap — witch to princess — pictures what happens when someone becomes a Christian: she doesn't earn a new identity, she's given one, as a daughter of the King of Heaven.

Age Suitability

Best for ages 5 and up; the Halloween party setting and BABY's comic baby-talk make it especially fun for younger children, while the conversation about identity in Christ gives older kids something to chew on too.

Performance Time

8–10 minutes

CAST & TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Characters (in order of appearance)

GIRL — Patient and caring older sister. Models grace for BOY — toward BABY's mistakes and toward NEW GIRL's costume mix-up.

BABY — GIRL's baby sister, dressed in costume. Doesn't talk much yet — mostly baby noises and a few repeated words, often echoing whatever she just heard (comic device). Touched a hot pan earlier and has a bandaged hand.

BOY — Starts out annoyed by babies and wary of NEW GIRL's witch costume. Comes around by the end, helped along by GIRL's explanation and BABY's example.

NEW GIRL — Recently prayed with GIRL's mom and became a Christian. Arrives at the party in a witch costume, not realizing it isn't appropriate — and leaves in a princess costume GIRL's mom gives her, symbolizing her new identity in Christ.

Prop Options

- Have a princess costume ready, or a second identical NEW GIRL puppet already dressed as a princess, for the off-stage costume change.

PERFORMANCE NOTES FOR PUPPETEERS

New to puppets? General prep, technique, and voice tips live at gospelpuppets.org/getting-started.

Character Notes

BABY's running gag — repeating whatever word she just heard (“Shut up!” “Stupid!”) — is the author's comic device and doubles as a gentle reminder that little ones pick up everything we say.

NEW GIRL's costume change is the visual centerpiece of the play — give it a beat to land before BOY's closing remark.

Staging

A fun way to include more people, especially pre-readers eager to help, is to have a hand-held “curtain” ready for the scene change. Helpers can run up and screen the center stage for a moment while chimes are rung and the puppets switch places.

Have the princess costume (or second puppet) ready offstage before NEW GIRL's final entrance.

Reading the Script

CAPS = volume/intensity.

Em dashes in BOY's interrupted lines are the author's pacing notation — preserve as written.

BABY SISTERS

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(Enter GIRL and BABY. BABY doesn't talk much yet but makes lots of baby noises.)

GIRL: Here we are! Let me check your costume.

BABY: Ah!

GIRL: I need to make sure you're all ready for the party!

BABY: Party? Party?

GIRL: That's right. Here, let me check your boo-boo again.

BABY: No!

GIRL: Is your bandage still on straight?

BABY: *(hides hand)* No-no no! Boo-boo! Owiee!

GIRL: Does it still hurt my little sweetie? Poor Baby! Let me kiss it.

BABY: *(holds out hand with bandage)* Kiss.

GIRL: *(kisses BABY's hand)* There. All better.

(Enter BOY.)

BOY: Hey, there! Ready for the party?

GIRL: Hi! Yes, we are just about ready.

BOY: *(notices BABY)* Oh, no. We're not taking HER along, are we?

GIRL: *(indignantly)* And why NOT?

BOY: Awww, she'll get in the way, and slow us down, and stuff. Babies are too much TROUBLE.

GIRL: She can't help being a baby. YOU were a baby once.

BOY: Oh, all right. But you're in charge of her, NOT ME.

GIRL: That's fine.

BOY: Babies take so much looking AFTER. Hey, what did she do to her hand?

BABY: *(holds it out)* Boo-boo! Boo-boo! HOT.

GIRL: She touched a hot PAN today. I TOLD her not to, but she didn't listen.

BOY: Typical.

GIRL: I told her it would hurt her, but she didn't BELIEVE me.

BABY: Oweee! Hot! HOT!

BOY: That's RIGHT, kid. I bet NOW you will listen to your big sister, huh?

BABY: *(nodding and holding out hand)* Kiss boo-boo.

BOY: *(kisses the air nearby)* Oh, honestly. Babies are so silly.

GIRL: Yeah. But they are sweet, too.

BOY: How would they manage without us?

BABY: *(shakes head)* Boo-boo. Hot. No-no!

BOY: She IS kind of cute.

GIRL: *(looking all around)* Look at all the PEOPLE! Oh, do you think that NEW girl will be here?

BOY: What new girl?

GIRL: You know, the girl who prayed with my MOM last week.

BOY: Oh, right! She decided to become a follower of Jesus. VERY smart move.

GIRL: Yeah, really. That was awesome, huh? She said she would try to meet us at the party, remember?

BABY: Party! Party!

BOY: Let's go play one of the games.

(Exit all three. Enter NEW GIRL.)

NEW GIRL: *(looking all around)* I don't see ANYBODY I know, here. Maybe I should NOT have come to this party.

(pause)

NEW GIRL: Everybody was so nice, at church though, and they said this would be LOTS of fun. Oh, I hope I see those kids.

(pause and look)

NEW GIRL: Wait, I think I see the lady who PRAYED with me!

NEW GIRL: *(call out)* Hello!

(Exit NEW GIRL. Enter GIRL, BOY, and BABY.)

BOY: That was fun! What should we do next? There is a fishing game, a duck pond, the…

GIRL: *(gasps)* Wait! Look over there! I THINK I see the new girl!

BOY: Oh, yeah? Where?

GIRL: Over there, with my mom. But the new girl is wearing a WITCH costume!

BABY: Witch? Witch?

BOY: Yeah, I see her. Why would she dress up as an evil witch? Doesn’t she know that witches are BAD?

GIRL: I guess nobody told her, that we are not supposed to wear scary costumes, to this party.

BOY: Well, I am staying away from HER.

GIRL: That won’t help anything!

BOY: Look, if she is a Christian now, she ought to know that God HATES witches.

GIRL: Maybe she doesn’t know, yet. Anyway, God does not HATE them. He only hates what they do.

BOY: What’s the difference?

GIRL: Well, witches are just… FOOLISH people. Jesus died for them, too. They are lost without him.

BOY: How can God love somebody who casts spells and stuff?

GIRL: That’s why God sent Jesus. Jesus wants to SAVE us from evil.

BOY: *(he thinks a moment)* Oh. Right. I knew that.

BABY: *(wave bandaged hand at the BOY)* Boo-boo! Hot! No-no!

BOY: Hey… that baby just gave me an IDEA.

GIRL: What?

BOY: Remember how the baby got HURT because she touched the hot pan? Even when you told her “NO”?

BABY: Owiee! Hot! No-no!

BOY: Right, kid. Now shut UP for a minute, ok?

GIRL: Oh no! Don’t say “shut up” around the baby!

BABY: Shut UP!

GIRL: Now see what you’ve done?

BABY: *(holds up bandage)* Shut UP! Kiss boo-boo.

BOY: *(he kisses the air)* Sorry. Anyway, she gave me an idea. You know how you still love your baby sister, even when she does stupid things—

GIRL: Oh no! Don’t say that word either!

BABY: Stupid! Stupid! Shut up!

BOY: Yikes… ok, I mean, when she does— foolish— things?

GIRL: Of course!

BOY: Things that hurt her, even?

GIRL: Yeah… so?

BOY: Well, God loves the new girl that same way.

GIRL: Yes! And I think we should tell the new girl more about Jesus.

BOY: Just like you take care of your Baby.

BABY: Hot! No-no! Ow!

GIRL: Look, here she comes now. Wait! Look! What's she got on now?

(Enter NEW GIRL, with princess costume.)

NEW GIRL: Hello! Look what your mom just gave me!

GIRL: Looks so pretty!

NEW GIRL: It's a princess costume. Isn't it nice? Your mom says I should be a PRINCESS, instead of a witch.

BOY: Wow, that is really nice.

NEW GIRL: She says that now that I am a Christian, I'm a daughter of the KING OF HEAVEN.

BOY: And a king's daughter is a princess… cool.

NEW GIRL: Right! She says that NOW I am a real princess, on the inside! In my heart.

GIRL: That's true. Just like me!

NEW GIRL: And she said that Christians don't need to cast spells, because Jesus is stronger, than any power on earth.

BOY: All we need to do is trust him with everything. Which isn't always easy! But it's always right.

GIRL: I can show you to the restroom, so you can see how good you look in this new costume.

NEW GIRL: Good idea! Come on Baby!

(Exit GIRL and NEW GIRL.)

BOY: Bye!

BABY: Bye-bye! Shut up! Stupid!

(Exit BABY.)

BOY: *(addressing audience)* Babies… princesses… you got to love them. And now, while they are fussing around in the restroom, I’m going to snag some serious candy.

(he looks around)

BOY: Hmm… which game should I try next? Hmm… because the puppet show is over! Good-bye!

THE END

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Discussion Questions

1. Why did BOY want to stay away from NEW GIRL at first?
2. GIRL said God doesn't hate witches, only what they do. What's the difference?
3. How is BABY touching something hot, even after being told "no," like the other mistakes people make?
4. What did NEW GIRL's princess costume represent?
5. What does it mean to be a "daughter (or son) of the King of Heaven"?

Related Bible Passages

Primary Text: Isaiah 40:11 – “He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young.” (NLT)

Additional Scripture:

- 1 Thessalonians 2:7 – Paul describes caring for new believers the way a mother feeds and cares for her own children – gently and tenderly. (Summarized.)
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (NLT)

Song Suggestions

- “All Things New” – Big Daddy Weave – https://open.spotify.com/track/2D1F0ukjJniQCgO1ex5KJi
- “In Christ Alone” – Celtic Worship – https://open.spotify.com/track/703n5NpkOCjmyCPfvelk5d
- “Children of the Heavenly Father” – The National Lutheran Choir – https://open.spotify.com/track/2v23cOldTzwkYISnGPKvRU

Ministry Context

A natural fit for a fall or Halloween-season program, or any series on grace, identity in Christ, or welcoming newcomers. The witch-to-princess costume swap gives kids a vivid, concrete picture of “new creation” language that can otherwise feel abstract.