

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

TABLE OF DUTIES (PART 1)

SKIT

Characters: Reporter, Great-Great Grandmother (Lois), Great-Grandmother (Eunice), Grandfather (Tim Sr.), Son (Tim Jr.), Granddaughter (Elizabeth)

Setting: A reporter doing a story on a family reunion.

FYI: This skit is set up somewhat like a still moment but includes dialogue. Arrange five chairs lined up in front of the class in the order above. The reporter's role is to explain how the Gospel gets passed down from one generation to the next.

Reporter: This is Kingdom News, _____ reporting! We're at the home of a family reunion that has five generations gathered to celebrate. But the most exciting news to report is the way God's Word has been so lovingly passed down from one generation to the next. This happens more than you think, but it's something we never want to take for granted. Ask yourself, "Who taught you about the Savior?" And then ask, "Who will you be privileged to teach someday?" This family has been answering that call for five generations. Now to help you understand this, I've lined up these five chairs and have asked someone from each generation to come in here and take a seat in the order in which he or she passed the Good News of Jesus Christ along. Okay, please come in, and take a seat.

(Family comes in and sits, oldest to youngest.)

(Reporter to the great-great grandmother.)

Reporter: Hi. Can you tell me your name and how old you are?

Lois: How's that?

Reporter: Your name and how old, ma'am.

Lois: Oh, my name is Lois, and I think I'm around ninety years old.

Eunice: No, Mother. You're ninety-nine.

Lois: How's that?

Eunice: Ninety-nine! You're ninety-nine! You'll be a hundred in February, God willing.

Reporter: Wow! That's wonderful. And you, ma'am? You're her daughter?

Eunice: Yes, I am, dear. My name is Eunice, and I just turned seventy-seven. This is my son, Timothy Sr.

Tim Sr.: Howdy, ma'am. You can call me Tim. I'm fifty-two years old, and God has blessed me with a wife, a son, and a baby granddaughter.

Elizabeth: I'm not a baby, Grandpa. I'm four!

Tim Sr.: Sorry, Lizzy. I mean, a big girl granddaughter!

Reporter: And you're the son?

Son: Yes. I'm Timmy Jr. Nice to meet you. This is my daughter. Say hello, and tell the reporter your name, Lizzy, and how old you are.

Elizabeth: *(Holding up four fingers)* My name is Elizabeth Anne, and I'm this many.

Reporter: Very nice. It's so nice to meet all of you. *(Walking back to Lois)* Lois, I was wondering if you could tell me something about your faith.

Lois: How's that?

Eunice: Faith, Mother, faith!

Lois: Faith? Why sure, I have faith in the Lord Christ! And so do you. *(To the reporter)* Do you have faith, dear?

Reporter: Yes, ma'am, I do. Lois, would you share a little about your faith?

Lois: How's that? Oh, I can't hear very well. Eunice, you can tell the nice reporter everything I taught you about faith.

Eunice: Sorry. Mother is hard of hearing. Mother here didn't just teach me about Jesus—she lived it! And she said her greatest prayer was that I would pass this faith down to my children and then to their children. Everyone sitting here is a glorious answer to mother Lois's prayers!

Tim Sr.: That's right. My grandmother, Lois, taught my mother, Eunice, about Jesus. Mom taught me about Jesus, and I raised my son to know who Jesus is too. And I know he's teaching his daughter. Right, son?

Tim Jr.: That's right, Dad. Lizzy? Who loves you more than anything in the world?

Lizzy: Jesus!

Tim Jr.: Who died to save you?

Lizzy: Jesus!

Tim Jr.: How do you know?

Lizzy: Because the Bible tells me so!

Reporter: *(Facing the class)* And there you have it! Five generations of sharing Christ!

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(SKIT, CONTINUED)

DISCUSSION

When do you first remember hearing the Good News that Jesus is your Savior and best and truest friend?

Who told you? Answers will vary. The role of family members is very important in sharing with young children the saving knowledge of Jesus.

Why is it especially important to marry someone who shares your faith in Jesus? Believing spouses support and encourage one another in the faith and together share the faith with their children.

Explain the importance of selecting a vocation that brings joy and satisfaction to your life. A satisfying vocation that provides a means for serving both God and others is one of God's great blessings. Among these vocations are a number of church work professions.

Discuss these possibilities with your students. Learn about the nearest colleges, universities, and seminaries that provide career ministry training. Encourage students to write in their journal any career ministry positions that interest them and how they could serve God through this career. Suggest they write a letter or send an email to the school of their choice requesting further information.