

THE RESURRECTION ROCK

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This skit may be performed by children or by puppets.

AIM: To remind children that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to them every day to help them solve their problems.

PUPPETS: Cliff and Daisy.

PROPS: A small piece of paper; small bag or basket. Optional: backdrop scene of a rocky field; plastic, styrofoam, paper mache or cardboard cutouts of rocks placed around edge of stage.

(Cliff enters from right, holding and looking at a small piece of paper. He stops, looks up and around for a few seconds then walks a little further. He does this several times until he gets to center stage where he stops, looks up and stares in all directions searching for something.)

Cliff: Rocks! All I can see around here are ROCKS! (Reads paper again, then walks around looking more.) There has to be SOMETHING more than ROCKS in this field. (Pauses.) Maybe I just went too far. (Looks again at paper.) No, I followed Mom's directions just right. This is where I'm SUPPOSED to be. (Shakes head in confusion.)

Daisy: (Skips in from the left carrying basket or bag, comes up to Cliff and stops.) Hey, Cliff, what are you studying so hard?

Cliff: (Looks up at her.) Hi, Daisy. I'm just trying to figure out this clue my mom gave me. What are YOU doing here?

Daisy: (Excitedly.) I'm here to get ROCKS for my rock collection for Science class! I LOVE rocks! They're so neat!

Cliff: Well, this is the perfect place for you. That's all there is here!

Daisy: Are you on a scavenger hunt or something, Cliff?

Cliff: No, my mom's trying to teach me a lesson. You know how moms are.

(Both shake their head in agreement.)

Daisy: Yeah. What's she trying to teach you now?

Cliff: To stop saying, "I can' do it," when things are hard for me. So she gave me this note. It says: "Go out the front door and turn to your right. Walk down to the field where the rocks are in sight. Then stand there and think what God's power can do When you think that your task is just too hard for you."

Daisy: Wow! Your mom's a poet.

Cliff: Yeah, I just wish I could figure out WHAT in the world there is here to help me feel better when I think things are too hard for me to do.

Daisy: ROCKS, of course!

Cliff: What's so great about rocks?

Daisy: They remind me of the resurrection story and of GOD'S POWER.

Cliff: They do? How?

Daisy: Remember after Jesus died on the cross He was buried in a tomb, and a bunch of soldiers put a BIG, HUGE stone in front of it so no one could go in or out?

Cliff: Yeah. (Nods head.)

Daisy: Well, when the ladies came on the third day to put oil on the body of Jesus, 'cause that's what they did in those days when people died, they thought they were going to have to get help to roll away that HUGE stone

Cliff: (Tilts head as though thinking.) But they didn't, did they?

Daisy: No, because GOD'S POWER had already brought Jesus back to life AND had rolled that stone away so He could come out of the tomb.

Cliff: COOL! That's REALLY power!

Daisy: Yeah, and God's power is JUST AS GREAT TODAY AS IT WAS THEN. Isn't that

awesome? He can help us with ANY problem we have, no matter what it is!

Cliff: (Excitedly.) THAT'S IT! (Waves paper in air.) Mom wanted me to see these rocks and remember the RESURRECTION STORY and that GOD'S power is big enough to help me do things I think are really impossible.

Daisy: (Cheers) Yea! Congratulations! You figured it out!

Cliff: (Looking around the ground.) Now, I've got to find a really good rock to keep.

Daisy: You got to make a rock collection, too?

Cliff: No, I want one to keep in my pocket as a reminder that God's power can help me any time I need it.

Daisy: Yeah, you can call it your Resurrection Rock.

Cliff: (Picks up rock and looks at it carefully.) Now every time I feel this rock in my pocket, I'll remember to say, "I CAN," instead of "I CAN'T!"

Daisy: Good. Now, can you help me find some rocks for my assignment?

Cliff: Yep! I LOVE rocks now!

(Both pick up rocks, look at them, then put them in Daisy's basket as they exit right.)

The End

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