



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit, Part 1"

01/20/08

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
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Worship Leader /
Announcer
Babaa Waa Waa
Poor Man
Passerby (3)
Kind Passerby (2)
Crying Person
Rich Kid
Groupies (3)
Joe (puppet)
Christy (puppet)
Poster Holder (puppet)

Prop List:

Street light	Sunglasses	Paper bag w/old clothes
Trash can	Black sunglasses for host	Shopping bags
Park bench	Blanket	Warm jacket
Loose "trash"	Half empty can of soda	

SFX / Music List:

The Attitude	BG: Game Show - To Tell The Truth
Give Me Eyes (to see my need)	BG: sad (Foster)
Jesus Loves Me (v1/ch only)	BG: sad, soft
Seek Ye First	BG: "Saturday Night Fever" / cool rap
Hope Of Heaven	

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"





OPENING SONG: The Attitude

WORSHIP LEADER: Here we are starting a new series and today we tackle the very first Beatitude: Blessed are the poor in spirit. Remember last week we learned what a Beatitude is: It's having a be happy attitude, a Jesus attitude! So...let's dig in and take a look at the first Beatitude that Jesus shared...

Cue Background Music: Game Show Snippet - To Tell The Truth

ANNOUNCER: Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to play... "To Tell the Truth" with our host, the lovely Babaa Waa Waa! Let's clap and give a big hand to Babaa Waa Waa!

BABAA: (Gregarious, yet with serious intelligence) Thank you, thank you, and this is: "To Tell the Truth." First, let's introduce our panel. Let's welcome joe and his sister, Christy. (Babaa claps for them and eggs the audience to clap) Last week, Christy asked about the first Beatitude: "blessed are the poor in spirit." Is that right, Christy?

CHRISTY: Yes, that's right, Babaa.

BABAA: Well, we are going to study what it means to be poor in spirit. And kids, we'll be asking you to give us some help so pay close attention to what goes on up here. To begin, i'd like to ask our audience, what does it mean to be poor?

KIDS FROM AUDIENCE: It means you don't have things. You have to do without. 'Cuz you don't have the money.

BABAA: Yes, thank you. You're talking about being financially poor. Let's watch this example.

Cue Background Music: sad (Foster)

Poor Man walks out slowly. Sickly, dirty and has a few items he owns with him; I.e. blanket wrapped around himself. Looking in trash can, first finds 1/2 empty bag of chips and begins to eat.

Passerby #1 & #2 enter from stage left - see poor man and stop, walk away in direction of audience and make a face at each other and at audience like "this guy is gross", pinch nose to say "he smells." Exit down center aisle.

Poor Man finds 1/2 empty soda can and drinks it.

PASSERBY #3: (Enters stage right sees poor man who finds 1/2 empty soda can and drinks it. Passerby looks at him & is grossed out, looks at audience) **Disgusting!** (Exits stage right)

KIND PASSERBY #1: (In warm jacket, poor man again looking in trash) Sir, you look hungry. Could I get you something to eat over there at McDonald's?

POOR MAN: Huh? Me? No, I'm not hungry. I don't need any food.





KIND PASSERBY #1: Well, I know there's a homeless shelter about a block away from here. I can give you bus fare. I'll bet the shelter could help you get a nice shower and at least put a roof over your head.

POOR MAN: I don't need a roof over my head. And why would I need a shower. I don't smell.

KIND PASSERBY #1: (Starts to take off jacket) Well, you certainly look like you need a nice warm jacket. It's getting cold at night, and...

POOR MAN: (Kind of bothered now) I don't need your jacket, I'm not cold. Look, I don't need your money, or your food, or your shelter, or your jacket; I'm just fine.

Stop Background Music

BABAA: O.K., Freeze! Let's freeze that frame right there. (Asks audience) Kids, do you think this poor man is telling the truth?

KIDS: No!

BABAA: Is he poor? Does he have needs?

KIDS: Yes!

JOE: Babaa, I wonder why he won't admit that he's poor?

CHRISTY: Yeah, doesn't he know he has needs? How sad! If he knew he was poor he could receive some help. But he just turns help away.

Cue Song: Give Me Eyes To See My Need

During song, poor man begins to dig in trash, kind passerby begins to walk sadly away, then turns back and lays his coat on the ground near the poor man who doesn't notice because he's in the trash can. Then kind passerby walks away as song ends.

BABAA: Let's look at a different kind of poor. There are people who have needs that are emotional needs. They are lonely. They need friends. Watch closely, kids, and see what happens.

Cue Background Music: sad, soft

Crying Person is leaning against street light and is crying uncontrollably, doesn't notice people passing by.

Passerby #1 enters from stage left, looks at crying person, then at audience, and makes a "she's crazy" sign with hand.



Passerby #2 & #3 come out with shopping bags, laughing and talking about a sale, suddenly in range of crying and stop. Look at audience in silence, walk right be and then begin talking again about the sale as if nothing had happened.

KIND PASSERBY #2: Excuse me, can I help you?

CRYING PERSON: I don't need any help.

KIND PASSERBY #2: Well, is there something wrong?

CRYING PERSON: No, nothing's wrong.

KIND PASSERBY #2: Ah, but you're crying. Something must be wrong for you to cry like this. Is there something I can do to help? Maybe we could pray together and...

CRYING PERSON: Look, I said I don't need your help. Because nothing is wrong. And I don't need to pray because. (Stops to look up into the sky as if the answer is there) Because... I'm not crying.

Stop Background Music

BABAA: O.K., Let's freeze. Kids, is that crying person telling the truth?

KIDS: No!

CHRISTY: I can't believe her. Something's really wrong. Why won't she let that other person pray for her?

JOE: She won't admit that she's hurt. But it's plain to see, she's really hurt inside.

Cue Song: Jesus Loves Me (first verse and chorus only)

During song, Kind Passerby walks sadly away but turns back and folds hands, looks up to heaven, and prays for crying person as she slowly leaves stage with head in hand, crying.

BABAA: Wow, that is so sad. Let's look at one more picture of being poor. This time it's being poor in spirit.

JOE: Does that mean that because we're sinners we're poor in spirit so we need to seek God and get more of him into our lives so we won't be poor?

BABAA: Yes, joe. It's admitting the truth. We have nothing, we are nothing without, who, kids?

KIDS: God!

BABAA: That's right! Now, here's someone who thinks he has it all. Let's watch.

Cue Background Music: "Saturday Night Fever" or a cool rap



RICH KID: (With sunglasses on, the rich kid comes out with entourage following him. They huddle together separate from him, yet beside him. They have an air of “we’re special, you’re not.” He takes off his glasses to see the puppet kid putting up a poster for the kid’s crusade) **Hey, you, what’s the poster about?**

GROUPIES: Yeah!

POSTER PUPPET: Oh, hi, this poster tells about the Crusade.

RICH KID: You mean, like knights in shining armor?

POSTER PUPPET: No, it’s a big meeting where you learn about Jesus and about how you can have eternal life.

RICH KID: Wow!

GROUPIES: Wow!

RICH KID: Hey, how can I get eternal life? I have everything else. So like, what do I do to get eternal life?

Groupie #1 whispers in ear of rich kid.

RICH KID: Oooooohhhh, I just be good and keep all ten commandments. Let’s see, I think I remember them. Do not lie. Yeah, I don’t think I’ve ever lied.

Kids in entourage look at each other like they know differently and whisper to each other.

RICH KID: (Suddenly rich kid turns around quickly and they break apart and act like they haven’t been whispering about him) **Oh yeah, stealing. I’ve never stolen anything that didn’t eventually become mine. So I guess I can’t call it stealing.**

Kids in entourage look at each other like they know differently and whisper to each other again, and he quickly turns to look at them, they break apart again.

RICH KID: Let’s see, honor my mother and father. Well, as long as I don’t see them, I don’t seem to have a problem with that. Gosh, I haven’t even phoned them in over a year. So hey, I’m pretty sure I’ve kept all the ten commandments all my life. (He quickly looks at the others before they have time to whisper.)

Stop Background Music

BABAA: Freeze! Kids, do you think he’s obeyed all of the ten commandments?

KIDS: No!

JOE: Nobody can obey all the ten commandments. We all fall short of the glory of God.

CHRISTY: Why, that’s why we needed a Savior to come and die for our sins.



BABAA: Let's see what happens next. Unfreeze.

POSTER PUPPET: Well, I think you're missing something...

RICH KID: I'm not missing anything. See! (Points to entourage) I've got it all!

POSTER PUPPET: Jesus knows we are all sinners. That's why He died for us. And now He wants you to die to yourself and give up everything for Him. Including your life. He wants you to follow him.

RICH KID: Hey, I'm rich. You want me to give up everything I've worked to hold onto. That's crazy! Come on guys, we're outta here!

GROUPIES: We're outta here. (All follow rich kid off stage, poster puppet hangs head and prays.)

POSTER PUPPET: Oh Lord, he doesn't know it, but he just walked away from the greatest riches. Lord, he doesn't know how poor he really is.

JOE: Oh, Babaa, that is so sad.

CHRISTY: I'm glad that I know I'm poor in spirit. Because I can get the help I need by seeking God, and he will bless me.

BABAA: That's right. In fact here's what He will bless you with:

Repeat after me kids,

Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom
Of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Let's Pray:
Lord, thank you that we know
We are poor in spirit.
That we know
That we need You
You promise to give us
The kingdom of heaven.
Help us seek you
And Your kingdom
We love you.
In Jesus' name we pray
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONGS: Seek Ye First / Hope Of Heaven