

LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE

This skit can be done alongside the skit "Down by the Riverside." The props are the same in both skits, however, the burdens emphasized here are relational.

PURPOSE/ MAIN POINT:

Many in Care Facilities have broken relationships with their children/ family members. Especially if the resident did not want to go to a Care Facility, but a family member felt it was best for their health and safety. This song helps encourage healing/ strengthening relationships. Healing relationships also strengthens their relationship with God.

This speaks also for the youth - to heal relationships in their life that may be broken, and their relationship with God.

CHARACTERS:

- Character Name: **YOU**
- Short description of character: **Honest, Vulnerable, and Kind.**
- Importance of the character: **Connect to Residents with Sincerity and Authenticity of God's Love**
- Costume suggestions for character: **Dress like yourself**

SETTING:

- When God's word is introduced it "Never Returns to Him Empty". Prayerfully take your flower or special craft to the residents and ask that Jesus may be seen through you.

PROPS LIST:

- List of burdens we carry. 1. Hatred 2. Worry 3. Greed 4. Sadness 5. Harsh Words 6. Anger 7. Unforgiveness 8. Lying 9. Gossip 10. Judging (Tape burdens onto front and back of each block)
- 5 Large cardboard Blocks
- A Carnation/ flower for each resident.

(Place container of flowers in front of room near your cardboard blocks)

- Alternatively, a Picture or Craft handmade by the child can given instead of a flower.

PROPS TIPS AND TRICKS:

- Music download from Amazon Music or another platform -
Suggested song: "Love can build a Bridge" by Westlife
- Shoe boxes can be used for Large Cardboard Boxes
- This can be done easily with younger children. Simply lead the children across the bridge of blocks.

SCRIPT:

TECHNICIAN: Start song "Love Can Build a Bridge" by Westlife

1st Verse: I'd gladly walk across the desert with no shoes on my feet..(Slowly lay blocks vertical in a line on the floor - making a bridge from you to the residents.)

Chorus: Love can build a bridge... (Walk across the blocks/ bridge with your flower or craft in your hand to give to one of the residents.)

2nd Verse: I would whisper love so loudly..(Continue walking across the bridge of blocks giving a flower to each resident.)

Chorus: Love can build a bridge... (Continue walking across the blocks/ bridge with your flower or craft in your hand to give the residents.)

3rd Verse: When we stand together, it's our finest hour.. (Take the hand of a resident closest to you) ..we can do anything if we keep believing in the power (Point upwards)

Chorus: Love can build a bridge... (Walk across the blocks/ bridge with your flower or craft in your hand to give to one of the residents until each resident has one. Be sensitive to each resident - some may want a hug too.)