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A mother-daughter sketch

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*This is dedicated to Georgia Stewart,  
a classy lady and the best of friends.*

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

### WOMAN

Female shopper who wants her look to reflect her faith

### FRIEND

Woman's shopping buddy who is somewhat  
sarcastic and skeptical

### CLERK

Male or female store employee who is very flamboyant  
and over-the-top in dress and expressive mannerisms

## PRODUCTION NOTES

### Synopsis

A shopper in search of a new look visits a boutique. She wants her personal style to reflect her Christianity. A zealous clerk working on commission comes on strong and doesn't let go! He or she suggests earrings for hearing the word of God, bracelets for making a joyful noise, an ankle bracelet for walking with Jesus, a watch for making time to serve the Lord, a scarf for wrapping herself in God's love, and loads of other doodads and baubles. The shopper looks like a walking Christmas tree! One by one, her friend removes each accessory, reminding her that she shows the heart of Christ from the inside out, and all she really needs is a simple cross necklace. This performance is suitable for any mother-daughter event.

### Setting

A boutique called The Personal Touch. You may hang a sign with the store name. You will also need a long table or counter to hold the accessories, an upright mirror, a nearby bench, stool, or chair for Friend, and anything else to simulate a store.

### Props

Woman and Friend need to carry purses. You will also need several large shopping bags. The accessories needed are oversized hoop earrings, long gold chains, several metal bracelets that will clang together, heavy-looking ankle bracelet, ring with a huge setting (perhaps even one of the gag rings sometimes used at weddings), watch with a large face, cameo pin, wide belt (possibly from a child's action hero costume), boa, fancy reading glasses, stylish sunglasses, big scarf, a tiara, and a cross necklace. (Many of these items may be found in a discount store, costume jewelry department, or Grandma's closet!)

### Costumes

Woman needs a plain dress in a dark color to show off the accessories she'll wear. Friend may wear any clothes suitable for a power shopping trip. Clerk may wear bright or even gaudy colors and lots of accessories.

- 1           (WOMAN and FRIEND enter shop with bags indicating that  
2           they have been shopping. A flamboyant CLERK greets them.)
- 3   **CLERK:** Welcome, ladies, to The Personal Touch, the shop  
4           designed to personalize your look. Who do you want to  
5           be? You tell me, and we will make it happen!
- 6   **WOMAN:** Well, (*Points to her attire.*) I already have the dress  
7           and the shoes, and even the purse.
- 8   **CLERK:** (*Looks rather disgusted.*) Honey, you're not giving me  
9           much to work with here.
- 10   **WOMAN:** But I thought the accessories would do the trick.
- 11   **CLERK:** Hmmmm ...
- 12   **FRIEND:** Come on — let's try somewhere else.
- 13   **CLERK:** Not so fast, darling. You can't rush an artist! (*Aside*)  
14           Or a miracle worker!
- 15   **FRIEND:** OK. Give me your purse and bags, and I'll park  
16           myself over there — giving you lots of space to work.  
17           (*Sits nearby to be close to the action.*)
- 18   **CLERK:** All right, dear, now just who is it you want the  
19           world to see that you are?
- 20   **WOMAN:** (*Very deliberate and emphatic*) A Christian. I want the  
21           world to know by looking at me that I am a follower of  
22           Christ.
- 23   **CLERK:** Is money an object?
- 24   **WOMAN:** No, not really.
- 25   **CLERK:** (*Looking to the heavens*) **Praise the Lord!** (*Claps hands.*)  
26           Let's get busy. (*Grabs a large pair of hoop earrings.*) These  
27           earrings will definitely show that you are a Christian!  
28           Put them on! Put them on!
- 29   **WOMAN:** Just how do they say I'm a Christian?
- 30   **CLERK:** They accentuate your lovely ears and let everyone  
31           know that you hear the word of God!
- 32   **WOMAN:** They're awfully big.
- 33   **CLERK:** The better to hear with, my dear!
- 34   **FRIEND:** I think the big bad wolf said that — not God.
- 35   **CLERK:** (*Gets gold chains and puts them on WOMAN.*) Nothing  
36           says "Christian" like these gold chains.
- 37   **FRIEND:** If they're saying anything, I think it's  
38           "bankruptcy!"

- 1 CLERK: Nothing's too good for God, and besides, it tells  
 2 others that you are chained to him.
- 3 WOMAN: Oh, I don't know that I want to say that.
- 4 CLERK: He is your Master, is he not?
- 5 WOMAN: Yes, but —
- 6 CLERK: And, of course, lots and lots of bracelets! (*Puts many*  
 7 *clanging bracelets on WOMAN.*)
- 8 FRIEND: And, of course, lots and lots of money!
- 9 WOMAN: Tell me how these bracelets show I'm a Christian.
- 10 CLERK: (*Jiggles the WOMAN's forearm so that the bracelets make*  
 11 *noise.*) A Christian makes a joyful noise unto the Lord,  
 12 does she not?
- 13 FRIEND: Sounds more irritating than joyful.
- 14 CLERK: (*With a fake smile*) Not as irritating as you are  
 15 becoming.
- 16 FRIEND: What?
- 17 CLERK: (*Brushing her off with the wave of the hand*) Nothing,  
 18 nothing. Now, we can't forget the ankle bracelet, can  
 19 we? (*Puts a rather heavy-looking clasp bracelet on the ankle.*)
- 20 WOMAN: Oh, my. It's so heavy. (*Tries to lift her foot, etc.*) And it  
 21 shows I'm a Christian, how ... ?
- 22 CLERK: (*Very expressive with hands*) By showing people that  
 23 you are walking with God!
- 24 FRIEND: Shouldn't it be a pleasant walk?
- 25 CLERK: Speaking of taking a walk, wouldn't you like to take  
 26 a walk and get a coffee or something?
- 27 FRIEND: What? And miss all this fun?
- 28 CLERK: Ha, ha, ha! (*Back to WOMAN*) Now, you can't tell  
 29 others that you are a Christian without this. (*Puts a ring*  
 30 *with a huge setting of some sort on WOMAN's index finger.*)
- 31 WOMAN: Oh, my goodness — it's huge!
- 32 CLERK: They'll know you're a Christian because you can  
 33 point the way! (*Picks up the WOMAN's finger and raises it*  
 34 *like she's pointing.*)
- 35 FRIEND: I think it's pointing to the exit.
- 36 CLERK: (*Extremely excited*) What time is it? What time is it?
- 37 FRIEND: Time to leave?
- 38 CLERK: Time to serve God! (*Dangles a huge watch in front of the*

1           WOMAN.)

2   **WOMAN:** Another really big item!

3   **CLERK:** Can you ever give too much time to God?

4   **FRIEND:** Or too much money to you?

5   **WOMAN:** I've never worn a watch this big.

6   **FRIEND:** Hey, at least the Hubble Space Telescope will know  
7           what time it is in \_\_\_\_\_ (*Insert your town*) from outer  
8           space!

9   **CLERK:** Nonsense. Now let's concentrate on this excuse for a  
10           dress. This cameo will help. (*Pins the cameo on the dress.*)  
11           It tells people that when they see you, they see God.  
12           (*Pauses, then looks at the FRIEND.*) What? No comment?

13   **FRIEND:** No, I actually like that one.

14   **CLERK:** Excellent! Well, we need a belt! (*Puts a huge gaudy belt  
15           around the WOMAN.*)

16   **FRIEND:** Well, that was short-lived.

17   **WOMAN:** It reminds me of a boxing championship belt.

18   **CLERK:** Exactly! It tells people that you are a champion for  
19           Christ! You are girded by his love! You are willing to  
20           spread the Word! You are ready to fight the good fight!

21   **FRIEND:** (*Jumps up.*) You are ready to find another store  
22           ASAP!

23   **CLERK:** (*Loudly, to FRIEND*) Sit! (*Calmer, to WOMAN*) Along  
24           with that belt, you also need this. (*Takes out a boa.*) What  
25           does every Christian wrestle with? (*Gets louder and even  
26           more excited than before.*) Sin! Sin! Sin! And don't you  
27           forget it, sister! And what reminds us of that sin but  
28           that slithery serpent. (*She gestures with the boa.*) People  
29           will see this on you and know that even though sin can  
30           strangle us, (*Starts to wrap the boa around the WOMAN's  
31           neck.*) God will save us!

32   **FRIEND:** Speaking of strangling someone — what I could do  
33           with that boa!

34   **WOMAN:** (*Coughing from the tight hold on her neck*) I guess I'm  
35           having a hard time seeing what —

36   **CLERK:** Trouble seeing? You need these glasses (*Puts a pair of  
37           readers on her.*) to let people know that as a Christian,  
38           you see clearly the path ahead of you. And also these,

- 1           *(Places a pair of sunglasses on the WOMAN's forehead.)* to let  
 2           people know that you are not blinded by bad choices.
- 3   **FRIEND:** The only bad choice we're making right now is our  
 4           choice of shops.
- 5   **CLERK:** *(Grabs a large scarf and twirls it around.)* You don't  
 6           scare me!
- 7   **FRIEND:** I see that. What are you, a bullfighter on the side?
- 8   **CLERK:** *(Drapes the scarf around WOMAN.)* People will see that  
 9           as a Christian, you are wrapped in God's love.
- 10 **FRIEND:** Now, that and the cameo pin I can buy!
- 11 **CLERK:** *(Hands on hips)* I don't believe *you* are the one buying  
 12           anything.
- 13 **FRIEND:** *(Stands and confronts CLERK with hands on hips also.)*  
 14           You're right, and neither of us is buying your  
 15           overpriced merchandise or your ridiculous sales pitch!
- 16 **CLERK:** But I haven't shown you *(In an affected French accent)*  
 17           the crème de la crème, the pièce de resistance, the tour  
 18           de force!
- 19 **WOMAN and FRIEND:** *(Both look at her, confused.)* Huh?
- 20 **CLERK:** *(In a flat American accent)* The pick of the crop!  
 21           *(WOMAN looks at FRIEND and gestures a "Please?")*
- 22 **FRIEND:** Why not. Let's see it.
- 23 **CLERK:** *This* will surely tell everyone you are a Christian!  
 24           *(Puts a tiara on her head.)*
- 25 **WOMAN:** A tiara!
- 26 **CLERK:** What better accessory to show everyone that you  
 27           are a child of the King! A princess for sure!
- 28 **FRIEND:** I'm speechless!
- 29 **CLERK:** Hallelujah! *(Looks at the WOMAN.)* I think we have  
 30           finally achieved greatness! Let me go in the back and  
 31           see if I have a bag big enough to hold all your treasures,  
 32           and then we'll start totaling this all up. *(Starts to go Off-*  
 33           *stage — says to audience)* What a glorious day to be  
 34           working on commission!
- 35 **WOMAN:** *(Looks in the mirror.)* I look more like a bad reality  
 36           star than a Christian. *(Long pause with the WOMAN*  
 37           *obviously waiting for the FRIEND to respond.)* Hint, hint! I'm  
 38           waiting for my best friend to say I'm wrong!

1     **FRIEND:** Your best friend knows how much you want to let  
2           others know you are a Christian, but you don't need any  
3           of this.

4     **WOMAN:** I don't?

5     **FRIEND:** No. (*Taking the scarf off WOMAN and placing it back on*  
6           *the table*) I liked this scarf, but you don't need it to know  
7           that God loves you. Nor do you need this boa (*Takes boa.*)  
8           to know that sin is out there. Neither do you need this  
9           belt (*Takes belt.*) to fight on the side of Christ — your  
10          faith will be enough. Glasses will not be necessary from  
11          now on. (*WOMAN hands FRIEND readers and sunglasses.*)  
12          Your true vision originates in your soul. And give me all  
13          of that jewelry. (*FRIEND and WOMAN remove the*  
14          *remaining accessories.*) Regardless of what that clerk said,  
15          they're just a lot of bling!

16    **WOMAN:** (*Sarcastically*) You're not going to make me give up  
17          this tiara, are you?

18    **FRIEND:** (*Nods.*) Pure selfishness on my part — I'd be too  
19          embarrassed to be seen with you. (*After all is taken away*)  
20          There. You look so much better.

21    **WOMAN:** And I feel so much better — at least a lot lighter!  
22          But I'm still at the same place I was when we came in.

23    **FRIEND:** As your friend, I need to tell you that it isn't what  
24          we wear or what we look like that lets others know we  
25          are Christians. It's who we are on the inside and what  
26          we do on the outside. No amount of gaudy jewelry or  
27          colorful accessories will change that. People know you  
28          are a Christian because you show the love of Christ in  
29          all that you do.

30    **WOMAN:** Thank you.

31    **FRIEND:** But there is one accessory that I would like to give  
32          you. (*She unfastens her cross necklace and puts it on her*  
33          *friend.*)

34    **WOMAN:** I can't take this from you! It's yours!

35    **FRIEND:** And as a token of our friendship and my love, I give  
36          it to you. May it be more than a visible symbol to the  
37          world about who you are. More importantly, may it  
38          remind you each and every day of the love of a Savior



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