

Avoiding Strangers

Be Careful of Strangers

Characters:

Mr. Hughes
Brent
Kelly
Adam

Synopsis: Mr. Hughes is teaching his Sunday School class about strangers and why it is important for the kids to stay with their parents when they are out of their houses.

Props:

Tables and Chairs as in Toddler Classroom
Objects in a Toddler Classroom
Picture of a person in a car talking to a child on the sidewalk
(Picture of a boy and girl with swimsuits on – see end of skit)

(The class is just about to start when Brent hurries in because he is late.)

Brent: Hi Mr. Hughes. I was almost late.

Mr. Hughes: Yes, you were. But I'm so glad you're here now. We're ready to start. Today we are going to talk about something very serious. I need everyone to listen very carefully.

Kelly: Okay. (Turning to Adam) We have to be very still and listen. Mr. Hughes is going to start now.

Mr. Hughes: A lot of times we talk about making friends and being friends and loving each other in our class.

Adam: Yep, we talked about making friends before. I remember.

Mr. Hughes: But this Sunday, we have to talk about making friends with the right people. There are some people who are not very nice and sometimes they are not very nice to little children. Today, we are going to talk about avoiding strangers that you and your parents don't know.

Brent: But couldn't we make them our friends?

Mr. Hughes: Sometimes it's best to let your parents help you make friends with adults. *(Hold up picture with adult in the car)* You see, in this picture, this person

is in the car but the child is on the sidewalk. Maybe this person is asking the child to help him/her (*use appropriate pronoun; for the remainder of this skit, the author will use he or him for simplification*) to find their kitten or their puppy.

Adam: I like kittens. We have some at home.

Mr. Hughes: Kittens are cute. But it would be better for this person to ask another adult to help. Sometimes adults who aren't very nice trick children into getting into the car with them. But you should never, never do that.

Kelly: But what if they know my mom?

Mr. Hughes: You and your mom should choose a word you like. And then, anytime that she needs to send someone else to talk to you, that adult will have to know the "password" to be able to talk to you. If he knows the password, then you can talk to him.

Kelly: I like supercalifra..fra... Maybe we need to choose an easier password.

Mr. Hughes: You're right, Kelly. Something that stays a secret just between you and your parents. You shouldn't even tell your best friend at school or church.

Brent: I've got a word to tell my parents. They'll like it.

Mr. Hughes: Now, there is another thing we need to talk about. Sometimes we get a hug from someone because we've done something good or fun together. But sometimes, we need to be careful about hugs and touches. If someone hugs you and you don't feel comfortable with that, you just say, "I don't feel comfortable with that." Can all of you say that with me?

Kids and Mr. Hughes: "I don't feel comfortable with that."

(If you choose to end the skit here, Mr. Hughes can close the skit with this segment. If you want to continue the skit, skip this section and go to the next portion.)

Mr. Hughes: If someone hugs you and you don't feel comfortable, you need to tell someone you trust, like your mom or dad or a teacher. Will all of you do that for me?

Kids: Yes! I will.

Mr. Hughes: Very good. Jesus loves all of you very much and he wants you to be safe. Remember that there are some strangers who are not very nice. Please be careful and tell your parents when you feel uncomfortable with someone, okay?

Kids: Okay!

Mr. Hughes: We talked about a very important subject today but we talked about it because we love you and Jesus loves you. Let's sing about how much Jesus loves us.

(Scene closes with "Jesus Loves Me")

(Use this section if you choose)

Mr. Hughes: Very good. Now, you see this picture of a little boy and girl in swimsuits? Those swimsuits cover special areas of our body that are private. Sometimes a person that you don't feel comfortable might try to touch you where your swimsuit covers or they might say that your parents said it was okay to touch you. When you feel uncomfortable with someone, you need to say, "No, you can't touch me. I don't like that." And then you move away and find an adult you trust. Can you practice that with me?

Kids and Mr. Hughes: "No, you can't touch me. I don't like that."

Mr. Hughes: Very good. Jesus loves all of you very much and he wants you to be safe. Remember that there are some strangers who are not very nice. Please be careful and tell your parents when you feel uncomfortable with someone, okay?

Kids: Okay!

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Note to teachers: Since you are covering a very sensitive subject today, you might want to invite the parents of your preschoolers to come into class with you. You also might want to have older children do this skit with you instead of the preschoolers themselves. They can pretend to be preschoolers and then you can present it to the preschoolers.