

DO AS YOU WOULD BE DONE BY

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This sketch is based on Luke 6 vv 30-36. It aims to illustrate how we should go on loving people even if they appear to be our 'enemies'. The main difficulty in performing this sketch is to ensure that Bella remains a strong character and not just a 'doormat'. She should emerge well and a change in her main enemy, Emma, needs to be made clear.

CAST

Narrator 1 Male or female
Narrator 2 Male or female
Stella Girl. Cool and adored.
Bella Girl. A Christian.
Emma Girl. Fawning towards Stella and aggressive towards Bella.
Frankie Girl. Weaker character than Emma. Wants to be 'in' with Stella but is not so aggressively anti Bella.

Narrators could be next to each other or either side.

Narrator 1 This is the story of two girls.

Narrator 2 The first one was called Stella. *[Enter Stella]* She was hip. She was cool. She was wicked. She was the 'Number One'. *[Enter Emma and Frankie who rush up to Stella and start fawning over her]*

Emma Hi, Stella, how are you?

Frankie Oh it's so good to see you.

Narrator 1 The second one was called Bella. *[Enter Bella]* She was unhip. She was uncool. She was sad. She was – a Christian!

Emma *[Turning to shout across to Bella]* Loser! *[Emma, Stella and Frankie giggle at Bella]*

Narrator 2 Everyone loved Stella. Everyone wanted to be friends with her.

Frankie Hey Stella, I love your hair.

Emma Oh, Stella, you're so gorgeous. I wish I could be like you.

Stella Ooh, you're both so sweet. I'm lucky to have friends like you. *[They hug each other]*

Narrator 1 Everyone hated Bella. Noone wanted to be friends with her.

Emma *[Turning to shout across to Bella]* Loser! *[Emma, Stella and Frankie giggle at Bella]*

Narrator 2 Stella was generous.

Emma Hey Stella, can I borrow a pencil. I've lost all mine.

Stella Yeah, okay. *[Holding up pencil but not handing it over]* But only if you buy me a can of Coke at break.

Emma *[Reluctantly]* OK. I suppose so. *[Stella gives her the pencil]*

Narrator 1 Bella too was generous.

Frankie Hey Bella. I'm desperate for a ruler. Can I borrow yours. I'll let you have it back.

Bella Yes, sure. *[Handing over pencil case]* Help yourself.

Frankie *[Looking in case]* Thanks. Oh and I'll have this pencil as well. *[Helps herself to both and chucks pencil case back at Bella]*

Bella Fine. Don't worry. I've got more than I need anyway.

Frankie Cheers. *[She goes back to the others and shows them what she has acquired from Bella. They have a laugh about it.]*

Narrator 1 Bella's generosity did not make her popular.

Emma *[To Bella]* Loser!

Narrator 2 Stella was generous. But only up to a point.

Emma *[Suddenly remembering]* Oh no. *[Urgently]* Stella can I borrow your calculator. I've just remembered I've got a monster physics test next lesson and mine's broken.

Stella Sorry, I never lend my calculator. It's too valuable.

Emma But I'm desperate. I'll give it right back.

Stella *[Holding hands up]* Sorry. *[Emma turns to Frankie who shakes her head. Stella and Frankie put arms round each other's shoulders and start to walk off. Stella looks over shoulder and says to Emma]* Who's the loser now?

Emma *[Distraught]* Oh no. What'll I do. I'm going to fail.

Bella *[Walking over to Emma and holding out a calculator]* You can borrow mine if you like.

Emma *[Surprised]* Can I?

Bella Yes, of course. *[Emma grabs calculator and starts to rush off. But she stops, thinks and comes back to Bella]*

Emma Thanks. Thanks a lot.

Narrator 2 And the moral of the story is ... What is the moral of the story?

Narrator 1 It's in the Bible: Luke Chapter 6 verse 31.

Narrator 2 Of course it is. Everyone knows that. But ..er.. er what exactly does it say in Luke Chapter .. er er

Narrator 1 In Luke Chapter 6 verse 31 it says: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Narrator 2 I couldn't have put it better myself.

THE END