

# MEALTIME

By Rod

*This sketch was used as a starter in the 'Children's slot' to illustrate Acts 2 42 – 47 which talks of the early church sharing everything, breaking bread together etc. We extracted some extra humour by getting men to play the parts of the boys (girls would work just as well!).*

## CAST

Rod *I was the narrator*

Jeff *A boy*

Alan *Another boy*

Rod You will notice that the next section is headed 'Mealtime', and we have a table all set and prepared. Now, when I ring this bell two hungry chaps will appear ready to eat.  
*(RINGS BELL. ENTER J & A running to table.)*

Rod Stop! What have you forgotten to do?  
*(J & A look puzzled. Look at hands and J shows realisation followed by A.)*

Rod Yes, you need to go and wash.

J & A Sorry.  
*(J & A go to wash.)*

Rod Well at least it looks as though they are making a good job of washing. They are even using soap *(J & A move to 'towel') – and a towel.*  
*(J & a show clean hands to Rod.)*

Rod OK.  
*(J & A return to table and start to pick up food)*

Rod Stop! What do we do before we start to eat?  
*(J & A look puzzled. The A puts hands together for prayer and J follows.)*

Rod Yes, we say Grace.

Jeff For every cup and plateful

Alan Lord, make us truly grateful.

Rod Amen.  
*(Jeff grabs basket.)*

Rod Hang on, Jeff, what are you not doing?

Alan Sharing.

Rod Yes, that's right – sharing. *(J & A start to share food)*  
That's better. *(They eat)*

Now at a family mealtime, when we are all together at the end of a busy day, it's nice to have the chance to chat to each other. *(J & A speak with mouths full)*

Of course, it's better when we haven't got our mouths full. *(J& A swallow, and then get up and walk off)*

Stop! Haven't you forgotten something you need to say before you leave the table?  
*(J & A 'rewind' back to places).*

Jeff Thank you

Alan For our lovely meal.

Rod Your welcome. *(J & A get up and take off plates etc)*

What lovely manners. And they are even clearing away the table. Their mummies must be very proud of them.

THE END