

# VILLAGE PEOPLE

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*This sketch highlights the need for mission. If we do not tell people about Jesus and what He offers them then how will they hear?*

## CAST

*Narrators A and B    B should, ideally, be female but any combination of sexes will do!*

*Stranger                Male. Represents Jesus.*

*Villagers                The more the better. A minimum of 5(?)*

Narrator A    Once upon a time there was a village.....

Narrator B    *[Interrupting]* What was it called? It's got to have a name.

A                *[Annoyed and flustered by the interruption]* Oh, I don't know. Something or other. *[One of the villagers puts up a sign. e.g. 'Welcome to Something Or Other' or 'Something Or Other welcomes careful drivers']*

B                In the village of Something Or Other there were some people. *[Enter people]*

A                The people were happy. They worked hard .... *[People act out work of various different kinds]*

B                ..and they played hard. *[People act out the playing of a football match. Include lots of shouting and movement]*

A                But one day a dreadful plague hit the village. *[One of the villagers acts out suddenly being taken ill]*

B                It spread from person to person. *[Plague is passed from villager to villager. e.g. by touching or throwing up over each other in turn. Include lots of groaning and clutching of stomachs, etc]*

A                Until all the villagers were infected. *[By this stage all the villagers are acting ill as above]*

B                One of the effects of the plague was that it made the people go blind. *[Villagers act being blind. Groping around, stumbling, etc]*

A                At that time a stranger came to the village. *[Enter Stranger]* He was a man – but he was different from all other men.

B                How was he different from all other men? Did he do the cooking and the cleaning?

- A           What?
- B           I know. Maybe he was totally uninterested in football but preferred going shopping instead.
- A           *[Flustered]* Oh, I don't know. He was just ... different.
- B           Yes, but how was he different?
- A           *[Recovering]* Well, for a start, he wasn't affected by the plague. And, what is more, he'd even worked out a cure for the plague. *[Stranger produces large box or perhaps syringe with 'Plague Cure' written on it clearly]*
- B           One day one of the villagers bumped into the stranger. *[One villager crashes into stranger as he gropes about blindly]*
- A           The Stranger took pity on the villager and gave him the cure from the plague. *[Stranger gives villager pill from his 'Plague Cure' box or injects him from the syringe]*
- B           Immediately the villager was made well again and began to dance for joy. *[Villager leaps around shouting "I'm cured" etc]*
- A           About this time another villager bumped into the Stranger and was also cured. *[Another villager bumps into Stranger, receives cure and also starts to leap around excitedly]*
- B           Since the two newly cured villagers could now see again, they quickly met up. *[The two meet]*
- A           They shared each other's excitement. *[They hug each other and dance around together]*
- B           They were so happy about their restored health that they decided to meet together once a week to celebrate. *[They shake hands in agreement]*
- A           And to make this possible they decided to construct a special building. *[They act out building]*
- B           They called their new building a "church". Which is short for Completely Healed and Utterly Rejoicingly Clappingly Happy.
- A           On their way to church each week they were careful to avoid the other villagers, as they did not want to catch the plague again. *[The two tread carefully through the others and arrive at church]*

- B           When they met together they had a wonderful celebration rejoicing in their good fortune. *[The two sing “We’re H-A-P-P-Y” or equivalent song]*
- A           One day the stranger came to visit them in their church. *[Stranger arrives]*
- B           They were overjoyed to see him. *[They rush towards him and go to embrace him]*
- A           But he did not seem very happy to see them. *[Stranger holds up his hands to stop them. The two stop and back away looking surprised at the rebuff]*
- B           He said “I cured you – but you have not told your friends about me so that I can cure them as well. *[Stranger gestures towards the other villagers who are still groping about and groaning. The two villagers hang their heads in shame.]* How are they going to find out about me unless you tell them?
- A           They said, “We hadn’t thought of that”. *[The two act looking stupid]*
- B           “Go now”, said the stranger “and bring your friends to me so that I can make them well also”. *[He gestures for them to go. They start to bring the villagers to the stranger who heals them]*
- A           So they went out and told all their friends about the stranger who had a cure for the plague.
- B           They brought them to the stranger who healed them.
- A           The result of all this was that their weekly meetings became bigger and bigger party celebrations. *[All sing “We’re H-A-P-P-Y’ etc and generally dance around together.*

*THE END*