



Be a Gem for Christ!

Sketch Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of LWML

[Please provide: three actresses; three copies of the sketch for the actresses. Pages 207-209 provide the three letters needed below, if you wish to print them.]

Characters:

Goldie – leader of group - (large “G” written in bold on last page of script)

Emma – energetic adult – (large “E” written in bold on last page of script)

Mabel – older adult – (large “M” written in bold on last page of script)

Props: three chairs in a row, Matthew 6:20-21 written on a piece of paper taped underneath one chair, scrap paper for clue

Setting: Scene takes place in Jubilee Park.

Note: When the characters sit down on the park bench during the sketch, they must be in the proper order to spell the word GEM for the audience to read. See last line of script.

[Goldie, Emma, and Mabel are all off-stage left. Goldie holds the scrap paper “clue.”]

Goldie: [enters] What an absolutely beautiful day! There’s not a cloud in the sky this morning.

Emma: You are so right! The sun is shining, the birds are singing ...

Mabel: [interrupting, tired] And my dogs are barking. Do you think we can find a place to sit and rest a bit? I’m not used to so much exercise this early in the day.

Goldie: [pointing] There’s a park bench right over there with your name on it, Mabel. Why don’t you have a seat while I read the next clue.

[Mabel sits down in chair on the right.]

Emma: I think this treasure hunt is so much fun! Thank you again for inviting us, Goldie.

Mabel: So what are we looking for now?

Goldie: The clue says: “Take a walk through Jubilee Park anytime when it’s not dark. Look all around and you will see a treasure of discovery.”

Mabel: That’s not very descriptive. What does a “treasure of discovery” look like, anyway?

Emma: Well, we already found the marble statue, the clock tower, and the turtle pond. Do you think those things were part of the treasure?

Goldie: Those are all nice things, but I wouldn’t exactly call them treasure.

Emma: Maybe it's a treasure chest – or a bag of jewels – or something made of gold.

Mabel: It can't be too valuable or someone would walk off with it. This has to be some kind of treasure that's out there for everyone to see.

Goldie: If only we knew what we were looking for!

Emma: So let's take a look around and see what's out there. Come on, Goldie. Have a seat.

[**Goldie** sits on first chair. **Emma** sits in middle. All three look around in different directions.]

Goldie: I see a woman and two children having a picnic over by that oak tree. Can you see them?

Emma: Yes. I see them. They're sitting on a quilt like the ones you tie at church, Mabel.

Mabel: We tied so many quilts last month that my fingers were numb! But it's worth it when you know the quilts will be a comfort to others.

Goldie: That certainly is a valuable project. Okay, keep looking around for that treasure.

Emma: Hey! I see some change on the ground over there. Does that count as treasure? [stands up and pretends to pick up some coins from floor] There's a dime, a quarter, and three nickels.

Mabel: That's not enough to fill a treasure chest.

Emma: No, but I can put them in my Mite Box. That's almost like a miniature treasure chest when you think of all the money that is raised for mission projects. [sits down in the middle chair]

Goldie: True. Those mites do add up to a lot of dollars. The work they do all over the world is priceless. I was just saying the other day ... [stops, suddenly speechless, and points] Would you look at the mosaic tiles on that fountain!

Emma: It is a rather beautiful design, isn't it?

Goldie: It's perfect!

Mabel: Well, I wouldn't go that far.

Goldie: I mean, it's the perfect design for the banner I need to make for church. I've been trying to come up with a pattern for weeks! And there it is sitting right in front of me. All I needed to do was take a walk in the park.

Emma: It sounds like God put you in the right place at the right time to help you out.

Mabel: You know, He's always doing that with us. I know I wouldn't get anything done without His help. He gives me the strength to serve Him in all I do.

Goldie: You're both right. Anything that we accomplish on this earth is all because of our Lord Jesus who is working in our hearts. He's the true Treasure.

Emma: And when His light shines on us, He makes us a treasure, too!

Mabel: Like when we tie quilts.

Emma: And when we gather our mites.

Goldie: And even when we make our banners. It is all just a reflection of what He has done for us.

Mabel: You know, Goldie, I don't think we need to keep searching for any other kind of treasure today. We've already got all we need right here in Christ.

Goldie: I agree. Let's go home. This clue was too vague anyway. [pretends to toss clue aside]

Mabel: [pretends to pick up discarded clue] You can't just throw that on the ground. There's a trash can right over there. [looks at clue intently] Hey! There's something written on the back.

Emma: You mean we were missing part of the clue? Go on! Read it, Mabel.

Mabel: It says,
"When you need to rest your feet,
Just take a look beneath your seat.
Remember all that you've been told.
All that glitters is not gold."

Emma: The treasure must be under the bench!

Goldie: I can't believe we've been sitting on top of it this whole time!

Emma: This place is like one great big treasure chest.

Mabel: Well, don't just sit there. Take a look!

Emma: [hops off chair and looks underneath] There's nothing here except for a piece of paper stuck to the bench. [pulls paper off chair and returns to seat]

Mabel: Oh, great. Another clue.

Goldie: What does it say?

Emma: It says, “Do not spend time searching for treasure on earth. Instead, read Matthew 6:20-21: *“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (NIV).

Mabel: See? God is at work again. He keeps seeking us out to put His treasured Word in our hearts.

Goldie: He makes us shine like gold when we live for Him. [hold up the letter G on script]

Emma: He makes us sparkle like emeralds when we trust in Him. [hold up the letter E on script]

Mabel: And He makes us twinkle like diamonds when we serve Him. [hold up the letter M on script]

Emma: Isn't it great to know our true treasure awaits us in heaven! But for now we can be content knowing that God makes each of us a sparkling gem for Christ!

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