



Banana

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Characters: 3+ = no specific gender, no text memorization, all mimed.

Setting: park bench: P1 & P2 sit at bench.

Props: enough bananas, basket, bench (3 chairs or blocks). **Version 2:** (P1-P3 sit on bench, P4 carries at least four bananas in basket).

Scripture: "Go and make disciples," not just baptising and leaving: Matthew 28:19-20.

Time: Depends on ideas you use, normally from 2min to 4min. Use as many ideas as you like.

Opening: P1 & P2 sit at bench. P3 enters and sits between them. P3 eventually smiles and gives each one a banana, then exits. P1 & P2 try out various uses for the bananas not knowing they are food.

P1- mustache / P2- hat.

P1- microphone / P2- cell phone.

P1- pen doesn't work so shakes banana.

P2- backscratcher feels good they take turns.

P1- ear cleaner / P2- toothpick.

the toys

(Gameboy or PS2 idea here)

P1- plays catch with P2 but bananas get in the way.

P2- loses shoe during catch... uses banana as a shoehorn.

P1- compass to find treasure "finds P2".

the robbery

P2- points to audience member.

P2 and P1- huddle for "secret discussion" and come out with banana disguise and gun to hold up audience member.

P1 and P2- do (or don't) get the audience member to give up something...

the resting

They return to bench and sit down tired.

P1- cold rag on head / P2- pillow.

the eating

both are hungry.

P1- smells it. both smell it.

P2- cracks it like a nut- squishes it / P1- bites through it- tastes bad

P3- returns.

P2 and P1- stand and accuse P3 of giving them bad bananas

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P3- reaches into basket and gives them new bananas and shows them how to open them and eat them.

All eat. P2- likes the banana so much that s/he even grabs the banana from P3 and runs away but only to offer it to someone in the audience that s/he robbed.

P1 and P2- walk off arm-in-arm with P3

OPTIONAL: Narrator/Speaker, “If we weren’t clear: Go and make disciples... baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, AND teach them.’ Matthew 28:19-20”

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3 GIRLS ON BENCH VERSION

- P1-3 sit on bench, bored.
- P4 approaches with basket and hands them each a banana, smiles, waves goodbye, exits.
- (Each one, P1-3, tries out an idea as marked by “/” slashes.)
 - get dressed
- Curling iron/beard/lipstick/headband/brushing hair and teeth
 - call friends
- Cell phone/microphone/pen
 - keep away
- P2 Snatches phone from P3 /plays keep away from P3 with P1
 - the robbery
- P3 calls other two to a huddle/P1 looks over team at audience member/on 3 rob that member with:
 - the resting
- knife/gun/mustache
- all three run back to bench and sit down weary
- cold rag on head/teddy bear/pillow
 - the eating
- all are hungry/each one smells their banana
- P1 gives a big lick up one banana/P3 tries to drink it, no drips come out/P2 bites through the peel
- P4 returns with new banana, peels it, has a P eat the peeled banana
- all eat
 - the evangelizing
- P4 takes hand of a P and walks her over to give a banana and the stolen item back to the audience member.

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