

# The Handy Candy Store

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This is a new twist on an old camp skit—giving it a surprise ending and a Christian message. This new version of the skit does not make fun of your volunteers as the original skit did, but allows everyone to have a good time and understand the SWEETEST and MOST IMPORTANT thing in life!

**ACTORS NEEDED:** 2—no experience necessary

**Things you will need:** Overhead projector, both pieces of the transparency sign “The Handy Candy Store”, a sheet or screen if your wall isn’t clear enough for your projector to make a clear image of the sign.

**The set up:** Announce to your crowd that you are going to open a candy store...you’ve always wanted to have a REALLY HANDY candy store...so you’re going to open it right there where everyone is. Ask them who would like to come to your candy store. Then tell them you are ready to open.

**Actor1:** Great! I’m ready to open

**Actor2:** NO! You’re not ready...no one that walks by will know your store is here. You have to have a sign! (Walks out)

**Actor1:** O, yes! You’re right—I do need a sign. I’ll get one! (go out in the audience and find an exuberant volunteer—ask them their name.) NAME, you are going to make a great sign! Every time someone walks by you I want you to point at my lighted sign and yell “Handy Candy Store!” Can you do that? (Turn on the overhead projector to show the sign “The Handy Candy Store.”) Let’s practice! (walk by your volunteer until he/she performs satisfactorily.)

**Volunteer:** “HANDY CANDY STORE”

**Actor1:** Now I’m ready to open...let’s call (name of Actor2)...help me call her! YELL her name!

**CROWD:** (ACTOR2)!

**Actor2:** O...did you get your sign?

**Actor1:** Yes! I’m ready to open!

**Actor2:** Let me see (proceeds to walk by the sign to see how it works.)

**Volunteer1:** “HANDY CANDY STORE”

**Actor2:** Wow! You got a great sign! Loud AND lighted! I’m impressed! But you still can’t open yet.

**Actor1:** What? Why not?

**Actor2:** You don’t have (1.doors—people won’t know where to go in 2. a welcome mat—people won’t feel welcome and want to come back 3. counters to keep all the candy in 4. a cash register to keep all your money you will make in 5. a trash can for the wrappers so all the kids won’t throw them on the floor!) (Actor2 leaves)

**Actor 1:** Ooo, you are right again. I’ll go and get some. (Grab the volunteer(s) you need and show them the appropriate way to do their job—then test them out.) I’m ready now, let’s call (actor2’s name).

**Crowd:** (ACTOR2)!

**Actor2:** I see you got \_\_\_\_\_. Let me see how it works (Actor2 tests everything each time he comes in.) Wow, this new \_\_\_\_\_ is incredible! But, you’re still not ready to open! (Repeat the yellow section six times until you have gone through each thing to be added to the store: The door volunteers stand facing each other with their elbows bent, palms together and straight out in front of them, fingertips touching so they can make two swinging doors. The mat lies on the ground and yells “WELCOME” as someone enters and “YA’LL COME BACK” as they leave. Counters make a shelf with their arms together and you can polish them or they can be on hands and knees. The cash register holds one arm up with their fist about at

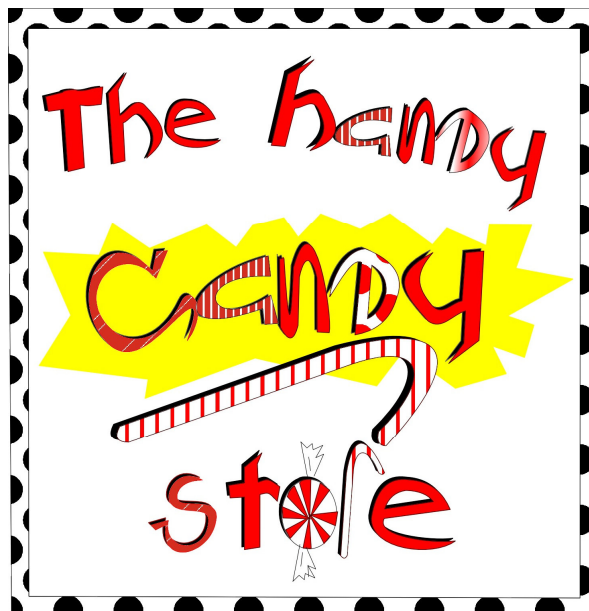
their shoulder and says, “Cha-Ching” when you pull her arm down. The trash can opens its arms when you touch the foot pedal.)

Actor2: I think the audience can tell you what you’re missing this time!

CROWD: CANDY!

MESSAGE: What is the most important thing in a candy store? CANDY! What is the sweetest thing in a candy store? CANDY! You really can’t have a candy store without candy. You see, (take the part of the transparency off that says “The Handy Store”.) Candy is the most important thing! There are lots of churches like my candy store here. They are missing the most important thing—the sweetest thing about church—JESUS (turn “Candy” 90 degrees so that it reads, “JESUS”.) You see, you can’t have church without Jesus! You can put up a church sign...or you can wear a name tag that says, “My name’s Ned and I’m a Christian.” But those signs, and how you look on the outside, mean nothing without the most important thing! Jesus! Just as the scriptures say about Jesus, “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.” Colossians 1:18 He is the head—he is supreme—he is the most important—JESUS is the sweetest thing—don’t miss out! Let him head up your life and be the sweetest thing to you too! (Walk through your store one more time) The doors are opened to you. The welcome mat into his kingdom is laid out for you! The counters are filled with heavenly treasures...and he already paid your price (cha-ching) Only those who miss the most important thing, the sweetest thing in life, will be thrown out (touch the foot pedal on the trash can) As Matthew tells us, Jesus said, “... throw...(them) out into the darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matt 25:30 Let us not be like an empty candy wrapper—that deserves to be thrown out! Make sure you’ve got the sweetest thing in life inside of you!

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