

Rugged Cross

CHARACTERS: 4 -7

PROPS: None with pantomime

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: A shop

A, etc. are customers. For E think of Charles Winchester the Third from the TV series Mash or any aristocratic snob. F is a young child. More characters can be added and some left out.

At Rise: Shopkeeper pantomimes to give the illusion of a shop – wiping a counter, using a cash register, etc. When Shopkeeper indicates the crosses all other characters should look them up and down to help the audience visualize 6 foot crosses.

SHOPKEEPER: *(Entering)* I'm looking for a cross, similar to the one Jesus carried. You know, the scripture where it says to "take up your cross and follow" Him? *(SHOPKEEPER nods)* Yeah. One of those. *(SHOPKEEPER indicates with a wave of his hand where the crosses are behind his counter)*

SHOPKEEPER: These are what I have.

A: Great. Good selection. It's probably not going to work for me to pick one up today. I just wanted to make sure I could find one when I was ready to "take the plunge" you might say. I'll need to do some rearranging in my life to fit one of those babies in. *(Considering)* Probably quite a bit of rearranging.

B: *(Entering, bobbing to unheard music, removes headphones)* Hi. I've been thinking about taking up my cross and following Jesus. I was wondering if you had a two by two model *(pantomime with hands)* with velvet padding. Maybe something with a built in phone and iPod so when I carry it on my shoulder I can chat with friends, listen to tunes....?

SHOPKEEPER: Nope - all we have are these. *(Indicates with hand flourish that crosses are about 6 foot tall)*

B: *(Disappointed)* Just these big, heavy, clunky ones *(Feels one)* They're not even sanded. No, sorry *(Exits)*

C: *(Entering, after looking around in case people are watching her)* Hi - do you have any little silver crosses on a long chain - long enough so I could hide it under my shirt if I was around the cool people. I wouldn't want them to think I was a Jesus freak or anything.

SHOPKEEPER: Afraid not - all I have are these. *(Indicates crosses)*

C: *(Taken aback)* You're kidding - these are like the ones he was crucified on. *(Changing her mind)* I think I'll check out a jewelry store in the mall. *(Exits)*

D: *(Entering, peppy and bubbly)* Hi. I want to follow Jesus by taking up His cross. Do ya got any bumper stickers with a cross? See I got a bumper sticker that says "Honk if you love Jesus" I could put this one on the other side of the bumper to balance it out. Besides everyone knows my car. It's cute and sporty, just like me.

SHOPKEEPER: These are it *(Indicates crosses)*

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D: These wouldn't even fit in my car. It's a two-seater.

SHOPKEEPER: That's because you are supposed to carry it.

D: Oh... well. How about a cross screensaver? When I'm not driving I'm surfing the net. Do you think a cross screensaver would count? (*SHOPKEEPER shakes his head, D thinks a moment and then in a flash of brilliance*) A tattoo! Would getting a cross tattoo count? (*SHOPKEEPER shakes head no. D is deflated of all enthusiasm*) Forget it. (*Exits*)

E and F (a child) enter

E: (*Haughty, aristocratic and a bit of arrogance*) Shopkeeper, little Terry here has decided to take up the family tradition by taking up a cross and following Jesus.

Shopkeeper indicates crosses

F: (*Dismayed*) They're bigger than I am!

E: Certainly you have child sized versions? Perhaps something with wheels attached.

SHOPKEEPER: These are all I have.

F: I think we'll check around before making a decision. (*To F*) If we can't find something more suitable you'll have to do as mummy and I do – hire someone to carry it for you. (*They nod at each other and exit*)

B: (*Enters*) I think I made a mistake when I left without a cross. (*With a heavy voice*) I'll take one. (*Pantomime shopkeeper handing one over to B who expects a very heavy cross*) Hey (*straightening up*) This is light. I can do this.

SHOPKEEPER: With His help – Remember, (*Quoting*) I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (*B nods and exits*)