

Hokey Pokey Christians

CHARACTERS: A. B the audience

PROPS: Bibles pre-marked to verses below

RUN TIME: 2 minutes plus song

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 6:1-4, Romans 10:15, Ephesians 6:15, Galatians 2:9.

A: I've got a song for us to sing. Everybody stand up. We're going to do the Hokey Pokey!

B: Hokey Pokey isn't a church song. It's a kid's song. (*aside*) and kind of dumb, at that.

A: It is a Christian song. Read Galatians 2:9

B: (*reading*) When James, Cephas, and John, recognized as pillars, acknowledged the grace that had been given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to me and Barnabas, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

A: See – just like the first verse: (*singing*) you put your right hand in, you put your right hand out, your right hand of fellowship is what it's all about.

B: Really? How about the left hand? That's not in the Bible.

A: Read Matthew 6:3-4.

B: (*reading*) When you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

A: See. Right hand of fellowship and left hand for giving. Fellowship and giving are definitely from the Bible.

B: OK, maybe left and right hands but no left and right foot are in the Bible.

A: what about sharing the gospel. Christians share the good news.

B: Of course but ...

A: (*cutting B off*) Read Romans 10:15 and Ephesians 6:15.

B: (*reading*) Romans 10:15 says "As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!"

A: Ephesians 6:15 says "Stand, therefore, with your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace." Gospel feet go into all the world sharing Jesus.

B: Ok. But explain how "turn yourself around" is Biblical????

A: (*excited to share this part*) Sure is! When you repent, you turn around. And it fits because you have to put your whole self in when you belong to God.

B: Hmmmm. Maybe, just maybe, you have a point.

A: Tell you what. Let's sing it together and see how it all fits!

(*Sing Hokey Pokey using the words, signs and motions below. You might wish to explain the word changes and motions beforehand*)

You put your right hand in, (Hold up “fellowship” sign)
You put your right hand out,
Your right hand of fellowship (shake hands)
Is what it’s all about.

You do the hokey pokey
and you turn yourself around (Hold up “repent” sign)
That what it's all about.

You put your left hand in, (Hold up “give” sign)
You put your left hand out,
You put your left hand in,
And you give without a shout, (place finger to lips in “shush” sign)

You do the hokey pokey
and you turn yourself around (Hold up “repent” sign)
That what it's all about.

You put your left foot in,
You put your left foot out, (Hold up “gospel” sign with a piece of paper/cloth covering all but the “go” part)
You put your left foot in,
And spread the gospel all about,

You do the hokey pokey
and you turn yourself around (Hold up “repent” sign)
That what it's all about.

You put your right foot in,
You put your right foot out, (Hold up “gospel” sign)
You put your right foot in,
And spread the gospel all about,

You do the hokey pokey
and you turn yourself around (Hold up “repent” sign)
That what it's all about.

You put your whole self in,
You put your whole self out,
You put your whole self in,
That’s what love is all about, (point upward towards God)

You do the hokey pokey
and you turn yourself around (Hold up “repent” sign)
That what it's all about.