

Skit from the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

The Neighbor who threw garbage on him

Purpose: To perform the story of the Prophet and the neighbor who threw garbage on him. You may instead choose to work with the general theme of the story, and create a modern-day version with familiar characters.

Materials: Props, costumes

This skit will need to be scripted by the teacher, and practiced during several class sessions. Alternatively, you could script this in a modern day context like high school.

That thing on your head

Characters:

Zainab

Rosalina

Mary

Nellie

Nurse

Nellie's mom

Scene 1

Zainab walks down the hallway, passes two girls on left. They look at each other and decide to approach Zainab at her locker.

Rosalina: Hi.

Zainab: Hello.

Mary: What's your name.

Zainab: Zainab. And yours?

Mary: I'm Mary and this is Rosalina.

Zainab: Nice to meet you.

Rosalina: *So, uh, we've been wondering...why do you wear that thing on your head?*

Zainab: Oh, my scarf? I wear it because I have this rare skin disease that makes my head purple during the day. (Girls look at each other, embarrassed)

Zainab: Just kidding, I wear it because I'm a Muslim. (They all laugh. The bell rings)

Mary: That's funny.

Zainab: See you...

Rosalina: Yeah, see you later.

Scene 2

The three girls walk to the cafeteria. They sit down at a table and open their lunches. They begin to chat. A fourth girl walks up. She knows Rosalina and Mary.

Nellie: Hey Rosalina, why is your new friend wearing a towel on her head?

Rosalina: Nellie, her name is Zainab, and that is not a towel, it is a headscarf, and she wears it for her religion.

Nellie: Well I think it's weird.

Nellie walks away. The girls look at each other, kind of shocked, but then get back to talking. After lunch, Zainab goes to her locker. She opens it, and trash falls out. Zainab takes a step back and looks at the trash. Notices it's the same paper bag as the one Nellie brought to lunch. Picks it up and throws it away. Nellie is watching from around the corner...and snickers to herself.

THE NEXT DAY

Scene 3

Zainab and her two new friends walk to their lockers with their book bags in tow. Zainab opens her locker, trash falls out again. Mary walks up.

Mary: OMG, Zainab, do you need a trashcan?

Rosalina: Hey, these look like the candy wrappers from Nellie – remember her Dad came back from Switzerland and brought back all that awesome chocolate?

The three girls continue picking up.

Zainab: Don't worry about it you guys, let's just get to class.

THIS CONTINUES FOR THREE MORE DAYS...

Scene 4

Zainab walks to locker. Opens it. No trash falls out. She stares into her locker. Rosalina walks up to her.

Rosalina: No trash today? High five Zainab!

Mary walks up.

Zainab (looking concerned): Is Nellie here today?

Mary: So you guys, guess what? My mom just told me on the way to school that Nellie broke her leg in a car accident. She's in the hospital.

Rosalina: Good. Now you can have a clean locker.

Zainab: No. This is not good. We should go visit her.

Rosalina: But Zainab, she's so mean to you. Why do you want to visit her?

Zainab: Because she's been in an accident. Wouldn't you want someone to visit you if you were hurt?

Rosalina: Yeah...I guess...

Mary: I don't think I can come. I've got band practice after school and then we have to go to my brother's soccer game.

Zainab: Okay – see at lunch.

Mary, Rosalina: Bye...bye...

THAT EVENING

Scene 5

Nellie is laying in a hospital bed. A nurse comes.

Nurse: You have a visitor.

Zainab enters holding a flower & balloon. Nellie tries to adjust herself in bed.

Zainab (smiling): Hi Nellie.

Nellie: Hi.

Zainab: Sorry you hurt your leg (she puts the flowers and balloon on the table).

Nellie: Thanks. How did you know I was here?

Nellie's mom walks in as Zainab is in midsentence...

Zainab: (laughing) Well, I noticed that your Swiss chocolate candy wrappers weren't in my locker today.

Nellie: (smiles, uncomfortably).

Zainab: Well, I better go. My mom is waiting for me downstairs. I really hope you feel better.

Nellie: Thanks. Bye.

Nellie's mom: Who was that?

Nellie: A girl from my school. I think her name is Zainab.

ONE WEEK LATER

Scene 6

At the breakfast table. Nellie's house. Nellie is in a hijab outfit.

Nellie's mom: You want to tell me about your outfit?

Nellie: I'm wearing this for twins day at school. Zainab and I were assigned to be "twins" for spirit week. We talked and picked out our outfit together (smiling).

Nellie's mom: Well have fun. Oh, is this yours? (handing an envelope over to Nellie).

Nellie: Yes! Thank you! I almost forgot...

Scene 7

Back at school, Zainab, dressed just like Nellie, walks to her locker, opens it. She notices an envelope and picks it up. Opens the letter and reads it aloud.

Zainab: “Dear Zainab. I’m so embarrassed for what I did to you. Thank you for the flowers. They were so pretty. I love the outfit we picked out together for twins day. Friends?”

Zainab lowers the letter, turns towards the audience and repeats, smiling...

Zainab: Yeah, friends.