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The Amazing Race: Being Jesus' disciple

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Cast:

Everett – obsessed with Wii gaming system. A little absentminded and spacey.

Beth – wants to do good theoretically, but a little whiny and bossy in the process

Caleb – is stuck on the word “amazing!” and has pretty high energy

Seth – friend of Jenny

Jenny – Jenny

Renee – does a Messenger word puzzle

Christy – advisor

(Lights up, Everett and Beth bring out boxes of health kit materials. Sketch begins as they put the boxes on the table and begin setting up an assembly line for health kits.)

Everett: Ug, another service project. I'd rather be playing on my new Wii.

Beth: Yeah, tell me about it. *(after a few seconds...)* Where is everyone else? I thought this was a group activity.

Everett: *(beginning to space out)* Have you ever noticed that when you bowl, the characters in the other lanes don't have legs?

Beth: Why do we even bother doing this? I mean is one tube of toothpaste or one comb really going to change anyone's life?

Everett: *(completely not paying attention to Beth's whining, and definitely spaced out)* It's like Veggie Tales meets gaming.

Beth: *(completely not paying attention Everett's fixation on the Wii, continues complaining)* And if we're the only two who care enough to actually do this, why bother? We aren't *really* making a difference. *(silence for a few seconds, then continue packing)* Hey Wii master – you forgot to put soap in this one!

Everett: *(with complete lack of enthusiasm)* Oh, right. Soap. Let's change the world, one shower at a time.

Beth: So where do these kits go, anyway? (*spots on drama off, actors still and silent.*)

(*cue video describing Brethren Disaster Response. As video finishes, spot light up on table. Use same light/video progression for each section.*)

Everett: Ok, so that is actually pretty cool. I guess one bar of soap can make a difference.

(*Caleb hustles in, joins the line.*)

Caleb: (*with lots of energy*) Hey guys! Sorry I'm late – can I help put some health kits together?

Beth: Yeah, sure, hop in.

Caleb: You'll never guess where I just was!

Beth: The pool.

Caleb: Nope!

Everett: Playing Wii on a big screen TV?

Caleb: Uh, no. I was in Mexico on a workcamp! Have you two done a workcamp? You have to do a workcamp! It's so much fun!

Everett: What's a workcamp?

(*cue workcamp video*)

Caleb: See! I told you, it's so amazing!

Beth: Yeah, workcamps are pretty amazing. I went to Innisfree last summer, and I hope to reconnect with some of my workcamp friends at other youth events.

Everett: Other events? Like what? Are there any Wii tournaments?

Beth: (*rolling eyes and glaring at Everett*) No! I mean like other youth events we can attend next year when we're in high school.

(*cue video highlighting youth ministries, including: CCS, NYC and RYC*)

Caleb: Again, amazing! (*Seth and Jenny enter and step into the assembly line*)

Seth: What's so amazing?

Caleb: Workcamps!

Beth: And Brethren Disaster Response!

Everett: And cool youth events we can go to in high school!

Seth: I'll tell you what's amazing, and that's the stories Jenny tells me about her family's mission work in the Dominican Republic.

Caleb: The Dominican Republic? Amazing!

Everett: You live in the Dominican Republic? Do you have a Wii there?

Beth: Don't answer that Jenny, he's just in his own little world. How long have you lived in the Dominican Republic? Wait...what language do they speak? Have you learned it yet?

Jenny: *(Jenny answers; when she's done answering, she will look down at the health kit she is putting together.)*

Seth: *(After waiting a second or two to make sure Jenny's done answering)* Tell them what your favorite thing to do in your free time is!

Jenny: *(Jenny answers; when she's done answering, she will look down at the health kit she is putting together.)*

Caleb: *(After he's sure Jenny is done answering)* Amazing! But I don't get it...what do missionaries do?

Jenny: *(Jenny answers; when she's done answering, she will look down at the health kit she is putting together.)*

Beth: *(After she's sure Jenny is done answering)* Wow...so what is the Church of the Brethren like in the Dominican Republic?

Jenny: *(Jenny answers. She ends by saying, "And the Dominican Republic isn't the only place the Church of the Brethren does mission work.")*

(cue video on mission)

Caleb: That's...!

All others, at the same time: Amazing!

Caleb: You took the words right out of my mouth.

(enter Renee, doing a crossword puzzle in Messenger)

Renee: Hey everyone, I need a four letter word to correctly complete this phrase: "Global _____ Crisis Fund."

Beth: Hey you, I need you to help us pack health kits. What are you doing anyway?

Renee: It's the youth word game in Messenger.

Caleb: Soda?

Seth: Spam?

Everett: What's Messenger?

(enter Christy, carrying a box to put completed health kits in)

Christy: Messenger is the magazine of the Church of the Brethren. It has all sorts of stories and pictures about how we as a church are continuing the work of Jesus. Have you tried the four letter word "Food"?

Renee: F-O-O-D....it works! Global **Food** Crisis Fund! (looking pleased and then confused) What is the Global Food Crisis Fund?

(cue GFCE video)

(after video, Renee starts helping Christy pack the health kits)

Christy: So...what do you all think about this church that you're a part of?

Caleb: I think it's....

All others: Amazing!

Beth: Yeah, when we started packing these health kits, I had no idea there were so many things I could do for other people through the church as a way to share my faith.

Seth: And it's not like everything is just for old people either – there are lots of things I can do right now!

Christy: There really *are* lots of things you can do right now. Packing health kits is a great way to show God's love to others.

Everett: So....what you're saying is that packing health kits is a good way to give back to God?

Christy: Yes, it's a good start.

Everett: Good start? What else do I have to do? I'm hoping to spend most of my free time on the Wii.

Christy: I don't think God minds if you play a non-violent video game or two on occasion. But do you really think all God wants from you is an hour of Sunday School and an hour of church once a week along with a few health kits a year?

Everett: Uh.....

(spots on drama area fade, bring up spot pool on stage right for clown. As soon as spots are off of drama area, exit stage left as quietly as possible.)