

## The Messenger is the Dirty Clothes

Two Puppets

Props: Peanut Butter , Jelly, Bread, Wash Up Kit

Scene: Jody is “getting together” supplies for the PBJ Gang. There is also a wash up kit.

Jody is humming a Christmas song.

(Ricky enters)

Ricky: Hey Jody! Did you see that dirty looking guy over there across the street? He was going through the garbage can looking for cans! He sure did smell him? You could smell him a mile away!

Jody: Yes, Ricky I did.

Ricky: Don't you think that's gross?

Jody: Ricky, why do you think that man was looking for cans?

Ricky: I don't know. Maybe he just likes collecting trash.

Jody: No, Ricky. He probably was collecting cans so he could buy food.

Ricky: Why doesn't he just go to the store and buy some? And, while he's out he could go home and wash up—pewee—he could sure use it!

Jody: He can't Ricky. He is probably homeless. He probably doesn't have any money that is why he is looking for cans. Ricky, did you know there are a lot of homeless people, even families, here on Long Island? A lot of people are having hard times, and having trouble finding jobs to pay for everything. So, like that man, they don't have homes to go to, or food to eat. There are lot of nice people who are change that, and help. Like St. Marks Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang, and Sister Joan's Outreach program.

Ricky: Yeah—I see the people in our parish bringing stuff in all the time to donate. I used to think it was for the priests so they didn't have to go shopping—but Mom told me it was for Outreach.

Jody: Right! Well, Ricky—do you know that man is kind of like John the Baptist?

Ricky: Okay, Jody, you have got to explain this to me—I just don't see how you can compare him to a saint!

Jody: Well, you see, Ricky, John the Baptist wasn't always a saint, living with Jesus in Heaven. When he was here on earth, he was God's messenger. He lived in the desert and he wore animal hair, and ate locusts and honey! Some people thought he was a nut. Especially Herod. But, like it says in Isaiah, he was a voice crying in the desert, and preparing the way of the Lord! You know--Jesus. Now, he didn't look great, or maybe even smell great. But his message was a wonderful one! It was a message of a gift we were about to receive.

Ricky: I think I am starting to follow you. So, you say, that man is like John the Baptist. He might not look or smell great, but he has a message too. Jesus said if we take care of the least of these we are taking care of Him. So, if I help that man—I am giving back the gift of Jesus' love!

Jody: Right!

Ricky: Jody, do you think I can help you help that man? How about if I gave him a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich and a wash up Kit?

Jody: Here you go, Ricky. Let me come with you. We both can share Jesus message through giving.