

A script from



## “Ring Around the Rosie”

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- What** Over the course of a school year we see two friends become distant acquaintances as spiritual apathy slowly takes over one of them. (Themes: Friends, Repentance, Accountability, Giving up, Excuses)
- Who** Jack  
Bill
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Chair
- Why** Deuteronomy 5:19; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Romans 12:22
- How** This skit is very powerful if the actors find the gravity of the characters' emotions and concerns. If it is played melodramatically, or “over the top,” the audience will disconnect themselves from what is being presented.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

*Jack and Bill address the audience.*

**Jack:** Jack and Bill went up the hill  
to get closer to their Lord...

**Bill:** Jack stayed strong fairly long,  
but Bill... he quickly got bored.

**Both:** (*Singing*) "Ring around the rosie,  
Pocket full of posies,  
Ashes to ashes,  
We all fall down." (*They cheer*)

**Bill:** Whoo! (*Name of occasion/camp*)

**Jack:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 20--! Whoo! I love you man.

**Bill:** I love you, too. (*They hug*)

**Jack:** I feel like God's really changed me!

**Bill:** (*Puts arm around Jack's shoulder*) That's right. I love this song.

**Jack:** Me too!

**Bill:** (*Raising hands, and thus Jack's too, singing*) "I can only imagine what it  
will be like when I walk by Your side..."

**Jack:** (*Overcome with emotion*) Give me another hug!

*They hug, clearly on an emotional high.*

**Both:** (*Singing*) "Ring around the rosie,  
Pocket full of posies,  
Ashes to ashes,  
We all fall down."

**Jack:** (*To audience*) September 14<sup>th</sup>, 20--. (*To Bill*) Bill, how're you doing?

**Bill:** Good, man. How're you?

**Jack:** Good, man. How're classes?

**Bill:** They're going pretty good. Struggling a bit in Algebra, but that figures.

**Jack:** Yeah. How're your quiet times going?

**Bill:** Pretty good. I mean I was studying in Ephesians today... it was just awesome.

**Jack:** Yeah. (*Notices someone*) Isn't that Jennifer?

**Bill:** (*Sees her, too*) Yeah, it is. (*Calls out*) Hey, Jennifer!

**Jack:** Hey, Jen! (*They both looked shocked*)

**Bill:** Hey, that was a look, wasn't it?

**Jack:** Didn't she go to camp with us?

**Bill:** Yeah, but I heard once we got back from (*Another summer event*) she went to a party, and it's been downhill ever since.

**Jack:** Is that right?

**Bill:** Yeah.

**Jack:** Did you get invited to that other party this Friday night?

**Bill:** Yeah. Did they invite you?

**Jack:** Yeah. I told them no, was not gonna go at all.

**Bill:** Yeah.

**Jack:** (*Off Bill's look*) Did you not say no?

**Bill:** Well... I kind of said no. I did. I said, I didn't know, you know, but...

**Jack:** You're not gonna go are you?

**Bill:** I don't know. I'm thinking I might go. I thought it might be a good way to reach out to Jennifer and get her back involved.

**Jack:** Is there anything I can do for you?

**Bill:** Now, don't you worry. I'm not going away. Just pray for me, okay?

**Jack:** Okay. I love you.

**Bill:** I love you, too, man.

**Both:** *(Singing. This time Jack sings normal, but Bill sings slower, with less energy, and sits in a chair)*

"Ring around the rosie,

Pocket full of posies,

Ashes to ashes,

We all fall down."

**Jack:** *(To audience)* December 14<sup>th</sup>, 20--. *(To Bill)* Bill!

**Bill:** *(A tad lethargic)* Hey, man, what's going on?

**Jack:** I haven't seen you since, I think, Thanksgiving. How've you been?

**Bill:** I've been okay. I've been doing okay.

**Jack:** Merry Christmas.

**Bill:** Thanks. Oh! I heard you were going to be in that Christmas program at your church.

**Jack:** It's your church, too.

**Bill:** Yeah, I meant our church.

**Jack:** Are you gonna come?

**Bill:** I may have to work, but I'll try, okay?

**Jack:** I gotta ask you a question... um, we were accountability partners, y'know, at camp, and I've just heard that you've been slipping back into some stuff, and well, you told me if I ever heard anything to come to you so... is everything okay?

**Bill:** *(Slowly)* Yeah. I mean yeah, I've been missing time with the Lord, but I'm not into drugs, or anything. Don't worry. I'm just taking a break.

**Jack:** Okay. Is there anything I can do for you?

**Bill:** Yeah... why don't you pray for me, okay?

**Jack:** Okay. I love you.

**Bill:** Yeah, me too.

**Both:** *(Singing, again Jack is strong, but Bill has become even slower, and ends up seated on floor)*