

A script from



“Welcome to Church: No Luggage Required”

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- What** A comical “welcome to church” sketch designed to put church visitors at ease and to encourage church members to bring their friends. **Themes:** Comedy, Evangelism, Hospitality, Visitors, Outreach, Welcome, Duo, Ensemble
- Who** Woman – Befuddled everywoman
Man – Befuddled everyman
Greeter – Male or female; friendly and amused, but not condescending
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Contemporary clothing
Two shoulder bags
Two large suitcases, one filled with Bibles
Large trunk
Cell phones
Happy face pins; “Welcome to _____ (church name)” sign
*May be done with a few pieces of furniture to suggest a home, or on a bare stage
- Why** Deuteronomy 10:19; Matthew 25:35; Hebrews 13:1
- How** Saturday Night Live-style sketch comedy. Man and Woman should be played completely in earnest, as though preparing to visit a mysterious foreign country.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Man is packing large suitcase. **Woman** enters, dragging even larger bag and a trunk.

Woman: 'Bout ready? We leave (*looks at watch*) in three minutes! Clothes?

Man: Yep. Got on my grandpa's wingtips. He always wore these when he went there. White shirt, grey suit—should be safe.

Woman: What if we get there and find out those are the wrong style? We'll stand out like sore thumbs! (*Points at her bag*) I brought six changes of clothes. There have to be places there where we can change, right? Oo, did you pack a heavy coat? You never know what kind of *whether* we'll run into.

Man: Right. *Whether* or not we'll say the right things...

Woman: *Whether* we'll sing in the right kind of voices. And you cleaned up, right? I mean your act.

Man: As much as I could. (*Points to bag*) Plus, I bought that new cologne, "Smell-Like-a-Rose." Don't want anyone getting a whiff of the *real* me! What else are you bringing?

Woman: A guilt girdle. To help suppress all the things I'm ashamed of or embarrassed about. Got your passport?

Man: Yep. (*Digs it out of bag, shows it to her*) New photo.

Woman: Nice. It doesn't look like the real you at all. That should get us in.

Man: I hope so. But just in case, I bought these happy face pins to remind us to put a positive spin on what we say, no matter how we actually feel.

Woman: Oo, speaking of what we say... (*Takes phone out of her shoulder bag*) I bought this Language Translator app. Try a phrase.

Man: OK, um, "Hello."

App: (*Recording or off-stage actor on microphone*) "Hallelujia!"

Man: "Thank you."

App: "You blessed my socks off!"

Woman: Which reminds me—you packed a Bible, right? They'll never let us in without that! But what if we have the wrong version?

Man: (*Opens another large bag*) Don't worry, I bought every version there is! (*Pulling them out and handing them to her*) NIV, NASV, ESL, New King

PURPOSE
James Version, Old King James Version, Middle Aged but Still Active King James Version, Revised Standard Version, Revised Version of the Revised Standard Version; oh, and—and on my phone—the Constantly Being Revised Standard Version. Plus, I've got the TLB (the Living Bible) and the NTLB.

Woman: What's that?

Man: Not sure. Night of the Living Bible? Well, are we ready? Oh, where are the kids?

Woman: In the trunk.

Kid's voices: (*Recording or off-stage on microphone*) Hi, Dad!

Woman: (*Continued*) I wasn't sure if we had the right type of kids. Anyway, they're fine. I threw in snacks and video games.

Man and Woman drag luggage off stage. **Greeter** enters with "Welcome to _____" sign. **Man and Woman** entering, dragging luggage.

Greeter: Good morning! Welcome to... (*sees bags, smiles knowingly*). Oh, you won't need those.

Woman: But we were going to change into—

Greeter: That's not necessary. You can be yourself here.

Man: Really? Just be us?

Greeter: Yep. (*Calling off stage as s/he tosses bag*) Hey, Mike, you want to put this with the rest of the luggage?

Woman: What a relief! Thank you so much! I mean... (*"Translating"*) "You really blessed my socks off!"

Usher: (*Amused*) You're welcome.

Man and Woman leave.

Greeter: (*Bends down and taps on trunk*) Hey, you want to come out and go to church with the other suitcase kids?

Kid's voices: (*Recording or off-stage on microphone*) Yeah!

Greeter: (*To audience and/or on-screen*) Welcome to church: No luggage required.