

NYC SKIT  
More Than Meets the Eye!  
Based off of II Corinthians 4:6-10; 16-18 (NIV)  
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Props for the skit – bible and 2 pirate costumes. The pirate outfits don't have to be too complex. Eye patches, wigs, and crazy pirate clothes could work well, but you don't have to go all out with the costumes unless you want to.

Character – All of the characters can be a guy or a girl. Also, Youth 2 and 3 can be combined into one role if there aren't enough youth to do the skit, and the narrator can take the role of a Youth later on in the skit if they need to. The pirate lines can be divided between more than 2 people if there are a lot of people that want to do the skit.

\*Narrator is off to the side of the stage reading the scripture below and can sit down once he or she finishes. Everyone else is off stage, and not visible if possible.

Narrator - <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

\*Pirates enter on stage, and talk in the best pirate accent they can.

Pirate 1- Arrr, did you hear that, I told ye there be treasure in these parts.

Pirate 2 – Aye, that you did! Once we find this loot, we'll be the richest pirates to sail the 7 seas.

Pirate 1 – Then we can hide the treasure

Pirate 2 – And look for it again! It will be a pirate’s life for us the rest of our lives!

Pirate 1 – Nothing Better. But there is one thing we need to find this treasure. We need A MAP!

Pirate 2 – But where are we going to find this map? Maybe one of these church goers will know how to get to this treasure they speak of.

Pirate 1 – Ahoy there’s one! (Pirates turn to Youth 1 who can be a guy or girl) Ello there Jack.

Youth 1 – ...My names not Jack.

Pirate 2 – Does it look like we care, we’re pirates.

Pirate 1 – We hear you all talking about this treasure in jars of clay. Where be these jars of clay. Arrr ye hiding them? We want to steal it and keep it all to ourselves.

Pirate 2 - because that’s who we arrr. We’re pirates!

Youth 1 – Yes, I understand the whole pirate thing, but I’m pretty sure this treasure is available for everyone. Think of this treasure more as a light that helps all to see in the darkness. Here, take this, I think it will help.

\*Youth 1 hands the Pirates a bible.

Pirate 1 – Shiver-me-timbers, (turns and whispers loudly to Pirate 2) she/he just gave us the map!

Pirate 2 – (Whispers back to Pirate 1) We arrr some mighty swashbuckling pirates after all, I’m not surprised, she/he is probably terrified of us.

Pirate 1 and 2 – Fair winds Jack, and thanks for the map.

\*Youth 1 walks off stage

Pirate 2 – So what does the map say?

Pirate 1 – Well, let’s have a looksy. (flips pages till he lands on a page in Corinthians or close to it.) Ah here we go, it’s in 2nd Corinthians.

Pirate 2 – that sounds like a good place for treasure.

Pirate 1 – it says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay" blah blah blah, skip ahead skip ahead "Therefore we do not lose heart." Blah blah blah "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen."

Pirate 2 – There that's it, it's a clue. It says we need to focus our eyes on what is unseen...so obviously we need to close our eyes to find this treasure.

\*Pirates close eyes and wave arms around. If you have pirate eye patches then these could be used to cover both eyes.

Pirate 1 – Have ye found any treasure yet?

Pirate 2 – arrr, that be a negative.

\*Youth 2 and 3 walk on stage towards the pirates.

Youth 2 – excuse me sirs, but you look like you are in need of some help, can we(l) help you?

Pirate 1 – what? Who said that?

Pirate 2 - Arr ye treasure?

Youth 3 – No, we're(I'm) not treasure. Oh are you all those pirates? I heard you were looking for some treasure or something. But if you want my advice, I don't think having your eyes closed is going to help you find any treasure.

Pirate 1 – Aye, they (she/he) be right. (Pirates open their eyes) But then what does this map mean for us to do when it says to fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen?

Youth 2 – Can I have a look at that map of yours?

Pirate 1 – As long as ye don't steal it, then certainly.

\*Pirate 1 hands over the bible to Youth 2

Youth 2 – thank you...just what I thought, this "map" of yours is actually the greatest map of them all. It tells you how you should live your lives so that through you, God's light can shine!

Pirate 2- I think I've heard of this God character before. And you're telling me this whole map is about God's glory?

Youth 3 – Yep that's it.

Pirate 2 – Wow, that God must have done some pretty awesome things.

Pirate 1 – Yeah, but doesn't God hang around with that Jesus fellow? I heard he was quite the rebel.

Pirate 2 – Arrr, that's my kind of Youth.

Youth 2 – Well, yes Jesus did change a few things, like he showed us how we should live our lives, and he performed all kinds of miracles, like feeding the five thousand, and walking on water.

Pirate 1 – What?!? He walked on water...without a boat? He must have been the best pirate in.... history.

Youth 3– I don't know about pirate...but he was a pretty important person, he was God's son after all. And that verse you were speaking of, about fixing your eyes on what is unseen, not on what is seen. That means that you should focus your life on what Jesus wants you to do. He doesn't want you to get all wrapped up in materialistic things like the ones you buy with a lot of money. He wants you to focus on pleasing him by serving others and worshiping the Lord.

Pirate 2 – Wait, so let me get this straight, Jesus says we do not need to worry about any treasure hidden in the ground?

Youth 2 – It says right here that what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Pirate 1 – So this Jesus wants us to store up some eternal treasure in Heaven, by doing good in this world?

Youth 3 – Exactly

Pirate 2 – Why that sounds like a grand deal for us pirates. An eternal treasure...and we don't even have to pillage and plunder...in fact we are suppose to do the opposite!

Pirate 1 – Aye, but we'd be some funny pirates then, what if other pirates make fun of us... you know, call us Care-Too-Much Beard the Pirate, or even Captain \_\_\_\_\_ (insert pastor's name) or something?

Youth 2 – Well, that's why the scripture also says "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." No matter what, God's going to be with you. Do what God wants you to do, and trust me, it is God that is going to allow you to do great things. "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

Pirate 2 – Aye so that’s what the map means by “jars of clay”. We are those jars of clay and we are to let God’s light shine from within us. So in a way, we’ve had this treasure available to us all along. All we had to do was believe in God and trust in God’s word.

Youth 3 – Now you’ve got it. So what do you say we go out into the world and be like Jesus. You know, be a little radical, change the way you live, and stand up for God’s word and others. After all, it is through God that we are more than meets the EYE! (say it like a pirate would say AYE)

Pirate 1 – Aye, More than meets the AYE – this bible, it’s full of Pirate lingo. Let’s work on this treasure they speak of.

\*everyone walks off.

The End!