

Coffee Break Skits

Sally Series

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The following skits are written to be used by Coffee Break Bible Study Programs.

The Sally skits are intended to be used during the opening minutes of Coffee Break meetings, taking 5-10 minutes to perform. The skits do not have to be performed in consecutive weeks, but may be “scattered” throughout the season. The setting is kept simple – each skit takes place at a “local” coffee shop, *Common Grounds*. A table for two is set, covered in a red and white table cloth with a few condiments and two coffee mugs turned upside down on the table. A simple “*Common Grounds*” sign is hung. Each skit is comical, but brings serious business to light.

Lines do not have to be memorized, because it is appropriate for each of the characters to have a notebook in hand during each of the skits.

To help personalize these skits, “tips” are included along the way.

Sally and a Coffee Break leader are the two characters in the skits.

Sally is a waitress at *Common Grounds*. She likes to “chonk” on her bubble gum as she waits on her customers. Sally is not especially easy to like right away due to her sarcastic comments, impatient attitude, and lack of compassion for others. Because of her circumstances, Sally is a bit pessimistic and sees no real purpose in life. A fake smile is her “trademark.”

In each of the skits, the Coffee Break leader begins by welcoming the women, just as she would normally do. Then, she begins to tell about what “happened” when she stopped for a cup of coffee at *Common Grounds* that morning. As she begins to “remember,” she sits at a table and the audience “sees” her memory as she and Sally act it out. As the skits progress, the audience will see their Coffee Break leader’s heart for the lost and become

acquainted with Sally as their leader finds the *common ground* between them. Engaged, the audience will experience the life-changing power of the Good News when their leader cares enough to build a relationship with Sally, providing an opportunity for her to share her personal testimony.

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Skit #1 The Acquaintance

If Sally could earn a living by being sarcastic, she would be rich. In spite of her attitude, Sally is a good waitress and has the knack of knowing what the Coffee Break leader needs before she even asks. Fortunately, with God's leading, the Coffee Break leader sees beyond Sally's attitude and makes a decision that will be life changing for herself and Sally.

Skit #1 is provided free of charge to Coffee Break leaders. To purchase the rest of the Sally series, contact author Melissa Sutter: melissasutter@msn.com or 231-834-1990

Skit #2 The Conversation

Sally knows what the Coffee Break leader needs in the Coffee Shop. The leader knows what Sally needs to bring meaning and purpose to her life. Could a simple conversation be the start of a relationship that will bring Sally to Christ?

Skit #3 The Common Ground

Could two people be more opposite? The Coffee Break leader seems to have her life all together, and Sally seems to still be searching for the pieces. The audience may be surprised at the common ground revealed.

Skit #4 The Testimony

People like stories, and it seems we all have one to tell. Sally and the audience will be captivated as the Coffee Break leader draws on the common ground she and Sally share as she gives her personal testimony

Skit #5 The Invitation

Now that Sally knows the Truth, what will she decide to do? The Coffee Break leader invites Sally to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

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Characters:

Sally (S) - Sally is a waitress at *Common Grounds*, the “local” Coffee Shop. She likes to “chomp” on her bubble gum as she waits on her customers. Sally is not especially easy to like right away due to her sarcastic comments, impatient attitude, and lack of compassion for others. Because of her circumstances, Sally is a bit pessimistic and sees no real purpose in life. Although Sally is a bit “harsh,” she is a good waitress and is good at meeting her customers’ needs. Sally wears black slacks or skirt, a white top, and an apron loaded with all kinds of buttons and pins. She carries an order pad in one hand (which can actually disguise her skit lines) and a pot of decaf coffee in the other. A fake smile is her “trademark.”

Coffee Break Leader (CB)- This Coffee Break Leader thought she was just stopping in to the coffee shop for a cup of coffee. What she gets, is a sassy waitress with an attitude. It doesn’t take the Coffee Break Leader long to realize the God has placed Sally in her life for a reason... Sally needs Christ. The Coffee Break leader has a heart for the lost and is determined to build a relationship with Sally so that she can eventually share her story with her. She remains upbeat and friendly, regardless of how Sally treats her. The Coffee Break Leader always brings her Bible into Common Grounds with her.

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The Acquaintance

Coffee Break leader welcomes women and smoothly moves right into the skit, as though she is relating something that actually happened that day...

CB: Something happened this morning that I can't quit thinking about. I stopped in for a cup of coffee at our local coffee shop, Common Grounds. I met somebody, my waitress – Peggy. I'm quite certain she doesn't know Christ as her Savior. I keep remembering... (CB moves to the restaurant table and sits down.)

S: (enters with her order pad in one hand a pot of decaf in the other)

CB: (bubbly and happy) Good Morning!

S: (turns mug over and pours decaf into CB's mug) Well, it is "morning," but not so sure about it being "good." (Speaking in a bored, monotone way) I'm Sally. (fake smile) Welcome to Common Grounds. Do you need a menu, or are you ready to order?

CB: (taken back a bit by Sally's attitude) Um... Well...

S: (cuts CB off and speaks in a snotty tone) I guess you need more time to "ponder." I'll be back. (starts to walk away)

CB: (quickly) Wait! I do want a cup of decaf coffee. How did you know that?

S: (sarcastically) Hmm... Let me think "really" hard for a second. OH! I know! I figured you wanted coffee because you came to a "coffee" shop, and I am pretty sure it is illegal to serve caffeine to anybody looking as perky as you. (fake smile)

CB: You know, Sally, I think I will *only* have coffee today.

S: I figured. (mocking) Have a "Happy Day." (fake smile and exits)

CB: (leaves the table and steps back up to the podium) When Sally walked away from my table, I was a little irritated with her for speaking so sarcastically to me. But, as I drank my coffee, I opened up my Bible for my daily devotion. I read Matthew 18:10-14, the parable of the lost sheep. (Read the scripture.) Once I read that, I wasn't irritated with Sally anymore. She is a lost sheep. Jesus wants her to be found.

How many times has Christ placed the lost in my life, and I have not realized it or cared enough to do anything about it? I want this time to be different. I am going to pray for Sally's salvation and take some time to get to know her.

I'll be sure to keep you posted. But now, let's get back to where we left off before my mind wondered.

(Continue with Coffee Break.)