

Coffee Break Skits

Gabby Series

by Melissa Sutter

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

The first skit was written as a five-minute promotional tool, possibly to be used at a church service or meeting.

The remaining 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.

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

To best personalize these skits, have a substitute name for your church that sounds like a restaurant or is food related. This works well with the food theme as one of the main characters, Gabby, uses it in her headlines. If the name of your church contains the word “Christian,” possibly substitute the word “Cafeteria.” Or if the name of your church contains the word “Church,” maybe substitute the word “Café.” For example: Café Reformed Church or Faith Cafeteria.

The main characters are Gabby and a Coffee Break leader.

Gabby is a gossip columnist who is full of energy and is interested in everything that goes on around her. Everything in her life revolves around information and her “sources.”

The Coffee Break leader is always compassionate and patient with Gabby. She gently corrects Gabby and consistently leads her to the truth.

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Skit #1 Gabby Hears the Truth

Gabby, a gossip columnist, follows up on a lead concerning a Coffee Break meeting. Although her sources get her to the right church, she has been misinformed about many other “issues.” As the Coffee Break leader shares the truth with Gabby, the audience gets a great preview of upcoming meetings. This comical skit is a great promotional tool for Coffee Break.

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

Skit #2 Gabby Goes to Coffee Break

When Gabby arrives late and “overly” prepared at the first Coffee Break meeting, the Coffee Break leader patiently explains away some of her fears and misunderstandings. This comical and informational skit works very well for the first meeting to help “break the ice” and share important information about Coffee Break.

Skit #3 Gabby Thinks About It

When the Bible doesn’t “work” for looking up answers to her problems, Gabby gets frustrated and discouraged. With compassion, the Coffee Break leader explains the Bible isn’t only about “looking up answers.” It’s also about having a relationship with God. Since Gabby (at her own admission) has never been very good at relationships, she is reluctant to give a relationship with God a chance. However, she promises to “think about it.” In a fun way, this skit challenges the audience to begin a relationship with Christ.

Skit #4 Gabby Says “Yes”

Gabby decides! She has the facts straight, and now it becomes personal. With the support of a Coffee Break leader, Gabby has a “confidential” talk with God and accepts Christ as her Savior. In a light-hearted style, this skit shares the Good News and our Savior’s love for us.

Skit #5 Gabby Gets Organized

Always enthusiastic and misinformed, Gabby shares her inspiration concerning prayer with the audience. Because her Coffee Break leader takes the time to explain what a prayer journal is and how to use it, Gabby begins to understand that prayer consists of more than asking for what you want and need. This comical skit involves the audience and provides a practical lesson for using a prayer journal and the ACTSs method of prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication).

Skit #6 Dear Gabby Gets Going

As her relationship with God grows, Gabby wrestles with her career as a gossip columnist. Her Coffee Break leader gently confronts Gabby with the question, “Do you trust God?” In her own “Gabby way,” Gabby makes an important choice, and God does not let her down. This skit includes audience participation and has an unexpected twist.

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Characters:

Gabby, the Gossip Columnist (G) - notepad and pen in hand, bubbly, busy, “interested” in everything – everything she says revolves around gossip, her “sources” and things to print.

Coffee Breaker (CB) - patient, listens but always “corrects” Gabby so the truth can be known – shares information about Coffee Break.

Setting:

Coffee Breaker goes in front of the church to make an announcement about the upcoming Coffee Break. As she begins to tell what Coffee Break is and when it is going to be begin, Gabby bursts in.

G: Excuse me, excuse me! Oh! I just hate to interrupt, but one of my sources told me I could catch up with a Coffee Klatsch here at Northern Cafeteria Baptist Church.

CB: Coffee Klatsch at Northern Cafeteria Baptist Church?

G: Yes, according to my dependable resources.

CB: Well...it seems your resources have gotten you to the right place if you are interested in our Coffee *Break* that is meeting here at *North Casnovia* Baptist Church.

G: Ah...Yes this must be it! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Gabriella Sensationalism, but you can just call me Gabby. I am a columnist for a local magazine that takes an IN-DEPTH look at the lives and activities in the area.

CB: So, Gabby – are you telling me you are a gossip columnist?

G: Well...I suppose that is what you people from the Northern Cafeteria might call it...Anyway, you are....?

CB: It's nice to meet you Gabby. My name is _____; I am one of the leaders of our *Coffee Break* here at *North Casnovia*. So, may I ask what your interest in our group is all about?

G: OH! WELL!!!! I hear it is all the RAGE!!!! Why I've heard women get all dressed up in their very finest, study for hours and hours to prepare their lessons, then meet here to share a divine host of delicacies like lobster, king crab, caviar, and....that's it! HEADLINE: "Area's Finest Ladies Meet for Divine Delicacies!"

CB: Wait, wait, wait – I am afraid your sources have misinformed you a bit.

G: Whatever do you mean? In what way?

CB: As you can see, we keep things very casual. Our lessons don't require hours and hours to prepare. Instead, it takes about 30-45 minutes. As for the "menu," it is divine...divinely simple.

G: So, I see... Um...well...is it true that you have a time to "fellowship" as you Northern Cafeteria people might say?

CB: Absolutely! We have the opportunity...

Gabby: (cutting CB off) Yes! I knew it! That's it! This is juicy! You give the ladies a chance to shoot the breeze, to chit-chat, a chance to catch up on who is doing what, and where it is happening, and...OH! This is great! HEADLINE: "Coffee Breakers Dine on Gab and Gossip!"

CB: No, no, no...We don't meet to talk *about* anyone. Our fellowship time is an opportunity for us to meet and make friends. A chance for us to support each other, a chance to unwind – rejuvenate! As a matter-of-fact, many of the things said here are confidential. Do you understand, Gabby?

G: No...but anyway. What is all of the talk I hear that this is a community Bible Study? I get it! You meet to tear apart your different religions and beliefs! Perfect! HEADLINE: "Area Ladies Satisfy Appetites by Devouring Each Other!"

CB: Oh Gabby. It's nothing like that at all. We actually don't discuss our different beliefs. We focus on what the Bible has to say and that's all.

G: Hmmmm....The Bible, huh? Isn't that just an old storybook? I mean, who do you think you're kidding? Am I to believe all of you ladies spend time browsing through some ancient book that has nothing to do with real life? That's it! HEADLINE: "Local Women Share Appetizers and Ancient History."

CB: Gabby, Gabby....The Bible is anything but ancient. (Getting excited!) Why the Bible is also known as the Living Word. It is an awesome book that not only tells us about history, but is alive with God's promises for our future, as well. Gabby, it is one of the ways God still speaks to us today; it tells the greatest story of all!

G: Well, I see you are quite passionate about this Bible-thing. According to you, "It's the Living Word." You say it's filled with God's promises and that God could speak to me through His Word ... (quietly) If I read it, I suppose. You seem sure it contains the greatest story ever told...If you and your sources are accurate....hmmm...God has made promises to all of us...I see! Yes! Of course! HEADLINE: "Coffee Breakers Sue God for Breaking Promises!"

CB: Gabby, the good news is that God has never broken a promise and he never will. As a matter-of-fact, during Coffee Break we are going to be looking at some of the promises God has made in the past and how He has fulfilled those promises. We will also take a look at the exciting promises God has made to each of us. Oh! Gabby! God kept his promises then and He keeps His promises today!

G: OK. So, God keeps His promises. Hmmmm... I guess you would have to be perfect to have God keep a promise to you. That's it! HEADLINE: "Coffee Breakers Seek Perfection to Claim Promises."

CB: Nobody is perfect. We all make mistakes. During Coffee Break, we will see how God uses those who seek Him and try to be obedient to Him. We will study God's Truth and apply it to our lives. You know – HEADLINE: "Coffee Breakers Study and Apply God's Truth."

G: Yes! HEADLINE: “Coffee Breakers Study and Apply God’s Truth.”
Yes! Perfect! Juicy! This is divine! Why, it is so simple that it is
profound! Oh ____ (CB) ____ thank you! May I come to your Coffee
Break? Is it open to anyone? Even somebody like me?

CB: Oh yes Gabby! You are definitely welcome!

Gabby: And my friends? I do want to bring my friends!

CB: We would love to have your friends come!

Gabby: Oh! This whole truth thing can be so contagious!

CB: Yes – That’s the truth!