

Panic Lesson 41



LIVING SACRIFICE

Anything to photocopy? Yes

Human Bingo (1 for each student)

Sacrifice? Me? You Gotta Be Kidding! (2 copies)

Here are the parts of this lesson:

♦ **Human Bingo** *mixer*

♦ **Sacrifice? Me? You Gotta Be Kidding!** *dramatic sketch; Romans 12*

♦ **Word Game** *discussion starter*

MIXER

HUMAN BINGO

Give each person a Bingo card (like the Human Bingo sample). The squares are to be filled in with the signatures of people who fit the various descriptions. Each person must sign his or her own name. The first person to complete five blocks in a row gets Bingo.

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DRAMATIC SKETCH

SACRIFICE? ME? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!

As this simple, no-prop skit for two demonstrates, you can use light drama—read or memorized—to interpret or present a Scripture passage to your group. This skit is based on Romans 12:1-2. Write similar skits on other passages you'll be teaching—or let your kids write their own as part of a Bible study. *Myra Shofner*

DISCUSSION STARTER

WORD GAME

Here's a simple discussion starter that can be very effective. Give each group member a blank 3x5 card and a pencil. On one side of the card have the kids write the most important word in their lives. On the other side have them write the most important word in their faith or religion. Then, using Luke 10:25-28 and Romans 12:1-2 and the cards, discuss the relationship between one's faith and one's life. Ask the group to compare the responses on both sides of the cards. *Donald Musser*



Human Bingo

Someone with two different colored eyes	Someone who owns a dog	Someone who is wearing contact lenses	A bilingual student (fluent in both languages)	Someone born outside the U.S.
Someone who owns a motorcycle	Someone who just ate at McDonald's	Sign your own name	Someone who likes to jog	Someone who can play a guitar
Someone with three brothers	Someone with blond hair at least 12 inches long	Someone who has been to Canada	Someone wearing blue socks	Someone who had a bad date last weekend
Someone who has a beard	An amateur photographer	Someone who weighs less than 100 pounds	Someone who drives a red car	Someone who has a cowboy hat
Someone with red hair	Someone who got an A in English	Someone who plays football	Someone who owns a horse	Someone who has broken a bone

Sacrifice? Me? You Gotta Be Kidding!

An Interpretation of Romans 12:1-2, for 2 characters

1: I beg you, Christians, because God is so merciful, present your bodies as living sacrifices—holy and acceptable to God. This is the reasonable way to serve God.

2: Sacrifice! Sacrifice? When you say sacrifice, I think of some pagan tribe in Africa, and a living body lying on a rock slab, with fire under the slab and the body burning as a sacrifice to an idol. You want me to be a sacrifice? No thanks. I'm too young to die.

1: Who said anything about dying? God wants you alive—a living sacrifice—which means to live for God—serving and loving him.

2: Oh. That sounds a little better. *(pause)* But I don't know. It sounds like I'd have to give up a lot. I mean I really enjoy living—doing the things I want to do. You know what I mean?

1: Yes, I know what you mean. But being a living sacrifice means a change of mind—you no longer want to do what you want to do—instead you want to do what God wants you to do.

2: Wanting to do what God wants me to do instead of wanting to do what I want to do? That sounds like a lot of double-talk. *(pause)* Besides I already don't really want to do what I want to do. Mostly I want to do what my friends want to do.

1: Conformity?

2: Huh?

1: You are talking about conformity, aren't you? Your mind is set on conforming to the world's standards. Is that right?

2: Yes, that's right. Uh? I mean, no, that's not right is it? I mean...it's what I mean, but it's not right.

1: So you do know the difference?

2: Of course. I am a Christian. I know the Bible says "Be not conformed to this world." But it's very difficult not to be. You know what I mean?

1: Sure, I have the same problem.

2: You do?

1: All Christians do. The pull of the world is very strong. Everything and everybody encourages us to conform. That is—everybody but God who made us. He knows us so well that he knows conformity won't bring us happiness in our Christian life. That's why he tells us not to conform to the world but to be transformed.

2: Transformed? That's a fancy word for changed, isn't it?

1: Yes. God wants us to change and the only way we can change and become the living sacrifice he wants is by putting our mind on him. When we look at God instead of at the world, our desire becomes to do the will of God.

2: And the will of God is that we become living sacrifices?

1: Say, you figure things out pretty fast.

2: You know, when I think about it, it would be easier to become a dead sacrifice.

1: How do you come up with that?

2: Well, you'd only have to die one time and it would all be over. But this living sacrifice bit—it's so...so...

1: Daily?

2: You got it!

1: But it's the only sacrifice that is acceptable to God.

2: I really want to offer an acceptable sacrifice.

1: Then you'll do it?

2: Yes, I'll live for God—each day of my life. I'll become a living sacrifice—no longer conformed to the world but transformed by putting my mind on God. After all, it's the only reasonable way to serve him.

1: And the only way to prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

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