

## Wake Up! The Harvest is Ready!

SKIT: For 6-7 persons; Youth or Adults

TIME: 5-10 minutes

CHARACTERS: Sarah – a person of great wisdom and faith  
Rebecca – Sarah's prayer partner  
Villagers (#1 – 5)

SETTING: A village or farming community; present day.

SYNOPSIS: Sarah, a woman of great wisdom and faith, sees that the Harvest is ready. She announces this to the sleepy villagers in the town. One by one, they refuse her invitation to "Wake up!" even though "The Harvest is ready!" They give silly (sometimes even funny) excuses. Finally Sarah and Rebecca pray together, asking the Lord to send more workers into His harvest field. Then, one by one, the villagers appear; ready to go to the harvest. At the end everyone says, "Wake up! The Harvest is ready!"

### DIRECTOR NOTES:

In this skit, the villagers are found asleep in their various homes. You may stage this however you wish. The persons could bring mats or blankets to lie upon during the skit. Or, they may sit in chairs around the stage, with towels or blankets pulled up under their chins, as if in bed. Make sure that the audience will be able to easily see these persons who are asleep.

### BIBLE REFERENCES:

**Matthew 28:18-20** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

**John 4:35** (*Jesus said:*) Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (NIV)

**Matthew 9:37-38** Then he (*Jesus*) said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (NIV)

**SKIT – Wake Up! The Harvest is Ready!**

OPTIONAL OPENING: *[REBECCA stands at side of stage and reads from the Bible.]*

REBECCA: In Matthew 28:18-20 the Lord Jesus says: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is why we do, what we do, as Christians. It is also the reason that we are all to be involved with the Harvest. And so, we would like to present the skit: “Wake Up! The Harvest is Ready!”

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*[The skit opens with all of the VILLAGERS asleep in their beds. SARAH arrives in the center of the village, ready for the day. She stretches her arms out widely and yawns, and then smiles with happiness. It is time to take on the day!]*

SARAH: *(loudly to the villagers)* Wake up! Wake up! For the Harvest is ready!

*[None of the VILLAGERS respond. One may even snore a little.]*

SARAH: *(a little louder)* Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

VILLAGERS: Go away! Be quiet! It’s too early! Go back to sleep! *(Snore...)*

*[SARAH looks at the audience. She smiles and winks. SARAH walks over to VILLAGER #1 and speaks again. She may even shout, or beat on a pan!]*

SARAH: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

V #1: *(sleepily)* What?! No – You’re mistaken. It is 4 months until the harvest.

SARAH: No, no! Just look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest!

*[VILLAGER #1 looks at the fields and sees that they are ready for harvest.]*

V #1: Well, so they are. Hmm. How about that?! But, I don’t care about a harvest that comes too early. I’m going back to bed.

*[VILLAGER #1 returns to her bed. SARAH goes to VILLAGER #2.]*

SARAH: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

V #2: *(dreaming)* Not now, Honey. Go back to sleep.

SARAH: *(more insistent)* Wake up! The Harvest is ready!!

V #2: What?! Oh, it's you. Go away! It's too early. I'm asleep!

SARAH: But, the Harvest is ready.

V #2: Well, I'm not ready. I'm sleepy. Besides, a harvest is a lot of work. Make someone else to do it! I'm going back to bed.

*[VILLAGER #2 returns to her bed. SARAH goes to VILLAGER #3.]*

SARAH: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

V #3: Oh, no! Not again! Please go away! You know I can't help you.

SARAH: But the fields are ripe and ready for harvest.

V#3: I know... And you want me to help. But, I'm really not very good at harvesting. You should get someone else. I'm going back to bed.

*[VILLAGER #3 returns to her bed. SARAH goes to VILLAGER #4.]*

SARAH: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

V #4: No! I'm having a bad hair day! Go away!

SARAH: But the fields are ripe and ready for Harvest!

V #4: I don't have the right clothes to wear.

SARAH: You look fine.

V #4: I might break a nail.

SARAH: What??!!

V #4: Look, I told you. I can't do... whatever it is you want me to do. Try that person over there. I'm going back to bed.

*[VILLAGER #4 returns to her bed. SARAH goes to VILLAGER #5.]*

SARAH: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

V #5: It's too cold!

SARAH: No, it's not. It's warm outside.

V #5: Then, it's raining!

SARAH: No, it's not raining. It's sunny!

V #5: Well, I'm not going out there.

SARAH: Why not?

V #5: Because there's a fierce lion out there.

SARAH: Really? Where?!!

V #5: Out there in the center of town.

SARAH: No, there isn't!!!

V #5: But, there could be. So, I'm not going out there! I'm going back to bed!

*[VILLAGER #5 returns to her bed. SARAH goes back to the center of town, wondering what to do. REBECCA ENTERS and speaks to SARAH.]*

REBECCA: They have lots of excuses, don't they? You know what Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Why don't we pray together, and ask Him to do that?

*[REBECCA and SARAH pray together. REBECCA says the prayer out loud.]*

REBECCA: Lord... We know Jesus said that the Harvest is plentiful. Please send out workers into your harvest field. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*[One by one, the VILLAGERS put down their blankets and come to the center of town. They have come to work in the harvest.]*

V #1: I guess I care more than I thought.

V #2: I guess I'm not as sleepy as I thought.

V #3: I guess I can try to help.

V #4: I guess these clothes will be alright.

V #5: Hey, there's no ferocious lion out here!

*(Pause – The audience will laugh. ☺)*

SARAH: *(To all)* Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest!

ALL: Wake up! The Harvest is ready!

**THE END**