

Relief Society Reality Check

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Cast:

Sister Youngestmember: a young woman

Reality Check Fairy: a young woman

Sister Crafty:

Sister Ancient:

Sister Youngmother:

Sister Middleage:

RS President:

Young man and chime ringer:

Sister Youngestmember enters with Young Man

Young Man: So happy birthday, you're 18! Ha, but now you're going to Relief Society so not only are you turning 18, but it won't be long before you'll be turning 58!

Sister Youngestmember: Hah, well thanks, though I can't say I completely disagree with you. Not only am I sad that I'm leaving Young Women's, now I get to go with all the old, decrepit women. To me, Relief Society just sounds like a bunch of old women talking about the latest invention in crochet needles, not exactly my thing.

Sister Youngestmember looks lonely and sits tenderly on the edge of a chair looking very uncomfortable.

Sister Crafty enters with crocheting needle with Sister Middleage. They pass by Sister Youngest-member ignoring her saying "boring boring, boring" and "blah blah blah".

Sister Ancient: (enters with a cane and walks over to Sister Youngestmember) You're sitting in my chair. (raises her cane as if to hit her).

The reality check fairy appears just in time to save Sister Youngestmember from getting hit and signals to the chime ringer to ring the chimes.

Reality Check Fairy: It seems to me that you have the "I'm never going

to fit in blues". Its time for you to have a reality check. (gives her a hip bump) Lets look at another scenario. (Everyone leaves the stage backwards and in fast motion while the chimes ring)

Sister Youngestmember comes in with Sister Middleage talking about a current topic that is of interest to your Young Women. Sister Ancient enters dancing with her cane and comments on the current topic.

They are approached by Sister Crafty and Sister Young Mother, Sister Crafty: Oh Sister Youngestmember, I have been wanting to ask you about your plans to help at the orphanage in Mexico this summer.

Sister Middleage: Oh please come tell us all about it.

RS President enters: Sisters, welcome to Relief Society, and a special welcome to Sister Youngestmember (everyone pantomimes welcome) before we get started we'd like to talk about the new Relief Society Enrichment Program. We have been instructed to start small focus groups with women of similar interests and would like know what types of activities you are interested in.

Chimes ring again and Sister Youngestmember seems to drift off.

Sister Youngmother: I was wondering how much drool is normal for a baby who is cutting a tooth. (Every one puts finger to face with interested questioning look. Sister Youngest member makes gagging motion)

Sister Middleage: How long should my teenage daughter be grounded for getting home at 12:09 last night? (Everyone does shame on you motion and Sister Youngestmember looks shocked).

Sister Crafty: We could have a class about different ways to thicken gravy. (Everyone makes happy fingers, Sister Youngestmember sticks out her tongue)

Sister Ancient: Does anyone want to hear about my latest surgery? (Everyone rubs hands together, Sister Youngestmember grabs stomach as if sick)

Reality fairy enters and signals chime ringer, everyone freezes.

Reality check fairy: Now, now Sister Youngestmember, how can I convince you that the grass really is greener on the other side of the fence?

Sister Youngestmember (aside): Greener? This grass looks downright dead! then to Fairy: What are the other sisters **really** interested in?

Reality check fairy: Lets go back and listen and see.

Sister Middleage: . . . and traveling around the world and I would like know more about how sisters in other cultures live the gospel.

Sister Youngmother: I would like to do some musical theater.

Sister Ancient: And I would like to sing Do-wop.

Sister 1: I would like to find new ways to make and eat chocolate.
(Everyone sighs)

RS President: These ideas are great! We have actually tried some of them before. I bet Sister Youngestmember has some fresh ideas. Sister Youngestmember, what do **you** like to do?

Sister Youngestmember: (shyly) Well, I like to spend my time doing dances from India and watching Bollywood movies.

Sister Youngmother: I don't know anything about Bollywood but it sounds like fun to dance like that, would you be willing to teach us how? (Everyone crosses leg in dance form)

Sister Youngestmember: (hesitantly) I suppose I could teach you, if you want me to....would you teach me how to Ballroom dance? Everyone freezes.

Reality check fairy: So you see Relief Society is really just a group of women with one thing in common – the Gospel. The beauty of Relief Society is in its diversity. We are different ages, in different stages of life, we have different interests, strengths, talents and abilities. This means that we **all** have something we can share, and it means that Relief Society sometimes can get **very** interesting.