

Practical Joke Illustrations



Measure Your Coffin

Choose several volunteers to have their coffins measured. Each of your volunteers should be wearing jeans or long pants. Never choose volunteers wearing shorts or dresses. Your volunteers will need to leave the room. Bring them in one at a time. Explain that you are going to blindfold him and then, using a sewing measure-tape, you are going to measure him for his coffin. Blindfold the volunteer. Ask him to hold out his right arm. Measure from the shoulder to the finger tips and announce the length. Ask him to hold out the other arm. Make the same measurement. They probably won't be the same, but that's okay. Next, measure around his head. Finally, ask the volunteer to lie down on the ground so that you can accurately measure his legs. Lift one leg and hold it up, measuring from the foot down. Announce the measurement. As you lift the second leg, hand off the measuring tape to a helper who will hand you a cup of ice water. With the leg raised, pour the cup of water down the pants leg. There is usually a delayed reaction before your volunteer realizes what has happened. Use towels to dry off the area or move to a dry spot before bringing in the next volunteer.

Spiritual Application: You might want to open this session with a riddle: The person who makes it, doesn't want it; The person who buys it, doesn't need it; The person who uses it, doesn't know it. What am I talking about? If you begin your session with this riddle, after this illustration announce that the answer is: A coffin. Then continue with a discussion of Hebrews 9:27.

