

## THE MISSING PIECE

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Three church staff members try to form a complete picture of Christian service, but find they're missing a vital piece.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Before performing the skit, you will need to create a 4 piece puzzle. The puzzle needs to be large enough to be seen by the audience and easily displayed on stage on an easel or some other prop. The puzzle can be a picture of volunteers serving people, your logo, or some other picture representative of the work you do. Feel free to customize the dialogue for your church/group as well to make it more personal.

Before the scene, have Annie sit somewhere in the audience. The easel/display is on stage, waiting for the puzzle pieces. Jeremy enters, carrying one of the two bottom pieces for the puzzle. He and the other three staff members speak in a slightly cheesy, corny tone as they enter and speak their parts about the puzzle.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M, 2F

**THEME:** Servanthood; Church Life

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 10:38-39; 6:33

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Services

**CHARACTERS:**

Jeremy, Candace, Todd—staff members

Annie—a volunteer

Rob—Annie's friend

**PROPS:** A custom-made puzzle and an easel (see Director's Tip)

**COSTUMES:** Clothing appropriate for the event; the actors should be staff, and the skit should seem like part of the program.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones (optional)

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A church stage

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*Lights up.*

**JEREMY:** As I look out on this crowd, I see a lot of different faces. People from different places with different talents and different passions. There are no clones here, and thank goodness for that. Because an organization like ours doesn't need clones. It needs individuals, talented staff members, each contributing their own unique gifts to the whole.

*JEREMY places his puzzle piece on the display.*

And just like our human bodies, made of arms, legs, eyes, ears, and other parts, when those individuals work together, they become far more than they could ever be alone.

*CANDACE enters with the other bottom piece of the puzzle.*

**CANDACE:** That's right, Jeremy. We are a body with many parts. Some are teachers, some are planners, some are workers. Each staff member is unique, and while we have our differences, we share a common goal.

*CANDACE puts her piece on the display.*

We come together, not to serve our own needs, but to meet the needs of others. And by joining together, we can do so much more than any of us could do on our own.

*TODD enters with one of the top pieces.*

**TODD:** On our own, we're just pieces. We're just... (TODD examines his puzzle piece) squares with circles stuck in the side, or circles cut out of our sides. But watch what happens when these pieces come together.

*TODD puts his piece on the display.*

You begin to see a vision for what we can do as a team. Working together, sharing our gifts, we can reach so many more people.

**JEREMY:** But we can't do it alone.

**TODD:** No, we can't.

**CANDACE:** There's one more piece required. One piece that brings it all together.

**TODD:** One piece that truly completes the picture.

*Pause, turning into an awkward pause. TODD looks off stage.*

Yep. One piece. One piece to bring them all.