

# “Ring Around the Rosie”

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**What:** Over the course of a school year we see two friends become distant acquaintances as spiritual apathy slowly takes over one of them. (Themes: Friends, Repentance, Accountability)

**Who:** Jack Bill

**When:** Present day

**Why:** Deuteronomy 5:19; 2 Chronicles 7:14;  
Romans 12:22

**Wear (Props):** A chair

**How:** This skit is very powerful if the actors find the gravity of the character’s emotions and concerns. If it is played melodramatically, or “over the top” the audience will disconnect themselves from what is being presented.

**Audience:** Teen

**Time:** Approximately 8-10 minutes



*Jack and Bill address the audience.*

**Jack:** Jack and Bill went up the hill  
to get closer to their Lord...

**Bill:** Jack stayed strong fairly long,  
but Bill... he quickly got bored.

**Both:** *(Singing)* “Ring around the rosie,  
Pocket full of posies,  
Ashes to ashes,  
We all fall down.” *(They cheer)*

**Bill:** Whoo! *(Name of occasion/ camp)*

**Jack:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 20--! Whoo! I love you man.

**Bill:** I love you, too. *(They hug)*

**Jack:** I feel like God’s really changed me!

**Bill:** *(Puts arm around Jack’s shoulder)* That’s right. I  
love this song.

**Jack:** Me too!

**Bill:** *(Raising hands, and thus Jack’s too, singing)* “I can  
only imagine what it will be like when I find  
myself standing in the sun...”

**Jack:** *(Overcome with emotion)* Give me another hug!

*They hug, clearly on an emotional high.*

**Both:** *(Singing)* “Ring around the rosie,  
Pocket full of posies,  
Ashes to ashes,  
We all fall down.”



**Jack:** *(To audience)* September 14<sup>th</sup>, 20---. *(To **Bill**)* Bill, how're you doing?

**Bill:** Good, man. How're you?

**Jack:** Good, man. How're classes.

**Bill:** They're going pretty good. Struggling a bit in Algebra, but that figures.

**Jack:** Yeah. How're your quiet times going?

**Bill:** Pretty good. I mean I was studying in Ephesians today; it was just awesome.

**Jack:** Yeah. *(Notices someone)* Isn't that Jennifer?

**Bill:** *(Sees her, too)* Yeah, it is. *(Calls out)* Hey, Jennifer!

**Jack:** Hey, Jen! *(They both looked shocked)*

**Bill:** Hey, that was a look, wasn't it?

**Jack:** Didn't she go to camp with us?

**Bill:** Yeah, but I heard once we got back from *(Another summer event)* she went to a party, and it's been downhill ever since.

**Jack:** Is that right?

**Bill:** Yeah.

**Jack:** Did you get invited to that other party this Friday night?

**Bill:** Yeah. Did they invite you?

**Jack:** Yeah. I told them no, was not gonna go at all.



**Bill:** Yeah.

**Jack:** *(Off Bill's look)* Did you not say no?

**Bill:** Well... I kind of said no. I did. I said, I didn't know, you know, but...

**Jack:** You're not gonna go are you?

**Bill:** I don't know. I'm thinking I might go. I thought it might be a good way to reach out to Jennifer and get her back involved.

**Jack:** Is there anything I can do for you?

**Bill:** Now, don't you worry. I'm not going away. Just pray for me, okay?

**Jack:** Okay. I love you.

**Bill:** I love you, too, man.

**Both:** *(Singing. This time **Jack** sings normal, but **Bill** sings slower, with less energy, and sits in a chair)*  
"Ring around the rosie,  
Pocket full of posies,  
Ashes to ashes,  
We all fall down."

**Jack:** *(To audience)* December 14<sup>th</sup>, 20--. *(To **Bill**)* Bill!

**Bill:** *(A tad lethargic)* Hey, man, what's going on?

**Jack:** I haven't seen you since, I think, Thanksgiving. How've you been?

**Bill:** I've been okay, man, I've been doing okay.

**Jack:** Merry Christmas.

