

## Too Short

(Maria enters first)

Maria: (crying) Boo hoo hoo hoo

Matt: (speaking as enters) I think it's raining. I feel something wet. Oh hi, Maria. Why are you crying?

Maria: Because I'm too short! Boo hoo hoo hoo

Matt: Too short for what? Do you wanta play basketball?

Maria: No, I'm too short to reach . . .

Mateo (interrupting): Well maybe . . . I know! You could use a ladder.

Maria: No, There isn't any ladder tall enough to reach!

Matt: Well, we could use an airplane to reach it.

Maria: But I don't have enough money for an airplane! I would need a gazillion dollars to go by airplane!

Matt: That's true. Um, what is it exactly that you want to reach?

Maria: Oh, I forgot what we were talking about. I want to reach Heaven. Look what this Bible verse says: Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The glory of God means Heaven, right?

Matt: Yes, that's right.

Maria: I'll never be tall enough to reach Heaven! Boo hoo hoo hoo!

Matt: Don't cry Maria. You can still go to Heaven.

Maria: How?

Matt: The Bible doesn't say that we have to be tall enough to go to Heaven. It says we aren't perfect enough to be with God in Heaven, because God is perfect. We can't reach the perfect-ness of God. God is the mostest perfectest Person ever.

Maria: That doesn't help! It's even harder to get to Heaven than I thought! Boo hoo hoo hoo!

Matt: Hold on Maria. Didn't you read the next verse?

Maria: No, what does it say?

Mateo: It says this: " Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Maria: Um, no.

Matt: When Jesus died on the cross, He took all the punishment for our sins. If we trust Him as our personal Savior, God sees us as if we'd nevver sinned or done anything wrong.

Maria: Wow! You're saying that He took all MY punishment?

Matt: That's right Maria.

Maria: Yipee!! That's awesome! Thanks for explaining it to me, Matt.

Matt: You're welcome! (turns to the audience) [Kids, you can trust Jesus yourselves. Listen to our human friends and they'll tell you more].We gotta go tell all our friends. Bye!

Maria: Bye kids! See you later!

(This skit should be followed by a presentation of the Gospel by humans and leading the children in a prayer to receive Christ. If you prefer to end differently, leave out Matt's line in brackets.)