

# Dog Hats

CHARACTERS: A and B as dogs.

COSTUMES: Street clothes with dog collars, possibly fake ears.

PROPS: none

SETTING: None specified

*At rise: A and B enter from opposite sides. A and B should ham it up, pretending to be dogs – panting with tongues out, scratching at fleas, etc. They stop to talk.*

A: Arf, Arf! How's it going? I'm dog tired from chasing my tail.

B: Not so good, I'm afraid. I've had a fight with Lassie.

A: The collie over on Main Street?

B: That's the one. We had plans to dig around and look for old bones together. But then we had a BIG argument. Lassie was wearing one of those stupid hats people like to put on us dogs, to make us look cute. I happened to say how stupid Lassie looked.

A: I bet Lassie got upset.

B: Sure did. Started barking up a storm. Lassie got all worked up into a lather and raced off home in big "woof". We didn't even start digging at all. It was a wasted afternoon all round.

A: You really stuck your paw in your mouth, if you know what I mean.

B: Yeah, and now Lassie won't even bark at me. I've been bored with nobody to chase cats with or dig for bones.

A: I think you ought to apologize to Lassie for what you said. Maybe you could work things out between you.

B: Yeah I guess so. It was a pretty stupid thing to disagree over.

A: People do it all the time too. They argue over all sorts of silly things at times. It's so easy to get sidetracked from what's really important. *(To audience)* What are some stupid things to fight over? *(Get suggestions)*

B: *(To audience)* Anybody have any ideas about what I can say to Lassie to apologize? *(Get suggestions. With A get children to give some real life examples of stupid things to fight about and how they made peace.)* I find that sometimes as a Christian I have to carefully watch what I say or else I...

B: *(interrupting)* "Bark up the wrong tree?" A *nods* yes. I better talk to Rolly to sort things out. *(exits)*

A: Woof! *(to audience)* I guess you can teach a dog new tricks!