

## New Wineskins

CHARACTERS: 4; may be done with 3 puppets

COSTUMES: none specified

PROPS: Bible

SETTING: none specified

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 9

*A, B and C are puppets. Suggestion: Have 2 Bible Bookworm puppets made out of old leg warmers or long socks. They can have dollar store glasses sewn on them to look studious. Have them play B and C.*

A: Hey guys. Can I ask you something?

B: Sure, as long as it's not some math problem.

C: Or how to get grass stains out of a purse.

B: How did you get grass stains IN a purse?

C: I said "Don't ask".

A: I was reading my Bible, Mark 2 to be exact. I just don't get this part.

C: Let's get out human to read it to us.

HUMAN: No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse.

B: I know why that would happen.

C: Tell us.

B: Cotton cloth especially shrinks after you wash it for the first time.

HUMAN: So does wool. My little sister (or other relative) accidentally put her wool sweater in the wash once.

A: What happened?

HUMAN: It shrank so much it became doll clothes.

B: That reminds me of the time my cousin was making a delicious dirt cake for her boyfriend. She accidentally burned it. She tried to fix it by covering it with frosting.

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A: But underneath was still the old burned up cake.

B: Yup. No matter how much frosting she put on, the burned taste came through.

A: So she not only ruined the cake but the frosting too.

B: Yup.

A: I see. What about the next couple of verses? Can you read them?

HUMAN: And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.

B: Wine is fermented grape juice. It can expand a container unless its glass or something hard like that.

A: What were wineskins made out of?

B: Animal skins. Think of thin leather.

C: Once my brother tried to put hot tea in a paper cup. It melted the wax coating and would have burned his fingers if worms had them.

HUMAN: (*emphasizing “old” and “ancient”*) This reminds me of trying to run a new video game on my aunt’s old, old, I mean ancient, computer. It locked up the computer.

B: Probably didn’t have enough free RAM or something.

C: Or the graphics card was too old.

B: You need a newer computer for newer games.

A: So what is Jesus saying?

HUMAN: The Old Testament law was beyond fixing. Nobody except Jesus could keep all those laws perfectly. Something new was needed..

C: You needed a totally new heart for Jesus teaching.

B: Something born again.

C: Later on in the book of Acts, Paul talks about having to be a new creation. You couldn’t be saved by obeying the old law.

HUMAN: You can only be saved by Jesus.