

The Little Red Henrietta

New Beginnings Skit

Cast: This skit has one main speaking part for “Henrietta,” a girl who loosely represents the Little Red Hen. She should be a younger girl wearing a red wig and/or red sweater. There’s also a small part for a girl named Gabby. There are four more groups of girls that symbolize the groups of animals who the Little Red Hen asks for help in the fable. These groups can consist of 1-5 or more girls each, depending on the size of your YW group:

The Good Girls

The Distracted Girls, who should each have a cell phone as a prop

The Busy Girls

The Glamour Girls, who can have hand held mirrors, brushes, or purses as props

The Gossip Girls, one of whom—Gabby—will accept Henrietta’s invitation

Additional Props: A sign that says, “AND SHE DID” (and someone to walk it across the stage); an index card with John 6:51 written on it; a Personal Progress Book; a Book of Mormon; 2 baby dolls.

Skit: *(The skit starts with Henrietta holding a Personal Progress book, and surrounded by a group of good girls.)*

Good Girl # 1: Well we’re super excited to have you as one of our newest Beehives! You’re part of the Littleton family, right?

Henrietta: Yes—I’m Henrietta Littleton. But because of my red hair, everyone thinks it’s sooo funny to call me Little Red Henrietta.

Good Girl #2: Don’t worry—we won’t call you that in YW. You seemed a little uneasy in class today. Is there anything we can help you with?

Henrietta: Well, yeah—actually there, is. It was when we talked about the prophet Enos. There was just something about that scripture—the one where he said that his soul hungered. I guess that I’ve just been feeling that way lately—like I’m hungry to know the Savior better.

Good Girl # 3: Well, if you want to feel closer to the Lord, then you’ve come to the right place! There are so many ways that Young Women’s will help you build a strong relationship with the Lord, from weekly lessons and activities to Girl’s Camp to tons of spiritual growth through Personal Progress.

Henrietta: I do have questions about Personal Progress. Do you think you could give me some tips?

Good Girl # 4: Of course! Let’s see—if your goal is to come to know the Savior, then you probably want to start with the basics, like prayer, scripture study, service, and sharing the gospel. *(Flipping through the Personal Progress book).* You might actually want to start with

Faith #1, where you read some scriptures and then say prayers in the morning and at night for 3 weeks.

Henrietta: Ok—Faith #1 to work on prayer. Which one should I do for scripture study?

Good Girl #1: Well, it's never too early to start your Virtue project, which is to read the whole Book of Mormon.

Henrietta: Oh good—I've been so excited to read the Book of Mormon but usually get stuck in 2nd Nephi. This time I'll go the whole way! What do you recommend for service?

Good Girl #2: Well, just about every value experience in the Good Works section is about service, and you can do any service project you want for your 10-hour project at the end. But maybe you could start with a value experience # 6, where you spend at least 3 hours giving service outside of your family.

Henrietta: That sounds great! I love working with little children—maybe I can help babysit so parents can go to the temple?

Good Girl #3: That's a really good Idea—you can serve the parents so the parents can serve people on the other side. That's awesome!

Henrietta: Which one should I do to share the gospel?

Good Girl #4: Well, you could try Good Works #7. It's where you invite a friend to go to church with you and share your testimony.

Henrietta: I bet I can ask some friends at school. Can I do some other value experiences, too?

Good Girl #1: Of course, but there's no reason to rush—you have all 6 years in YW to finish. Your main goal isn't just to check off the boxes—it's to grow as a person and to make each of the YW values part of who you are. Focusing on the basics is a great way to start, though, and will definitely help you feel closer to the Savior.

Henrietta: I'm so excited! I know that some of the other YW haven't really started on their Personal Progress—do you think it's ok if I ask them to work with me?

Good Girl #2: Sure, give it a try! (*Good Girls wave goodbye and leave the stage*)

Henrietta: Thanks! (*A group of girls enters who are all looking at their cell phones*). Hey, I was wondering if you wanted to work on a Personal Progress value experience for Faith with me? It's the one where we pray in the morning and at night for 3 weeks?

Distracted girls: *All look at cell phones for 5 seconds before looking up together and say in unison: HUH? They then look back at their phones and take turns saying:*

Distracted Girl #1: Maybe later—

Distracted Girl #2: I'm checking my Instagram feed . . .

Distracted Girl #3: I just got a SnapChat

Distracted Girl #4: I just have to finish this post . . .

Distracted Girl #5: I need to finish this text . . .

Henrietta: That's it! We could text each other every morning and night to see if we remembered to say our prayers!

Distracted girls: Maybe, but first we need a SELFIE! *All take selfies at once.*

Henrietta: But saying prayers is even better than using your cell phones! Think about it—you talk directly to Heavenly Father. You never have bad reception or have to leave a message or recharge the battery.

Distracted Girl #1: Hey, you've got to see this video—it's the most disgusting thing ever! It's a cat coughing up a hairball, and then this other cat starts playing with it!

All: *Everyone makes a disgusted face and says EWWWWW!*

All: *(in unison:) I WANT TO SEE!! Girls form a circle around the phone and walk off stage.*

Henrietta: I guess that's a no. Well, I will! I am going to pray!

(Henrietta folds her arms and bows her head while someone walks across the stage with a sign saying, "AND SHE DID.")

Henrietta: Maybe someone will read the scriptures with me? *(Looking around as a group of girls runs in).*

Henrietta: Hi! I know you girls are always really busy, but I was wondering if you want to start the Personal Progress Virtue project and start reading the Book of Mormon with me?

Busy Girls: *(in unison) Sorry-- WE'RE TOO BUSY!*

Busy Girl #1: I have to put a second coat of varnish on my night stand, trim my toenails, grease the chain on my unicycle, and choreograph an interpretive dance taking a grain of corn from popcorn to a popcorn ball.

Busy Girl #2: I have to feed the pigs in my virtual reality game, practice writing my signature, go to my beat-boxing lesson, and reorganize the broom closet.

Busy Girl #3: I have to delete about 20,000 emails, dust all the blinds in the house, update my Facebook profile, and make a small-scale replica of the White House out of salt cubes.

Busy Girl #4: I have to memorize Hamurabi's Code, organize a ping-pong tournament, color-code my sock drawer, and learn to do the Moon Walk.

Busy Girl #5: And I have to shop online for a dog grooming kit, alphabetize my file drawers, make a pair of boots out of duct tape, and teach my dog how to do the Moon Walk.

Henrietta: I know that those things are all . . . important, but if we just take a little time every day to read a chapter or so . . .

Busy Girls: *(in unison)* Sorry—we're too busy! *(they hurry to run off the stage)*

Henrietta: I guess that's another no. Well, I will! I'm going to read the scriptures every day.

(A girl hands Henrietta a copy of the Book of Mormon, which she opens and pretends to read. The girl then walks across the stage with a sign saying, "AND SHE DID.")

Henrietta: Maybe I'll have better luck getting some help to do service. *(Approaches a group of "Glamour Girls" who are admiring themselves in hand held mirrors).* Hey—I'm organizing some babysitting for Personal Progress so that parents can go to the temple together, and was wondering if anyone would want to help me?

(Girls keep looking in the mirror and hardly acknowledge Henrietta).

Glamour girl #1: Don't you just *love* my hair today? It took me so long to shampoo, condition, mousse, dry, and style. Do you have any idea what it's like to have such thick hair?

Glamour girl #2: It couldn't have taken longer than for me to do my makeup. I did moisturizer, concealer, base, foundation, highlights, contours, blush, mascara, eyeshadow and eyeliner. But doesn't it look fabulous?

Glamour girl#3: And don't you just *love* my outfit?

Glamour girl #4: And don't you just *love* my shoes?

Glamour girl #5: Or don't you *just* love MY purse?

Henrietta: You all look so pretty. But I'm wondering if you want to help me serve? It feels so good to lose yourself in serving someone else.

Glamour Girl #1: Sorry—I have to wash my hair. Do you know how much buildup all this hairspray causes? I'm going to get split-ends if I don't hurry! *(Exit stage)*

Glamour Girl#2: And I have a 7-step process to get this makeup off—sorry! *(Exit stage)*

Glamour Girl #3, 4, & 5: *(in unison)* We would but we're going---SHOPPING!!!!

GG #3: You can never have too many clothes

GG #4: Or too many shoes

GG #5: Or too many purses. BYE! *(Exit stage)*

Henrietta: Well, even if no one helps me, I will. I am going to serve.

Someone hands Henrietta two baby dolls to rock, then walks across the stage with a sign saying, "AND SHE DID."

Henrietta: Well, I haven't had much luck asking people to do Personal Progress with me, but maybe I can find someone at school to go to church with me--? *(Walks over to a group of girls whispering).*

Gossip Girl #1: Here comes Henrietta. That's like the weirdest name ever.

Gossip Girl #2: And look at that sweater. It's like tots ugly. Who even wears red? I mean it's not like we're at a football game.

Gossip Girl #3: And she's so little. I know! It's like she's little- red- Henrietta!!!!

Henrietta: Yeah—Little Red Henrietta-- that's me! I guess that a girl with a name like Henrietta should never wear red, right?

Gossip Girls: (*Looking her up and down and saying in disgusted unison*) YEAH--NEVER.

Henrietta: Ok—I'll try to remember that. I was wondering, though, if any of you would like to come to Young Women's with me? Young Women's is so awesome because we get to do lots of fun activities every week. Most importantly, we learn more about the gospel . . .

Gossip Girl #1: That sound ok and all, but did you hear about Austin and Aly? They broke up!

Gossip Girl #2: No! I heard that Trever Jones likes Ally, and that he and Austin got in a big fight during 1st period!

Henrietta: But do you want to come to church with me?

They look up for a minute, then form a huddle and walk offstage, saying

Gossip Girl #3: I heard that . . .

One Gossip Girl, Gabby, is left on stage.

Gabby: I will

Henrietta: Really?

Gabby: Yeah—I'd love to go to church with you—you always seem so happy. And I, well I've been feeling kind of empty inside, almost like I'm hungry for something, but I don't know what--?

Henrietta: I know exactly how you feel. I promise that coming to church and learning about Jesus Christ will help. In fact, did you know that Jesus is sometimes called the Bread of Life? It's actually the scripture I'm ponderizing, or thinking about, this week. Do you want to read it? (*Hands an index card to Gabby*).

Gabby: Sure. It's John 6:51:

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Gabby: That's so cool. I can't wait to learn more about Jesus Christ.

Henrietta: Well Young Women's is the perfect place to do it. Come with me and I'll tell you all about it.

(The two exit the stage together).