

# Bell Ringer Skit

If you need more parts and lines for kids:

Possibly have two Bell Ringers who share the lines,

Possibly have two applicants who share the lines,

Have kids play the parts of the squeaky and stuck doors that might slam shut sometimes.

**Announcer:** The bell ringer of Notre Dame has decided to retire and has placed an ad in the Paris Times for someone to come and learn how to ring the bells.

**Sound Effects:** (Knock, knock, knock)

**Bell Ringer:** (Gravely voice and very bent over) Oh, somebody must be here about my job. I'll go down and see. (Goes 'round and 'round and 'round as if going down the bell tower about 6 times each time going down or up.)

**Sound Effects:** (Knock, knock, knock)

**Bell Ringer:** (Angrily) I'm coming, I'm coming. There's a lot of stairs here. (Arrives at and opens the door.) (By the way, kids could play the part of the very squeaky and stuck doors!)

**Bell Ringer:** Yeah ! What do you want?

**Applicant:** I'm here about the bell ringer's job.

**Bell Ringer:** All right ! Come on up, and I'll see if you can do the job. (Begins to go up and up and up and up (the other way around) followed by the applicant.)

**Applicant:** Wow, the ceiling is not very high here, is it?

**Bell Ringer:** Listen, you go up and down these stairs 20 times a day for 45 years and you just learn to stay bent over. Hey, you did close that door, didn't you?

**Applicant:** I don't know. I don't remember.

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**Bell Ringer:** Well, we gotta' go down and keep it locked, can't run up the church's fuel bill. (Both turn around and go back . . . 'round and 'round and 'round . . .)

**Bell Ringer:** That's the first thing you gotta learn. Keep the door closed. Up and down these stairs, that's the hard part. (Arriving at door) O.K., so now you're here, close the door.

**Applicant:** (Closes door) How are the benefits in this job ?

**Bell Ringer:** (Both going back up) (Say this line very slowly and stop and face the audience as you say it.) Well, it has it's ups and downs.

The Church board will buy you ear plugs every six months and a new bottle of bell polish once a year. (Finally arriving at the bell)

Alright, now you stand over there, and I'll show you how it's done. First you grab the bell here and push it out very hard (steps back and follows path of bell out and then back towards him, but because he's bent over the bell goes over him . . . look at it as it goes both ways to show people where it went.) then the bell comes back on it's own. That's all there is to it. Do you think you can do that?

**Applicant:** Sure! (He does the action with the bell, but does not step back, is hit by bell in the head and falls back, to the ground)

**Bell Ringer:** (Looking over a railing to the ground far below) Oh my gosh! He's fallen 15 stories to the sidewalk. I'd better get down there. (Goes 'round and 'round and 'round until he reaches the ground)

(A **Crowd** enters mumbling, stops and looks astonished at body as they point.)

**Police Person** (or two people): (Entering, calls to Bell Ringer) Hey you! Do you know this guy ? (He rolls the body over with his foot)

**Bell Ringer:** (Say this line very slowly and loud with your face to audience.) **No, but his face sure rings a bell !**