

Knock? Knock!

Characters:

- Peggy (non-Christian)
- Tim (Christian trying to witness)
- Steve (expert evangelist)

Props:

- Door
- Vacuum cleaner
- Walkman radio

Setting: Peggy is doing housework behind her "door" with her Walkman on, pushing the vacuum cleaner back and forth. Tim, a friend of hers, comes hurrying up from the street with a big smile on his face and "knocks" on the "door." Peggy keeps vacuuming as if she doesn't hear. Tim knocks harder and starts getting frustrated. Finally, he calls out as he knocks.

Tim: Hey, Peggy! I've got some great news! Peggy!

(Peggy looks around but shrugs and keeps vacuuming.)

Tim: (even more frustrated) HEY, PEGGY!!

(Peggy looks toward the door and drags the vacuum cleaner behind her to one side of the door. She opens a "window" and sticks her head through. The Walkman is still on her ears.)

Peggy: Oh, it's you, Tim. Hi! What's up?

Tim: *(happy again)* Peggy, you'll never believe my good news!"

Peggy: *(pulls the headphones away from one ear and frowns)* What? You had a good snooze? That's nice, but I have to finish vacuuming or no trip to King's Island tomorrow. Bye!
(closes the window and resumes housework)

(Tim sits down in front of the door with his chin in his hands.)

Tim: Rats! I want to tell Peggy that Jesus loves her and wants her to become His child. But she just won't listen! What can I do?

(enter Steve)

Steve: Hi there, Tim! Why so glum? Extra homework again?

Tim: I'm glad you've come by. I have a problem! I've been trying to talk to my friend, Peggy, about Jesus. But she won't listen.

Steve: *(sits down beside him)* Oh! Was her door open?

Tim: No, but she did open her window.

Steve: *(shakes his head)* That's not enough. If the door isn't open, you slam right into it.

Tim: Sounds painful! What can I do? I knocked and knocked but she didn't answer.

Steve: Not you - God!

Tim: Huh?!

Steve: You have to ask God to open a door of opportunity for you.

Tim: *(puzzled)* Why bother Him? I know! I'll go home and borrow my grandfather's cane. It's a great door thumper! *(pretend to demonstrate)*

Steve: *(winces)* If you do that, your friend will probably thump you! *(looks Tim in the eyes)* Tim, the Holy Spirit has to work in our friends' hearts before they are ready to listen to what we say. So, why don't you begin by asking the Holy Spirit to show you when the time is right to talk to Peggy? He will give you the confidence to speak and the words to say.

Tim: Are you sure?

Steve: *(stands up and puts his hand on Tim's shoulder)* I'm positive! Why don't you try it? *(exit)*

Tim: Lord, I want to ask you to open a door, give me a chance to tell Peggy your good news. I sure haven't gotten anywhere by myself.

(Peggy stops vacuuming and takes off the Walkman, shaking it as if the batteries have gone dead. She shrugs and sets it aside. Then she looks around where she's vacuumed and smiles as if pleased.)

Peggy: Mom can't say I didn't do my job now! *(she walks over and opens the door and startles Tim)*

Peggy: Hi, Tim! Are you taking another snooze? While I was running the sweeper, I started thinking about something that Susie said at lunch. She said that everybody will go to heaven when they die. Is that really true?

Tim: I'd be glad to talk to you about it. *The Bible says that everyone sins and is separated from God. Therefore, no one can get to heaven on their own. The Bible says that Jesus is the only way to get to heaven. Can I come in so I can explain why that is and answer your question>*

Peggy: Sur, come on it! But make sure you wipe your feet! *(Looks at his shoes)* On second thought. Let's go down to the park, ok?

Tim: Sure! *(in an aside)* Thank you, Lord!

(dim lights - exit)