

## MALARIA SKIT

This skit demonstrates the importance of using and taking good care of the mosquito net provided by Sweet Sleep. Not using a net or allowing a net to get holes in it causes a person to be more prone to contracting malaria.

### Supplies Needed:

One complete bed, including a new mosquito net

Wings (may be handmade or princess fairy, your choice)

Piece of paper, rolled up into a pointy tube for the mosquito's proboscis

Four team members: two "children", narrator, mosquito, two stagehands

### Scene One:

This is the story of two children who play together and then go to their homes at the end of the day to sleep. We follow one child home and in the first scene, they don't have a net to sleep under. A mosquito comes and bites them during the night and they get very sick with malaria.

**Narrator:** One day two friends were playing together and having fun. "Children" play together in front of the crowd. *Kick a ball, play tag, etc. Continue playing and listen for narrator's direction.*

**Narrator:** They played and laughed all day long. As the sun began to set, the children said goodbye and went home to sleep. *One of the children exits the scene and the other child goes to a mat that has been placed on the ground by the stagehands.*

**Narrator:** (child's name) laid down to sleep, but he/she didn't have a mosquito net to sleep under. During the night a big, bad mosquito came looking for a meal. *Mosquito enters the scene wearing wings and holding the rolled-up paper proboscis. The mosquito flies menacingly around the child and "bite's" the child with the proboscis.*

**Narrator:** (dramatically) "Oh no, the mosquito is going to bite him/her!" "He/She doesn't have a mosquito net to protect him/her!"

**Narrator:** In the morning, (child's name) woke up and was feeling very bad. He/she had a fever and chills and felt very sick. (other child's name) came back to play again, but (child's name) was feeling too sick to play. (Other child's name) went away sad that (child's name) was sick, and (child's name) was very sick for a long time. *Child wakes up and demonstrates headache, stomachache, fever, and chills, and refuses to play with other child.*

### Scene Two:

In the second scene, the child has received a bed and net from Sweet Sleep and is protected from the mosquito by the net. *Stagehands should be prepared with new bed.*

**Narrator:** Our two friends, (children's names) are playing again. *Children play again. This can be the same children, or different children.*

**Narrator:** They played and laughed all day long. And as the sun began to set, the children said goodbye and went home to sleep. *One of the children exits the scene and the other child goes to the bed that has been placed on the ground by the stagehands. The child will lie down on the mattress and cover itself with the blanket and begin reading the Bible. The stagehands will cover the child with a net that they hold up. The child should be careful about getting dirt (especially from your shoes) on the mattress and blanket.*

**Narrator:** *Child enters bed* (Child's name) went home and lied down on his/her soft mattress, and covered up with the warm blanket, and began to read his/her Bible. And most importantly, he/she made sure he/she was under his/her mosquito net and that it was tucked in under the mattress so that a mosquito can't get through.

**Narrator:** *(dramatically)* But during the night, a mosquito came back, looking for another meal! *Enter mosquito flying around menacingly and looking for a way through the net. The mosquito should move around the bed and continually try to "bite" through it.*

**Narrator:** *(dramatically)* The mosquito tried and tried but could not get through the net! And then...the mosquito died! *The mosquito should "die" very dramatically, falling on the ground.*

**Narrator:** In the morning when (child's name) woke up, he/she felt great and went back to play with (other child's name) again! *Child wakes up and stretches with a big smile on their face. The child can exit the "stage" by running off to play with the other child, or the other child could come to the "stage" and the kids can run off together.*

**Narrator:** So, you see children, it is very important to use your mosquito net every night when you go to sleep so that mosquitos can't bite you and make you sick with malaria. And you must take good care of your net so that it doesn't get holes in it. If your net gets holes in it, the mosquitos will fly through the holes and bite you.

*The overall message you communicate should be that if they take care of their net, their net will take care of them. Encourage the children to use the net ONLY for sleeping; not for playing or for catching ants or anything else. Tell them to be careful to keep their net away from things that will tear it.*

**THE END**