

Bible Byte 7

You notice everything I do and everywhere I go. Nothing about me is hidden from you.

Psalm 139:15

Pirates of the Black Swirl

Characters:

Captain Slack Barrow

First Mate

Several Pirates (a few extras from the audience will be easy to incorporate here)



Enter a band of about five pirates all fighting with each other. (Use some pre-prepared volunteers from the audience for this, but make sure that the fighting is all 'staged'. The more fake the better!)

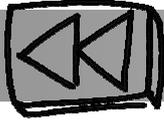
First mate enters and calls the pirates to order.

First Mate: Crew! Pull yourselves together. You have all volunteered to crew the mighty ship, the Black Swirl, under the legendary Captain Slack Barrow. Ye'll be sailing the seven seas, fighting mighty battles and gathering great galleons of treasures. What will ye be doin'?

Crew: We'll be sailing the seven seas, fighting mighty battles and gathering great galleons of treasures.

First Mate: That's right! But as you are sailing the seven seas, fighting mighty battles and gathering great galleons of treasures, there are a few rules, a code if you like, (aside to the audience) though truth be told, their more like guidelines.

Gather in close me hearties and I'll tell ye about the mysterious Captain Slack. Captain Slack has an uncanny knack of noticing things. Nothing is hidden from him. So ye can behave however ye like, but beware! As ye are sailing the seven seas, fighting mighty battles and gathering great galleons of treasures, think of Captain Slack, be sayin' to yeself



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Crew mumble incoherently

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First mate: I’d be begging you’re pardon crew. Here on the Black Swirl, if we have something to say, we’ll be sayin’ it loud and in a terrible pirate accent. So would you try again if ye don’t mind?

Crew: *(loudly together)* “He’ll notice everything I do and everywhere I go. Nothing about me is hidden.”

First mate: Much better! Now look lively and start swabbin’ the decks and climbing the riggin’ and haulin’ the anchor and -- doing what like all piratey things.

Enter Captain Slack Barrow

Captain: First Mate, did you recruit me a new crew and put them to work on the Black Swirl?

First Mate: Captain Slack, indeed I did and they be doin’ all manner of piratey things.

Captain: But of course I already knew this –

First mate: ‘Course ye did, you notice everything I do and everywhere I go and nothing about me is hidden from you.

Captain: Let me inspect the crew.

(Wanders in between the crew)

Excellent crew, First Mate. Let me speak to them.

You there, wonderful work in the rigging.

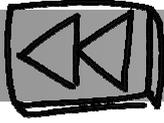
Pirate 1: Thankyou Cap’n. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go and nothing about me is hidden from you.

Captain: And you, great arm action on the anchor.

Pirate 2: Thankyou Cap’n. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go and nothing about me is hidden from you.

Captain: You! You swab the decks with the elegance of a ballroom dancer.

Pirate 3: Thankyou Cap’n. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go and nothing about me is hidden from you.



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Captain: *(turning to the audience)* And the rest of ye - ye be reciting the Bible Byte from Psalm 139: 15 in excellent pirate ways.

Show me how it's done now ...

The audience recites the Bible Byte

Captain: Oh it's me favourite! Ye know First Mate, I notice everything ye do and everywhere ye go, and nothing about you is hidden from me, because I be spying ye through my eye glass. But I can't really see what makes you tick.

But God – God is the one who really can! So we best be saying to God, ' You notice everything I do and everywhere I go and nothing about me is hidden from you.'

It's from the Bible, and there is no greater treasure. However, that doesn't mean we'll not be looking for lesser pirate treasure wherever we go.

Unfurl the sails and let's be sailing the seven seas, fighting mighty battles and gathering great galleons of treasures!

