

WHO IS THE PERSON AT YOUR ENTRANCE?

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A person using a wheelchair, is sitting

at the bottom of a flight of stairs. These steps are the entrance into a church.

Five people, one at a time, go past the wheelchair user, says something to him and go up the stairs to enter the church.

Each has a different response to the wheelchair user:

No 1:

- "Have you been to physiotherapy? You need to go see the doctor. I am sure they can do something!"

No 2:

- "Shame! What happened to you? How do you cope? Here is some money". (Pretend to give some)

No 3:

- "Why are you in this wheelchair? It must be a curse from your parents!"

While no 3 is still interacting, No 4 passes by and says:

- "Tell him to go. We don't want beggars here!"

No 5:

- "Hello! Let me pray for healing for you. Come inside."

The person in the wheelchair now replies: "I can't go in because of the steps. There is no ramp."

At the end of the play ask the audience for their response to the situation.

You could also change the words to other things people may say about a disabled person in your community.