

WOMAN OF LABRADOR  
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Presented by Mud Lake Elementary School  
Students - Grades 5-8

This is a series of skits taken from Elizabeth Goudie's book, Woman of Labrador. These short skits include, in order:

- a bread-baking scene
- Bruce Goudie's accidental burning
- Christmas in 1927
- Bruce Goudie's death

CAST OF CHARACTERS  
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Elizabeth Goudie	-	Ingrid Felsberg
Jim Goudie	-	Larry Hope
Horace Goudie	-	Paul Callahan
Marie Goudie	-	Beverly Chaulk
Aunt Lil	-	Paula Rose
A doctor	-	Richard Felsberg

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ELIZABETH GOUDIE'S LIFE

No. 1

BAKING BREAD

Jim and Elizabeth

(Elizabeth is making a flat jack, then joins Jim at the table eating an already made flat jack)

Elizabeth: I'm tired to eating flat cakes.

Jim: I eat them all the time.

Elizabeth: I'm tired of them, they are the only bread I eat.

Jim: Mix a bread of yeast and I'll bake it for you.

Elizabeth: How are you going to bake it without an oven? We only have the campstove.

Jim: Never mind that, just get the bread ready.

(Jim gets ready to go outside, Elizabeth mixes bread)

Jim: Put it in your big iron pot and put the cover on it.

(Jim goes outside and Elizabeth waits for him, then he returns and takes the pot. Close curtain put up sign "1 HOUR LATER". Jim returns with pot, lifts cover and shows golden brown bread to Elizabeth.)

Elizabeth: How did you make it?

Jim: I built a fire in the sand when you were making the bread. Then I hooked out the hot brands and put in the pot and covered it with the hot sand. I left it for an hour. Now we won't have to go without fresh bread.

Elizabeth: This is the best bread I ever had.

ELIZABETH GOUDIE'S LIFE

No. 2

Baby Bruce Accidentally Burned

Jim, Elizabeth, Horace, Marie, Bruce, May and Richard

(A door is part way open, Elizabeth is scrubbing the floor, Elizabeth leaves to check on children. She enters again and continues scrubbing. A light is shown)

Elizabeth: Oh, no a fire!

(Elizabeth grabs a coat as she goes into other room. She beats the coat on floor as if putting out a fire. Horace and Marie run out of burning room, Elizabeth enters with Bruce in her arms. Horace, Marie and Bruce are all crying. Bruce is riggling around and trying to get .out of his mothers arms.

Elizabeth: There now Bruce it will be all right. (Bruce is still crying)  
Does it hurt you?

Marie: He was right next to the stove , Mummy.

(Elizabeth is still holding Bruce. Then she lays him down checking his body once in awhile).

Elizabeth: You'd better go to bed I think he'll be O.K. in the morning.

Horace: Are you sure?

Elizabeth: Yes I am, now go to bed.

(She goes to check on Bruce)

Elizabeth: I wonder if that is Jim I hear now.

(Elizabeth begins to pray)

Elizabeth: Oh God, I pray that Bruce will be O.K. Please spare my innocent child.

(Jim enters)

Elizabeth: Oh Jim, there was a fire, Bruce burned one whole side of his body. Marie and Horace are asleep, they weren't hurt.

Jim: Where is he? How bad is he burned?

Elizabeth: He's sleeping right now, the only burn I'm really worried about is on his elbow, it's burned right to the flesh.

(They go over and look at Bruce)

Elizabeth: You better get me a Juniper stick and I'll boil it and use the liquid to bathe the wounds.

Jim: O.K., I'll be back in a minute.

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(Scenes of Elizabeth sterilizing the sheets and boiling juniper stick.)  
(SHOW SIGN EIGHT DAYS LATER)

JIM: I'm going to Davis Inlet to see if the doctor is there.

Elizabeth: Do you think Bruce is worse?

Jim: No, but I want to be safe, see-you.

Elizabeth: Good-bye.

Horace, Marie & Bruce: Good-bye, Daddy.

(Jim exits, show sign "2 DAYS LATER")  
(Doctor and Jim enter, boys are by the table, Marie is nursing May and Elizabeth is nursing Bruce).

Doctor: Hello everybody, where's Bruce?

(Jim shows him where Bruce is) (The doctor examines him)

Elizabeth: How is he?

Doctor: He's fine, what did you use?

Elizabeth: I bathe his wounds in boiled juniper liquid.

Doctor: Continue using it, your doing a marvelous job.

Elizabeth: Thank-you.

Doctor: Your son is going to be O.K. You should be in hospital yourself.  
You better keep off your feet for a few days.  
(Curtain closes Ingrid comes out and reads the rest).

ELIZABETH GOULDEN'S LIFE

No. 3

CHRISTMAS 1927

(Christmas eve night. Horace, Marie, and Bruce are hanging up their stockings)

Bruce: When will Santa come?

Jim: He comes in the night when everyone is sleeping.

Elizabeth: You better get to bed or he won't come at all.

Marie: I'm sleepy anyway, good-night.

Jim & Elizabeth: Good-night children

Horace & Bruce: Good-night Mummy and Daddy..

(Elizabeth rocks baby May. Curtain draws show sign saying "NEXT MORNING")

Elizabeth: Good morning everyone.

Horace: Good morning,

Bruce: Good morning.

Marie: Good morning.

Elizabeth: Breakfast is ready, then you can look in your stockings.

(Elizabeth pretends to feed doll. Everybody goes to the table and begins to eat.)

Bruce: I can't wait to see whats in my stocking.

Horace: I can't either.

(They finish eating breakfast. Elizabeth and Marie clears up the dishes.  
Elizabeth puts baby in crib. Horace, Marie, and Bruce look in their stockings.)

Horace: I wonder what I got.

Marie: Look! I got a pretty dolly and some sweet candy.

Bruce: I got a bouncy rubber ball.

Horace: Me, too,

Jim: Come on everyone lets go over to our neighbours. Merry Christmas.

(Family exits, curtain closes)

ELIZABETH GOUDIE'S LIFE

No. 4

BRUCE'S DEATH

(The curtain opens with Elizabeth helping Marie to take of her coat. Horace and Bruce are sitting at the kitchen table.)

Elizabeth: Did you have a good time with your Aunt Lily?

Marie: Oh, yes, (she laughs) Uncle Archie's funny.

Elizabeth: Yes he is. Now you come over here and sit by the stove, you don't look warm to me.

Marie: I don't feel well, but I suppose that's only the long ride that I had.

Elizabeth: Well, you come and sit down. Are you hungry?

Marie: A little bit.

Elizabeth: Well, I'll fix you something to eat.

Marie: Okay.

(Put up sign saying "THE NEXT MORNING")

Elizabeth: Breakfast children.

Horace: (coming in) Mummy Bruce is awful sick and I don't feel well either.

Elizabeth: I told you two last night, don't eat all that redberry pie.

Marie: (running in) Mummy Bruce is throwing up and his head is awful hot, and so is mine.

Elizabeth: I'd better go and help him.

(She goes out. In a few minutes she comes back in, carrying a blanket and leading Bruce)

Elizabeth: Come on now, Bruce, just a little way more.

Bruce: I hurt, Mummy.

(She folds the blanket on a chair and puts Bruce on it)

Elizabeth: Now just sit here, on the blanket. Does that feel better?'

Bruce: (still crying) I hurts.

Elizabeth: It will be all right. Where do you hurt?

Bruce: Inside me.

Elizabeth: Where, inside Bruce?

Bruce: In my stomach.

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(Horace and Marie have been looking on all this time. Now Marie starts to cry)

Elizabeth: Go and get your father, he's outside.

Horace: Well he ...

Elizabeth: Go and get your father, Marie you can go to bed.

(He has just laid, with Elizabeth's help on the floor when Horace comes in with Jim. He is alarmed to see Bruce laid out)

Jim: What happened.

Elizabeth: (taking him aside) He's very sick, he can hardly move, Marie and Horace are sick, too.

Jim: How could they get so sick? They have not been outside for days because of the weather.

Elizabeth: Marie came home sick yesterday, from her stay at Archie's place.

Jim: Maybe Lily would know what it is.

Elizabeth: Could you get Lily from Davis Inlet?

Jim: The weather's getting worse, I'd better go now before it gets dark.

Elizabeth: That's good. I'll try and keep Bruce comfortable until you come back.

Jim: Try and keep the other children away from him.

Elizabeth: Yes. Be careful Jim.

Jim: I'll try to hurry.

Elizabeth: Goodbye.

(Jim leaves and Marie enters)

Marie: Where's Daddy gone?

Elizabeth: He's gone for your Aunt Lily.

Marie: Why?

Elizabeth: Because brother is very sick. She might be able to help.

(She goes over to Bruce and gives him some water. Curtain closes.)  
(Put up sign saying "LATER THAT NIGHT")

Elizabeth: Bruce, can you see me?

Bruce: I wants Mummy.

Horace: (coming in with Marie) I can hear Daddy coming.

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Elizabeth: Oh, good. You and Marie can go to bed now, thank-you for your help.

Marie: Good night Mummy.

Horace: Good night.

(They go out and a few minutes later Jim and Lily arrive)

Jim: Elizabeth, we're here.

Elizabeth: Oh Lily, I'm glad to see you.

Lily: (taking off her coat) I'm glad that I could come.

(She walks over to Bruce, who is still laid out on the floor.)

Lily: Oh dear. I had no idea that it was so bad as this. Help me put him on the table, quick.

(Jim and Elizabeth run over to her and help move him to the table. He cries out loud from the pain)

Elizabeth: Bruce, Bruce!

Lily: I'm sorry. (She covers him with a blanket)

(Curtain closes. Ingried reads)