



Classroom role play



The Miner's Wife

You live at Number 2 Francis Street with your husband and two sons.

They all work at the pit, where they work above ground as winding enginemmen. They are well paid, and you can afford to live comfortably. Your role is to run the home and you take pride in keeping it spotless.

You and your family are involved with the Methodist chapel. Sunday is the day of rest, when you attend the morning service, before returning home for Sunday dinner.

As a Sunday School teacher, you run classes to teach children about the bible on Sunday afternoons. You sing hymns, read bible stories, pray and teach the children parts of the bible off by heart. You also organise Sunday School events, such as the annual summer outing.

After Sunday School you return home to prepare Sunday tea which is taken in the parlour, the best room in the house. This is followed by the evening service at chapel. In the summer, you finish the day with a walk around the village. In the winter, friends come around to the house and you sit around the harmonium in the parlour and sing.

Chapel keeps you busy throughout the week. On Monday afternoons you help to run Women's Bright Hour, when you talk about the Bible and debate social issues.

You also plan events, such as fund raising fetes and the Anniversary celebrations.

In the winter you attend the chapel quilting group. Working together you produce quilts, which are sold to raise funds.

The chapel plays a huge part in your life and you cannot imagine life without it.