

CONSISTENCY – Week 3 Skit

Definition: Constantly following God and His Word

Verse: “You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.” – PSALM 119:4-6

Week 3: God is consistent even when we are not

Main Scripture: Exodus 14 (Red Sea Crossing)

Other Scriptures: Malachi 3:6-7

Characters:

- Ollie the Oak
- Park Ranger
- Two Pranksters

Props:

- Trees on stage for forest scene
- Larger tree with cut out for Ollie’s face
- Green long sleeve shirt for branches
- Toilet paper
- Trash bag

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set in the forest, so use your backyard...or go on an adventure to a park!
- Every Park Ranger needs a badge! Grab some construction paper and make one for your costume!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- The pranksters can be played by anyone, they don’t have any lines! They are meant to be silly, but examples of not letting God’s Word guide their actions. You can have an older sibling play this role, and encourage your kiddo to teach them what they’ve learned through the skit!

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Scene opens with just a little bit of light on stage. Two pranksters (leaders) whispering on the side of the stage. They sneak across the stage and drape toilet paper all over Ollie, then run off the stage and the lights come up.

Park Ranger: *(Walks onto stage holding a hammock and a to do list)* Let's see, I've already watered the trees, trimmed them, shoo'd away the woodpeckers and lumberjacks... next on my list is watching out for pranksters... *(contemplates this for a second)* meh, I've already covered a lot on my list, I think it's time for a nap instead... *(Goes to hang hammock on Ollie and gasps, starts putting TP in trash bag)* Oh no! Ollie! What happened?! Here, let me help you.

Ollie: Oh, thanks Mister Park Ranger sir...I guess you could say it hasn't been the best day of my life.

Park Ranger: Well I should say not! How did this happen? Who did this to you?

Ollie: As far as I could tell, they had on blue shirts...but I am not sure where they wen-

Both turn their heads slowly to look out at crowd/leaders

Park Ranger: *(Whispers)* -Hey Ollie, don't make any sudden movements... I think I see them...

Ollie: *(Whispering back)* Who?

Park Ranger: *(Still whispering)* The pranksters. But I don't think they know we're onto them yet... *(tip toes to edge of stage, does the "I'm watching you" hand/eye signal to a couple of leaders)*

Ollie: Um, Mr. Ranger, sir? I'm okay, really. But, well, I was sort of wondering where you've been today... Isn't it your job to take care of the park and watch out for the trees? I mean, we really rely on you to keep us safe and healthy.

Park Ranger: I know, I know... but I had already done so much on my list for the day, I figured it was ok for me to take a nap

instead of finishing my work. And wouldn't you know... the one thing I didn't do was look out toilet papering pranksters... Oh Ollie, I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?

Ollie: Of course! And, like I said, no real harm done. Anyway, if I've learned anything living in this forest for 493 years, I've learned this: **God is consistent, even when we are not.**

Park Ranger: **God is consistent even when we are not?**

Ollie: That's right! I have been here for 493 years. I've seen a lot of park rangers come and go. They were all hard workers, but they still made mistakes.

Park Ranger: They did?

Ollie: Well sure... One time a park ranger forgot to water us for 2 weeks. Another time one was trying to spray for bugs, and he accidentally spray painted me purple.

Park Ranger: Whoops! Did it wash off?

Ollie: Eventually.... but it took 4 years! Yep, I've just about seen it all in this forest, and year after year no matter what happens, I see that **God is consistent, even when we are not.** I've had a lot of park rangers looking out for me, but in the end, God has always really been the one who's taking care of me.

He's always consistent and does what He says He's going to do. You know, it actually reminds me of how He provided for the Israelites in the desert.

Park Ranger: Wait... are you about to tell me a story?!

Ollie: Sure am!

Park Ranger: Great (*sitting down/settling in*) I love story time. Ok, so Israelites in the desert... Yikes, I bet there's wasn't much water in the desert... that wouldn't be so good for you, Ollie.

Ollie: Nope. And you're right, there wasn't much water or much food. But God took care of the Israelites the entire time that they wandered throughout the desert, which was 40... whole...

years. God provided them with food called manna. And when there was no water to drink, God provided them water out of a rock!

Park Ranger: A rock? No way.... like, an actual...rock?

Ollie: A rock! And do you know what is more amazing than God providing water out of a rock? Is God consistently took care of the Israelites even though they grumbled and complained and disobeyed Him! In fact, one time their enemies were chasing them...

Park Ranger: *(Looking suspicious, casts glance out to crowd)*
Were they wearing blue t-shirts?

Ollie: I don't know...probably not. But! The Israelites came up to the Red Sea and their enemies were behind them about to catch up...it looked absolutely hopeless, but do you know what God did?

Park Ranger: Well, He made water come out of a rock, so there's no telling...what did He do?!

Ollie: He parted the Red Sea, right there in front of the Israelites.

Park Ranger: Are you kidding me?!

Ollie: NOPE! God parted the Red Sea and the Israelites walked through on dry land, while their enemies were swept away into the sea. Here's the thing, Mr. Ranger, sir...the Israelites kept saying they wanted to serve and obey God consistently, but the next thing you know, they would complain and disobey Him all over again. The Israelites messed up a lot, but God remained consistent and faithful to them even though they did not consistently follow Him.

Park Ranger: Wow... I'm are not. I'm kind of like the Israelites sometimes...I'm really grateful God is consistent even when I'm not because I don't want to mess up on purpose...but it sure does take the pressure off...

Ollie: It does. **God always wants us to constantly follow Him and His word**, but He knows that we are going to mess up sometimes. That's why God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the

price for all the times we mess up... for all the times that we aren't consistent. That's how much God loves us.

Park Ranger: That's a lot of love...

Ollie: Yes, it is!

Park Ranger: Well, Ollie, thanks for sharing all this with me today. I want to constantly follow God and His word. I'm gonna go make sure there aren't any other pranksters causing any more trouble, but I'll come back and check on you tonight.

Ollie: Sounds good! Have a good day, Mr. Ranger, sir

As ranger is walking off stage she stops, looks out into the distance and says, "Hey you, with the blue tshirt! I see you! Drop that toilet paper!" and runs off stage

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