CONSISTENCY – Week 2 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 2:** God’s unchanging word guides our actions

**Main Scripture:** James 1

**Characters:**

* Ollie the Oak
* Charlie Bunyan the Lumberjack

**Props:**

* Trees on stage for forest scene
* Larger tree with cut out for Ollie’s face
* Green long sleeve shirt for branches
* Lumberjack outfit – big plaid shirt, suspenders, boots
* Ax

**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!
* Get out those boots and a flannel – try on your best lumberjack costume!
* Make some flapjacks after the skit, maybe breakfast for dinner?!

**Helpful Hints:**

* Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
* Have some fun with the mirrors in your house after the skit! Try memorizing features of you and your kiddos face; talk with them about how it’s even more important to memorize God’s word and *remember* to obey what it says.

**SFX:** FOREST NATURE SOUNDS

Ollie: Ahhhh...another beautiful day. The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, the wind is gently blowing my leaves. Ahhhh…this is the life.

Charlie: Well now... *(walking up to Ollie)* I think this tree looks like a good place to start. *(swings ax, hits Ollie)*

Ollie: OW!!!!!

Charlie: *(Looking around startled, then shrugs)* Hmm, that was weird. *(swing, hits Ollie)*

Ollie: OWEEEEE!!!!!! Pardon me, sir, but that HURTS!

Charlie: Oh man. *(rubs eyes)* I’ve been a lumberjack for years, and I ain;t never had a tree talk to me. *(Shakes head, checks pulse)* Maybe I need some water. Or some sleep...

Ollie: What you need is to put that ax away, young man. You could chop something down with that thing.

Charlie: Well, that’s kind of the point...I chop down trees with it almost every day. Wait a minute...that tree IS talking! (*Gasps)*

Ollie: Happens every time...Oh dear...so, you’re telling me *know* you’re chopping down trees?!

Charlie: Well...yeah, that’s my job. I’m a lumberjack! I’ve come here to chop down trees on this side of the forest, and I feel great about it. Yep! I’ve got a job to do and I REALLY have to cut you down now...sorry ma’am...or uh...what’s your name?

Ollie: Of course, name’s Ollie the Oak. Do you have a name, ax man?

Charlie: Yeah, I’m Charlie Bunyan. You’ve probably heard of my cousin, Paul?

Ollie: I’ve heard of him. Charlie...are you sure you want to chop me down? Any good lumberjack knows it’s against the law to cut down *any* tree in a National Forest...

Charlie: Yea, sure...whatever, I know what the law says but like I said, I’ve got a job to do. You know what...don’t mind me, just pretend like we never had this little talk and I’ll go cut that tree down over...here(*walks over to fake tree*)

Ollie: You can’t chop down that tree either – that’s Benny. And he is also part of this National Forest.

Charlie: What about this one?

Ollie: You mean Charlotte? *(Charlie keeps pointing around as Ollie answers)* And that’s Richard, Annette, Jess...

Charlie: I see. Oh man...ok. I’m feeling conflicted now. I KNOW you’re not supposed to cut down trees in a national park...but I also have lots of wood I NEED to collect, and I have to get it from somewhere. I don’t see what the big deal is if I just cut down a few trees from here...man, I don’t know what to do...

Ollie: You know, Charlie... whenever I’m unsure of what to do, I go to the Bible, the written word of God.

Charlie: Uh...but isn’t that an OLD book? And what does that have to do with breaking the law and chopping trees down?

Ollie: Haha Charlie! Did you know the Bible, back in the olllll days was called the Law? HA! Anyway, yes it is old... but the Bible is living and active, so it’s still important and helpful to us today. Plus, **God is the same now, then, and forever,** so His word never changes.

Charlie: Ok sooo...

Ollie:SO... *because* **God’s unchanging word guides our actions.** God loves us a whole lot, Charlie, and He doesn’t leave us on our own to figure things out. He gave us His word that tells us all kinds of things about how to live, including to obey your authority and follow the law. SIn fact, there is a book in there that I think is just for you.

Charlie: Really? What book...?

Ollie: James.

Charlie: No, my name is Charlie.

Ollie: Yes, I know that. The book of James!

*Charlies gives the “Oh!” face*

Ollie: God tells us in this book that anyone who reads the Bible, then walks away and does not do what it says...is like a person looking at themselves in the mirror, then walking away and forgetting what they look like!

Charlie: What do you mean?

Ollie: Charlie, if you let God’s unchanging Word guide your actions, that means you won’t just *know* the law says not to cut down trees in National Forests... you will also follow the law and actually do what it says.

Charlie: Ohhhhh, so if I let God’s unchanging word guide my actions...then... since I know the law says not to cut down the tress here in the national forest...then I...I won’t. I won’t cut any trees down!

Ollie: That’s it! Obeying God’s way is always best. It shows Him you love Him and it shows other people His love, too! Think of all the trees you’re going to save here in the National Forest!

Charlie: Wooooow...God’s Word really is great for helping make decisions!

Ollie: It sure is...now...I want you to be consistent okay? That means, even after you leave this forest, you won’t go cut down some other trees in some other national forest...right?

Charlie: Right! I want to be consistent. I am going to **constantly follow God and His word by letting His unchanging word guide my actions.**

Ollie: That sounds great, Charlie! Way to go. I am proud of you!

Charlie: Thanks, Ollie. Hey, I appreciate you sharing God’s Word with me today...I gotta go! I gotta find a forest I *am allowed* to chop down trees in so I can collect wood and get my work done, the right way!

Ollie: See ya, Charlie!

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