TRUSTWORTHY – Week 4 Skit

**Definition:** Being dependable without a doubt

**Verse:** Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) – “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promises.”

**Week 4:** God is trustworthy even when we are not.

**Main Scripture:** Genesis 12 (Sarah and Abraham)

**Additional Scripture:** 2 Timothy 2:11-13

**Characters:**

* Captain – calm and steady
* Stowaway Steve/Sandy – wants to help but is easily distracted

**Props:**

* Boat scene (rope, buckets, nets, etc.)
* iPhone with earbuds for S. Steve
* Mop and bucket

**At Home Suggestions:**

* Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This month the skit is set on a boat. Create a makeshift boat at home; you can try using old cardboard boxes or your couch!
* Put together your best sailor costume! Try nautical colors like red, white and blue.
* Both roles can be played by a boy or girl, switch up the roles as necessary for your family.

**Helpful Hints:**

* Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
* After the skit, review the story of God changing Sarai and Abram’s name to Sarah and Abraham and talk through the promises God made them and how He is trustworthy, even when we are not.

SFX: Ship alarm

Captain: *(Walks out with purpose)* All hands-on deck! We are going to help save that ship!

Stowaway Steve/Sandy: I can help, Captain!

Captain: Great! Come over here and...wait – who are you?

S. Steve: I’m Steve.

Captain: Steve?

S. Steve: Yes. Steve.

Captain: Steve the Sailor? Sixth mate Steve?

S. Steve: No sir. Can you keep a secret? (*Leans in and whispers*) I’m actually a stowaway.

Captain: A STOWAWAY huh?

SS: Shhh...yes. But, I promise...you can trust me!

Captain: I can trust you, huh?

S. Steve: Oh, yes sir! I am 100% trustworthy! You just tell me what to do, and I’ll do it right away, exactly how you want it. Totally trustworthy!

Captain: Alright then, Steve. I need you to listen very carefully and do exactly as I say. The weather is getting rough and the wind is getting stronger. We have to stay on course to help save that ship. Hold tightly to the ship wheel. Do not let go! Do not let it turn to the left or right! Keep it steady. Can you do that?

S. Steve: Yes sir! Keep the wheel steady. Don’t let go. Got it. Is that all, Captain?

Captain: For now, yes. I’m going to go below deck and tell the other sailors what to do. Remember, do not let go of that wheel! (*Walks backstage*)

S. Steve: Got it, Captain! *(Salutes)* Man this is a really important job! I have to be really dependable and keep the boat straight on course! I’m so excited about being a part of this rescue mission. I’ve always dreamed of being a sailor and doing exciting things out here on the big ocean! I actually thought I was going to get kicked off the boat since I’m a stowaway. Ooooh – I wonder if we are going to rescue a pirate ship! If it is, maybe they have some treasure on board! Or maybe we will have to fight them with swords like this (*Lets go of the wheel and starts pretend sword fighting*).

*Captain walks back on stage, S. Steve keeps pretend sword fighting. Captain checks ship wheel.*

Captain: (*Calm*) Steve...(*clears throat*)...Steve...STOWAWAY STEVE!

S. Steve: (*Freezes mid fight pose*) Oh hey, Captain! I was just imagining what it would be like if I was fighting pirates. (*Realizing he let go of the wheel*) Uh...I only let go of the wheel for a minute...I’ll get right back to it!

Captain: Steve, being trustworthy means that you are dependable without a doubt. I have to be able to trust that you are going to do what you said you would do. Even when I am not around.

S. Steve: Oh, yes sir! I’m sorry, sir. I’ll get right back to it, and I won’t let go this time.

Captain: Actually Steve, I’ve already straightened the wheel and we are back on course. I have a different job for you now, though. The storm is causing a lot of salty ocean water to splash up on the deck. I need you to mop it so that the sailors don’t slip. Can you do that?

S. Steve: Mop the deck? Yes sir! I can mop the deck, so the sailors don’t slip! Don’t worry, sir, I will be trustworthy this time!

Captain: Great! I’m going to check on the sails. (*Walks back stage*)

S. Steve: (*Grabs mop and puts earbuds in)* I’m going to mop this whole deck! I’m going to show the Captain that I am trustworthy! (*Starts mopping, sings along to song, starts dancing and forgets to mop*)

Captain: (*Walks back on stage*) Looks like someone got real distracted again...and we’re almost to the ship that needs our help. We’ve gotta be ready. (*Finds another mop and starts mopping*)

S. Steve: (*Bumps into Captain*) Whoa! So sorry, Captain! I was just mopping and then my favorite song came on and it was one that I just CAN’T HELP but dancing to and...and...*(Realizing the mistake)* Oh noooo, no...no. I’m so sorry! I’m not being trustworthy, am I?

Captain: No, Steve, I’m afraid you’re not.

S. Steve: You had to fix the steering wheel when I let it go. And now, here you are mopping for me since I got distracted. Gee, I’m sorry, Captain. Thank you for being trustworthy, even though I haven’t been.

Captain: Well, I’m not always trustworthy either Steve. Believe it or not, I get distracted too, sometimes. But I do have a good example I try to follow...someone who is ALWAYS trustworthy, even when we are not.

S. Steve: Really? Who? Wait, let me guess...Frankie? Or Sam? Or..who? Who is it?

Captain: (*Chuckles*) No, Steve, I’m talking about God! **God is trustworthy even when we are not.**

S. Steve: **God is trustworthy even when we are not**? Like, even when I get distracted by the best dance song ever and forget that I’m supposed to be mopping the deck? Or pretending that I’m sword fighting with pirates?

Captain: Yes Steve, even when you are dancing or sword fighting!

S. Steve: Hey, Captain, I’ve always wanted to be a real sailor, but I don’t think I can do that if I’m not trustworthy. You seem to be very dependable. Could you teach me more about being trustworthy?

Captain: I’d love to Steve. I’d love to tell you more about God’s trustworthiness too. There’s actually a story in the Bible about a time when Abraham and his wife, Sarah, weren’t very trustworthy. They told a lie because they didn’t trust God to keep His promises. But God still proved to be dependable without a doubt, even when they weren’t...

S. Steve: Really?

Captain: Really! I’ll read it to ya later...but first, let’s help get the other sailors off that sinking ship! Grab that rope and let’s go!

*Run off stage*

SFX: Come Sail Away