

## GENTLENESS – Week 3 Skit

**Definition:** Responding in a kind and careful way.

**Verse:** Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) – “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love.”

**Week 3:** We can respond gently when people are in tough circumstances.

**Main Scripture:** John 11:1-44 (Jesus raises Lazarus)

**Other Scriptures:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

### **Characters:**

Jack Lumber

Jill Lumber

### **Props:**

Plaid shirts, suspenders, fur hats, boots

Axes

Trees

Backpack

Canteen

Medicine bottle

“Ice pack”

### **At Home Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set in a forest, try using an area with lots of trees – so you can be like a real lumberjack!
- Grab your favorite, most comfy flannel to wear as your costume.
- You can switch the roles of Jack and Jill as necessary.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Read the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead after you finish the skit. Talk about how Lazarus did eventually die, unlike Jesus. Jesus rose from the grave and is still alive today!

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Jack: *(A little over confident, walks on stage with Jill)* Alright, Jill. Surely this is far enough to start today's job.

Jill: *(Coming up beside him and looking around)* Yes, Jack. This looks like a great spot to get started. We are 10 degrees farther than the forest line, and the sun is rising east. It'll be a great starting point for today's haul.

Jack: Thank goodness. You know, you're such a stickler to what Grandpa Lumber says.

Jill: *(Chuckles)* Well, yes, Jack, I am. Grandpa Lumber taught me everything I know about lumberjacking. And he taught you everything you know about lumberjacking too! He's the greatest lumberjack there ever was, so I try my best to follow his example. *(Starting funny stretching)*

Jack: Well, I just want to work and get it over with.

Jill: I know, I know...after our morning stretches we can get started. *(stretching with ax)*

Jack: Jill. *(Looking at her like she's crazy)* I feel pretty warmed up from the walk here. I think I'll just get to the chopping. *(Heads off stage with ax)*

Jill: I wouldn't do that Jack....

Jack: Oh...I'll be fine!

Jill: Remember what Grandpa Lumber said about the importance of stretching before you take down some pines. He always said it was so, "Lumberjacks take down the trees instead of the trees taking us down."

Jack: *(Off stage)* Yeah, yeah...All I remember is what I said to myself when I woke up this morning: the sooner I get started, the sooner I'm done.

Jill: Suit yourself. Hmm...the smell of pine. And maple. And cedar! So many trees, so little time.

Jack: *(Off stage)* OWWWWWW!!!!!!! *(Runs on stage grabbing back of leg)*

Jill: What's wrong Jack?!?

Jack: *(Hobbling around, really hamming it up)* My leg! My leg! I think I let the tree take ME down.

Jill: Oh no! What happened?

Jack: (*Falls to the ground, grabbing leg*) My leg has a humongous cramp in it! Owweeeewow! OW, Ow...ow-

Jill: Okay Jack, calm down. You're going to be okay. Let's see. What would Grandpa Lumber do?

Jack: Ugh, no time for that! I'll just walk it off! (*Tries to jump up, falls back down*) Owwww!!!! This is the WORST!

Jill: Ok, well yea, he would not do that. Here...lay down Jack. (*Puts pack under his head*)

Jack: (*Complies*) Okay. It hurts so bad, Jill.

Jill: I know, I'm sorry. You're going to be alright. Here's some water. Grandpa Lumber said it helps with hydration, which is a really big word that means you... have enough water. Oh, he also gave us this heat pack that will help your leg feel better in no time.

Jack: Ow...okay...Thanks, Jill...

Jill: You're welcome, Jack.

Jack: Ok, go ahead.

Jill: Go ahead, what?

Jack: You know, say "I told you so".

Jill: I don't want to say I told you so.

Jack: You just said it....

Jill: Huh? Oh!...I see, but not the way you meant it.

Jack: So, why don't you want to say it for real? Go on, I know, I know...I should've stretched...

Jill: Jack. Grandpa Lumber wouldn't do that. And that wouldn't be treating you with gentleness.

Jack: (*Sitting up*) Gentleness? That's not a very lumberjack thing to do?

Jill: What do you mean? Sure it is. **Gentleness is responding in a kind and careful way.** That's good for everyone to practice, including lumberjacks!

Jack: I guess you're right. But, you reminded me to stretch and I didn't. Now, we will probably be behind a whole day's work.

Jill: Well, our workload is important. But what's more important is how we treat others...and **we can respond gently when people are in tough circumstances.**

Jack: Say, where'd you learn all this?

Jill: Grandpa Lumber! Like I said, I've always wanted to follow his example. And I know he follows Jesus' example. So that's who I really want to follow. And He tells us in the Bible to **"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love."**

Jack: That sure is a lot of wisdom for my little sister. What else you got?

Jill: Well...wanna hear an awesome story?! I've got a great example of Jesus showing gentleness when a man named Lazarus died.

Jack: Died?

Jill: Yea, but Jesus brought him back to life!

Jack: What?! Oh man, I've got to hear more about that...

Jill: Well, we have plenty of time, because I'm taking you to the doctor. *(Jack grumbles)* Hey, I'm not the one who overstretched my not stretched leg.

Jack: Okay...I'll go. But Sis, can you help me?

Jill: You betcha! Let's go. *(Jack hobbles off with Jill helping him walk)*

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