

## **DISCERNMENT – Week 2 Skit**

**Definition:** Seeking God’s direction before acting

**Verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

**Week 2:** Stop and pray before you act

**Other Scriptures:** Daniel 2:1-47 (Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream)

**Characters –**

Sparks Fly the Firefly  
Linus, The Rock

**Props –**

Lantern with tag- “Sparks Fly” on one side, Prov 3:5-6 on the other  
Rock costume/prop

**At Home Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This drama is set outside, so maybe if it’s a nice day, you can go in your backyard or to the park to put on the show!
- This week, Sparks meets a talking rock! Find a big rock outside you can pretend talks, too! Or, cover yourself in pillows and blankets and make yourself look like a rock!

**Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
  - Sparks Fly can be a boy or a girl...change the pronouns as necessary.
  - Sparks Fly is still a kid and has A LOT of energy! So, jump around and pretend to be very curious about everything.
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## Lights down

(Linus the Rock sneaks on stage, to the far side of the stage in the dark)

SFX: Nature Sounds, lights up slightly, but still dark

**Sparks:** (as he comes on stage, happily, holding lighted lantern, lights still low) Yippee! I've got my lantern! It sure is SHINY! (swing it back and forth) I can see this grass...and this leaf...and this ladybug. My lantern is the BEST! I showed my teacher, Mr. Glow, how well I light up now, and he gave me my first assignment. Yippeeooooooooowwww! (bumps his toe on Linus, jumps around saying ow.)

SFX: slowly lights come up

**Linus:** ("wakes up", yawn, stretch) You knocked?

**Sparks:** Knocked?!?! No, I stumped by toe. What are you doing there?

**Linus:** (chuckle) Well, I'm sorry. The name is Linus. This is my spot in the forest, my home! Didn't mean to cause you to trip...unfortunately, that happens a lot...

**Sparks:** Well...Linus, I'm Sparks Fly, the firefly...you sure did sneak up on me. When did you get there?

**Linus:** Oh...about three months ago. I rolled over and settled right in. It's cozy here among the leaves.

**Sparks:** Goodness, I guess I'm just so excited for my light to shine in my first assignment, that I wasn't even looking where I was going. Sorry about that.

**Linus:** Your first assignment? That is exciting! I remember mine...it was to sit.... to sit verrrryyyyy still.

**Sparks:** You sure did get that down. Great job!

**Linus:** Thank you! What is your assignment?

**Sparks:** Mr. Glow, my teacher, told me to find a garden to light up. I've already been lighting up grass, pine straw, lady bugs...all kinds of things. I'm so excited!

**Linus:** That's a wonderful assignment. Which garden are you headed to?

**Sparks:** Oh, ummm.... I'm not too sure... Oh no! Linus...I don't know which garden. I JUST started flying. I guess I don't really have a plan. I have no idea where I'm going! In fact, (looking around) oh no, I think I may be lost!

**Linus:** Sparks! It's okay... I know where you are, so I can help.

**Sparks:** Whew, thank you, Linus.

**Linus:** And I think your excitement is really great, but you seem to be getting a little ahead of yourself. You know, it's important to use discernment with any choice you have to make. Have you heard of discernment before?

**Sparks:** Discernment? Wait just a minute...YES! Ollie the Oak tree just told me about discernment!!

**Linus:** Well, do you remember what it is?

**Sparks:** Oh yes! Discernment is seeking Gods direction before acting (do motions as you say it)...HmMMMM...Ohhhhhhh. I think I see your point, Linus. I got Mr. Glow's assignment, but I just took off and started flying, I didn't think to seek direction or have a plan at all before I started. I may know what the word discernment means, but I'm not sure how to put it into action. Do you think you could teach me HOW to use discernment?

**Linus:** I'd love to! Cause, using discernment is even more important than just knowing what the word means...

**Sparks:** Well, Linus. We are in luck. I happen to be a super fast learner, like lightning fast! Kachow (like Lightning McQueen! Get it? Lightning fast.... cause I'm a lightning bug (starts laughing at her own joke)

**Linus:** That's a good joke, Sparks, but for this first step of discernment, you don't actually....want... to go fast.

Sparks: You don't? WHAT?! What's the first step? What is it? Tell me, tell me, tell me! (jumping up and down)

**Linus:** Stop.

**Sparks:** Oh, sorry. (stops jumping)

**Linus:** (Chuckling) No, no. That IS the first step: STOP.

Sparks: I can do that. Stop (put hand out like a stop sign and hand on hip) Stop...Drop...Rock and Roll...hahah. Stop... in the naaame of loooove...OH! Don't STOP til you get enough...(dancing/joking around, proud of her jokes until she realizes Linus is waiting for her to be done) haha Wait, but, Linus, why is STOP the first step of discernment?

**Linus:** If discernment means to seek God's direction BEFORE acting, then you have to STOP and slow down to know what God wants you to do before you do it. Otherwise, you might just end up flying around without a plan at all.

**Sparks:** I see! If you STOP first, then you can figure out what the Lord wants you to do. What's next?

**Linus:** After you STOP, you PRAY.

**Sparks:** PRAY ... PRAY, PRAY, PRAY... wait, what am I supposed to pray about?

**Linus:** The choice you have to make; the direction you are going to go! God gave us His Word, the Bible, and in it He has given us direction for all of our choices. So, we stop and pray before we act. We ask God what He wants us to do, and His Word will guide us.

**Sparks:** So, if God gave us direction in the Bible, it means He cares about which way we go and the decisions we make. Sounds like a little direction on which garden I'm going to would be a good idea.

**Linus:** I think so. You know what? This reminds me of a story in the Bible about Daniel. He was a man who loved God. And he was really good at using discernment.

**Sparks:** He was?

**Linus:** Yep. In fact, once there was a king named King Nebuchadnezzar who had a crazy dream. The dream upset King Nebuchadnezzar so he wanted someone to tell him what his dream was, and what it meant.

**Sparks:** That sounds very difficult.

**Linus:** It was...nobody could do it. Daniel heard about the King's request, and he decided to STOP and PRAY before he acted. He went to the Lord to seek His direction before acting.

**Sparks:** What happened?

**Linus:** The Lord told Daniel about King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and what it meant. Daniel was then able to help the King and he gave God all the credit. So, the king praised God and then rewarded Daniel.

**Sparks:** Wow. That's amazing! So... (like she's figuring it out for herself) if Daniel had tried to answer the King without STOPPING and PRAYING before he acted, he wouldn't have sought God's direction...

**Linus:** ... and he would never have been able to discern what the dream meant on his own.

**Sparks:** You know, I want to be a firefly that uses discernment. I'm going to STOP and PRAY before I act from now on. No more flying around without a plan. In fact, I'm going to head home now to pray to seek God's direction about my assignment to light up the garden, then I'll get my map or my GPS so I know how to get there.

**Linus:** That sounds great Sparks. You are a fast learner!

**Sparks:** Lightning fast! Thanks, Linus. You rock...eh??? (proud of herself for her joke) Well, I sure am glad I tripped over you! See you later!

Sparks flies off, **Lights fade**, Linus sneaks off in darkness

**SFX:** Nature sounds