

HUMILITY – Week 2 Skit

Definition: Living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am, and who you are.

Verse: “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 (NLT)

WEEK 2 FINISH LINE (5/9-10): Humility helps us rightly respond to sin

Scriptures: Luke 18:9-14 (Pharisee and Tax Collector)

Catch Phrase: Be a HERO = **HE** is our perfect example, **R**espond Rightly, **O**thers focused

Characters:

- Captain Firefighter – Dave (Dana if played by a girl)
- Rookie Firefighter – Tyler (can be guy or girl)

At Home Stage Suggestions:

- Choose an area in your house as your stage. Since the drama talks about a coffeepot and dog bowl which get cleaned, this might be a good one to do in your kitchen or dining room.
- For props you will need a clipboard/notebook, a chore list hanging up, marker, something to trip over, table with coffeepot, dog bowl, paper towel or cleaning rag
- Don’t forget to add costumes! Maybe you could have the characters wear suspenders or matching clothes to show they work at the same fire station.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- If you don’t have a trophy or medal at home, feel free to choose something else to designate as the HERO award OR create your own that you can use each week. You’ll be at the same “Fire Station” for each skit this month.
- If you have a “chore chart”, you could use that as the Firehouse chores list.
- Use a ring tone or alarm on your phone for the “fire bell” sound effect on page 4.
- This week they mention the 2 characters from last week. If you changed their names last week (ie. Fran instead of Frank) be sure to change them this week!
- Spoiler alert: you’ll find out who wins this year’s HERO award on week 3! (This month’s skit is only 3 week’s long.)

Tyler walks in with a clipboard and is busy checking things off. He walks up to a poster or sign on the wall that has Firehouse chores written on it. He takes a big marker and starts checking off stuff. All of his stuff is checked off but no one else really has anything checked. As he starts to walk away, he trips over something.

Tyler: What is this? Whose responsibility is it to pick up this room? Let me check. *(walks over to board)* Ronnie the Rookie. I tell you what, that guy, decent fire fighter, and really smart, but man is he messy. Certainly, doesn't pull his weight as far as the chore list.

Walks over and starts to look for something...

Tyler: Where is the coffee pot? I could use a little coffee. *(walks over to table with the coffee pot)* This thing is disgusting. It doesn't look like it's been cleaned in a week. *(sniffs coffee grounds)* These coffee grounds are starting to smell like an armpit. Who is responsible for coffee cleanup? *(Walks over to the board)* Looks like Chance has not been doing what he is supposed to do either. I tell you what, it is a good thing that I am here, or I don't think anything would get done.

Captain Dave walks in and ends up kicking a dog bowl on the floor.

Dave: Good Morning, Tyler! I am Captain Dave. Chief Frank sent me here to check-in with all the Rookies. How's it going?

Tyler: Well, I'm doing well, *(reaches over and picks up the bowl)* but it looks like Danny the Dalmatian hasn't been fed today. Let's see who is responsible for that? *(walks over to the chart)* That's just what I thought, Jeff, another one not pulling his weight around here.

Dave: What is that you are looking at, Tyler?

Tyler: Oh this? This is the chore chart for the station.

Dave: Huh, I didn't know we had one of those.

Tyler: I just made it a few days ago. It has everyone's responsibilities.

Dave: That seems like a great idea; way to go, Tyler.

Tyler: I don't know if you have noticed, but there is one person on there who has completed all of his tasks.

Dave: *(joking)* Oh yeah, how can you tell? *(it is so obvious that everyone should get he's joking but Tyler)*

Tyler: Well, it is the check marks, sir. I hope that you notice that all of my marks have been checked. A very HERO award type thing if you ask me.

Dave: What about the empty boxes?

Tyler: Well, those boxes sir are chores that haven't been done by the other guys and gals in the firehouse. Seems that nobody really takes this as seriously as me. Again, you will notice that all of my boxes are checked. I'm really doing well, sir.

Dave: So, what is that chart really about, Tyler?

As Dave starts asking Tyler these questions, he starts to pick up the dog bowl and fill it up, and then starts cleaning up the area.

Tyler: Well, it shows that there are a lot of slackers around here. But it also shows there is one firefighter that stands above pretty much anyone else.

Dave: And that is?

Tyler: Me, obviously, check out the check marks, sir!

Dave walks over and starts to clean out the coffee pot.

Tyler: Sir, you don't have to do that. That is Chance's job, see it says so right here on the chart. I did coffee duty last week, it's really not that great but not that hard either. It should have been done.

Dave: *(Not rude, just starting to ask questions to help Tyler learn)* I'm getting the sense that you are pretty proud of what all you have been doing...

Tyler: Well, yeah, shouldn't I be? Look at all I've done, I created the chart, and did all of my tasks, and even have a little time to spare to talk with you.

Dave: And it's ok to feel good about what you do, but, Tyler... do you remember what we've been teaching the Rookies this month?

Tyler: Yeah, I remember Chief Frank talking to us about humility. **It's living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am, and who you are.** Ronnie the Rookie also told us he learned that **Jesus is the perfect example of humility.**

Dave: That's right! And do you remember what our HERO Award stands for?

Tyler: Hmm...let me think. HE is our perfect example, Respond Rightly, and Others focused?

Dave: You got it! The **HE**-stands for Jesus, who, as you already said, is our perfect example. So, let's talk about the R, which stands for responding rightly to sin. Did you know that God says that humility **can help you respond rightly to your sin?**

Tyler: My sin? Where is the sin?

Dave: Well... let's talk about pride...

Tyler: Oh, I definitely take pride in my work. I pride myself of being the best firefighter I can be.

Dave: And we definitely want to work hard, Tyler, because working hard honors the Lord. But... when we make our hard work about ourselves and how good we look, it becomes pride. Did you know that pride is a sin, something that doesn't honor God?

Tyler: It is? Well... yeah, I guess I did kind of know that.

Dave: See, there is a story in the gospel of Luke about a Pharisee who talks a lot about how great he is and all the things he has done and how he is better than this tax collector that was praying near him. The tax collector, however, didn't compare himself to anyone. He just told the Lord that he knew he was a sinner and asked for God to have mercy on him. Jesus said the tax collector was actually the one acceptable before God.

Tyler: Really?

Dave: *(nodding)* In fact, He said, "he who exalts himself will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted," and exalts himself is just another way to say someone is bragging about what he's done.

Tyler: Oh... oh man, I see, *(thinking)* I guess I've been doing that, haven't I? I've been making the work more about me and bragging about what I've done instead of just trying to be helpful...

SFX: Fire bell rings

Tyler: Woah, is this the real deal?!

Dave: Sure is! Don't worry, you'll be on the truck soon. Keep thinking on what we talked about. I think you're now headed in the right direction. Remember Jesus, our perfect example, and Respond Rightly to sin remembering that He loves you and has a better way.

Tyler: Will do, sir. And I'll take care of the rest of the list so when you get back this place will be in top shape.

Dave: I think that will be a blessing to our team. And while we are out, I will remind everyone to pull their weight... *(grins)* don't want a rookie to totally outperform them. Ok, I've got to go.

Tyler: Sounds good, Cap!

Dave runs out and Tyler walks over to the board and takes it down and starts to clean up things.

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