

## **K1 Race – HUMILITY – Week 1 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 1 FINISH LINE:** Jesus is the perfect example of humility

**Scriptures:** Philippians 2:3-11

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

### **Characters**

- Chief Fire Fighter – Frank (Fran if played by a girl)
- Rookie Firefighter – Ronnie (Rhonda if played by a girl)

### **At Home Stage Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in your house as your stage. Since the drama takes place in an office, it could be helpful to do it in a room that has a desk or table like a home office or the kitchen.
- For props you will need a bucket, trophy, desk with a phone and papers, pictures of firefighters
- Don’t forget to add costumes! Maybe you could have the characters wear suspenders or matching clothes to show they work at the same firestation.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- Decide who will play each character. Since Frank/Fran is the teaching character, it might be helpful to have that character played by a parent or older sibling.
- If you don’t have a trophy or medal at home, feel free to choose something else to designate as the HERO award OR draw your own. You could also have your kids draw pictures of firefighters to hang up in the “office” for Ronnie/Rhonda to comment on. You’ll be in the same “location” for each skit this month.
- Spoiler alert: you’ll find out who wins this year’s HERO award on week 4!

*Frank is sitting at his desk doing paper work.*

**Frank:** Okay let's see what we have going on today. Check the hoses, clean the fire truck... Oh! I almost forgot. We have a new firefighter starting today. Wow. We were actually lucky to get him. I hear he's a really great kid... graduated top of his class at fire academy. He's young, but I really think with some on the job training, he's going to make a great firefighter.

*Phone rings and Frank answers it*

**Frank:** Chief Frank, here. How can I help you today?

*Frank continues his phone conversation and concentrates on his paperwork.  
Ronnie enters from the other side of the stage.*

**Ronnie:** Well, today is the day! My first day on the job as a real firefighter. I have been dreaming of this my whole life. Man, they are LUCKY to have me. Heh heh. Yep! Top of my class in firefighter school... yeah, that's a one hundred... in every subject... more than a hundred in a couple. Tallest guy in the class... aaand the strongest. Not to mention, well, I really do hate to brag, but you have to admit, I look pretty good in this uniform. Yep, I think it would be fair to say that the city is just a little bit safer with me on the job. Well.... here I go.

*Ronnie bursts into Frank's office. Frank is still on the phone.*

**Ronnie:** *(loudly)* Well, hello there, Chief Frank!

**Frank:** *(Holds up a finger to Ronnie and finishes his conversation)* Alright then. That will work. Thank you. Goodbye. *(hangs up)* Well, you must be Ronnie! Welcome to the Firehouse. We are all really excited for you to be a part of our team.

**Ronnie:** Uh huh. Yeah. I bet you *are* excited.

**Frank:** Pardon me?

**Ronnie:** Oh, nothing. Yes, I am excited for me to be here as well. I cannot wait to get started.

**Frank:** Okay, well, let me just check over your paperwork here. Yes, it looks like everything is in order.

*Ronnie looks up at the wall of HERO's.*

**Ronnie:** Hey, Chief Frank, who are all these people?

**Frank:** Ah, I'm glad you asked. Those are all of the firefighters who have been awarded the HERO. In fact, on that wall are all the winners for the past 20 years.

**Ronnie:** What's the HERO award? Wait, is this trophy part of the HERO award. *(points to prop on set)*

**Frank:** Yes! Each year at the end of May, we give the HERO award to one firefighter. It is a great honor. It's a surprise each year, and it is exciting to find out who is going to get it.

**Ronnie:** Huh! Well... guess it's won't be THAT big of a surprise this year, right?

**Frank:** Why not?

**Ronnie:** Well, ummm, again, I'm not much of a bragger, but you may not know, I did graduate top of my class at the academy.

**Frank:** I did know that, Ronnie. That is one of the reasons that we were so excited for you to join us. But we've never had a first-year firefighter win the HERO award. It's a good goal, but I think you still have a lot of learning to do.

**Ronnie:** Oh no... not really. I don't think I need to learn much of anything. See, I was TOP OF MY CLASS. I mean, I basically took those tests with my eyes closed, so yeah... I really don't think there is much more for me to learn.

**Frank:** Hmm... interesting... well, I guess you had better get started then... put all that knowledge to work.

**Ronnie:** (*serious, but flustered*) OK, YES LET'S GO. I AM READY! WHERE IS THE FIRE? WHERE IS THE HOSE? WHERE IS THE LADDER? WHERE IS THE DOG? WHAT DO I DO?

**Frank:** (*hands Ronnie a bucket*) Here you go.

**Ronnie:** OK HERE I GO (*starts running off stage*) WAIT! WAIT! Wait. Wait. (*walking back to chief*) I cannot put out a fire with *only* a bucket of water.

**Frank:** Nope... but you *can* wash the fire truck with it.

**Ronnie:** Whaaaaaat did you say? That's so funny... I thought you said that you wanted me to wash the fire truck. Hahaha.

**Frank:** Mmmmm Hmmm. Did you get a hundred in fire truck washing class, too?

**Ronnie:** Well, yeah, but how am I going to win the HERO award washing the fire truck? I need to put out a fire... like a real hero.

**Frank:** (*puts his arm around Ronnie*) Ronnie, I think you might have misunderstood what the HERO award is all about. Putting your life on the line each day is definitely heroic, but there's more to being a HERO than fighting fires.

**Ronnie:** Well, maybe... but surely no one could become a HERO just by washing a truck.

**Frank:** Look at this trophy. What does it say?

**Ronnie:** Be a HERO = **HE** is our perfect example, **R**espond **R**ightly, **O**thers focused .... Um, I am confused.

**Frank:** Well, Ronnie, all the firefighters who've won the HERO award, won it because they showed HUMILITY.

**Ronnie:** HUMILITY?

**Frank:** Yep. Humility means **living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am, and who you are.**

**Ronnie:** Well yeah, I know who I am. I am the smartest, strongest, tallest guy in my whole firefighter class.

*Frank pulls a Bible out of his desk*

**Frank:** You know what the Bible tells us, Ronnie?

**Ronnie:** The Bible? We didn't have to study that in the fire academy... What does the Bible say about being a fire fighter? I am really confused.

**Frank:** That's okay. The Bible says in Philippians 2:3-4, "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." We definitely want to be excellent at fighting fires and saving lives, but when we're not doing that, we can still serve others...

**Ronnie:** Huh, that's interesting... think of others as better than yourself... So, all these pictures up here... these firefighters thought of others as better than themselves... and that's how they won the HERO award?

**Frank:** That's right.

**Ronnie:** And if I follow their example, I could be a HERO, too, someday?

**Frank:** You bet. But you can do better than following *their* examples. They're just pointing you to the ultimate example.

**Ronnie:** Oh yeah, I get it... you're the chief... I should follow *your* example.

**Frank:** Actually Ronnie, I've never won the HERO award...but I hope to some day. I'm talking about JESUS! **Jesus is the perfect example of humility.**

**Ronnie:** **Jesus is the perfect example of humility?**

**Frank:** Yes, if we follow Jesus' perfect example of humility, we just might be HEROs someday too. But our goal in following Jesus isn't to win some award here on earth. We follow Jesus because of who He is and because we love Him. You know, the Bible goes on to say that even though Jesus was the Son of God, He made himself into a servant. He was so focused on others – including you and me – that He gave up his own life for us.

**Ronnie:** Wow! **Jesus IS the perfect example of humility.** Hey, do you mind if I borrow that Bible? I guess if I'm going to follow Jesus' example of humility, I should probably read some more about Him... and, I'll get to washing that truck, too.

**Frank:** Sure thing, Ronnie... actually, why don't I help you get that truck clean, and then we can read more about Jesus' perfect example of humility together.

**Ronnie:** Sounds great, Chief! Let's go! *Frank and Ronnie exit the stage.*