

## **PEACE – Week 4 Skit**

**Definition:** An untroubled heart that comes from trusting God

**Verse:** John 14:27 (NLT) – “I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

**Week 4 (3/28-29):** Trusting God gives us peace in any circumstance

**Other Scriptures:** Acts 20:17-24 (Paul being persecuted)

### **Characters**

- Dog
- Squirrel

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

- Choose an open area in your house (or backyard) as your stage
- For a fence, you could set up chairs, pillows, or boxes down the middle of your stage
- Find (or make) something that can be used as a dog bone
- Add anything else you might have around your house that could make your stage look more like a farm or yard

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- Decide who will play each character. Since Squirrel is the teaching character, it might be a great role for a parent or older sibling to play!
- Don’t forget to add costumes! Make a tail and ears for Dog and give Squirrel a big tail.

*There is a fence in the middle of the stage with a stool behind it that squirrel will eventually sit on, making it look like she's sitting on top of the fence. At first, Squirrel is looking around, sighing, stretching, twirling around, enjoying the scenery, clearly at peace. Meanwhile, "Dog" is on the other side of the fence... jumping, chasing his tail, panting etc. Dog suddenly notices Squirrel. Dog jumps up on fence and stares at Squirrel.*

Dog: squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel

Squirrel: *(does a big sigh and smiles shaking her head)* Dogs.... *(walks over and sits on top of stool behind fence)* Hello, Dog!

Dog: squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel

Squirrel: *(Sighs)* HELLO DOG...

Dog: squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel...squirrel....squirrel....squirrel

Squirrel: *(picks up a bone)* DOOOOG!

Dog: bone....bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...bone...

Squirrel: *(Squirrel sets the bone down and thinks)* YO!

Dog: *(instantly calms down)* What's up?

Squirrel: Well, Dog, I was going to open this gate and let you outside, but you seem to have a lot on your mind...

Dog: Yes, I'm feeling very distracted and anxious... *(notices tail and starts chasing it saying "tail...tail... tail")*

Squirrel: *(Watching)* Ah, yes, a troubled heart that's worried about many things.

Dog: What'd you say, Squirrel? *(Stops spinning and becomes focused on Squirrel again)* squirrel... squirrel.... squirrel.... squirrel... squirrel.... squirrel.... Squirrel... squirrel... squirrel....

Squirrel: YO!

Dog: *(calms down)* What's up?

Squirrel: I was just commenting on being worried and distracted by many things.

Dog: Oh....like bones...and sausage...and bacon.....*(Dog becomes anxious)*  
bacon....bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon...bacon

Squirrel: YO!

Dog: Sorry. Like I said, I'm feeling a little anxious.

Squirrel: Seems so.

Dog: I get anxious about squirrels and bones, and bacon, and sausage....and of course I get anxious about all of my what ifs.

Squirrel: What ifs? What are, "What if's?"

Dog: Oh, you know...what if's? What if I can't find a good place to bury my bone? What if I do find a good place to bury my bone but I forget where it is? What if someone else finds my bone and steals it? What if I get an itch behind my ear that I can't scratch? What if my owner forgets to feed me? What if I get fleas?

Squirrel: Wow. You do seem to have a lot to be anxious about... but wait, let me hop off of this fence so we can chat face to face.

Dog: Wait a minute. YOU are going to come down here? But you won't be high up on your fence to keep from being chased by other animals. Doesn't that make you anxious?

Squirrel: Well, it's just you and me right now, and I think we can talk better about PEACE if we're not shouting at each other from far away.

Dog: Oh! Like a piece of bacon?!

Squirrel: No, PEACE, as in, an untroubled heart that comes from trusting God.

Dog: An untroubled heart that comes from trusting God?

Squirrel: That's right. And **trusting God gives me peace in any circumstance.**

Dog: Any circumstance? Like even when you're not high up on your fence?

Squirrel: Yep, even then.

Dog: Well, what about your what if's? Don't you have what if's?

Squirrel: Well, sure I do. You know, what if I can't find a place to bury my acorns? What if I do find a place, but I forget where I buried them? What if a MEAN dog hops over the fence?

Dog: Oh no!

Squirrel: See, I have what if's just like you do, but I can still have peace because I trust God. **Trusting God gives me peace in any circumstance.**

Dog: Yeah, but what if...what if...what if....what if...

Squirrel: Dog... did you know the Bible talks about what ifs? In John 16:33, Jesus tell us that "in this world we will have trouble."

Dog: SEE? Trouble! Agh! We WILL have trouble! (*ducks down/hides under his paws*)

Squirrel: Yes, but there's more. Jesus goes on to say, "TAKE HEART for I have overcome the world."

Dog: (*peeking up*) Wow, really? Well... I mean... I want to trust God so that I can have peace in any circumstance, but... I don't know how. I don't know what to do about all of my what if's?

Squirrel: Well, Dog, you are in luck because the Bible tells us exactly what to do with our what if's.

Dog: It does?

Squirrel: YES! In Philippians 4:6-7 God's Word tell us to never be anxious, but to pray and talk to God about all of our what if's. When we do, the peace of God, which is an untroubled heart that comes from trusting Him, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Dog: So, trusting in God gives you peace in any circumstance... that's ANY "what if" that comes along?

Squirrel: That's right. God helps me turn my "what ifs" into "even ifs." EVEN IF something happens, I can remember God is good, He hears me, He hasn't forgotten me, He has a good plan, and one day, I'll get to be with Him forever. That helps me trust Him. And trusting God gives me peace in ANY circumstance – good or bad.

Dog: Well, maybe you could teach me a little more about what the Bible says about peace, and I could spend more time focusing on that and less time focusing on squirrels...and bacon... and what ifs.

Squirrel: I think that is a great idea! Come on! (*both run off stage*)

THE END!