

## **PEACE – Week 3 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 3 (3/21-22):** Trusting God allows us to be at peace with others

**Scripture:** Philemon

### **Characters:**

- Minny – Cow
- Manny – Cow
- Farmer Mack – Teaching character

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

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

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- Decide who will play each character. Since Farmer Mack is the teaching character, it might be a great role for a parent or older sibling to play.
- Don’t forget to add costumes! You could cut out “spots” from black paper for the cows and give Farmer Mack a hat and boots.

*Scene opens as two cows are standing on either side of a fence. They are both doing their thing eating grass, etc. Both cows are looking over at the other side of the fence with out each other noticing.*

Minny: Hey, Manny, what are you doing over there?

Manny: Nothing, what are you doing?

Minny: Just eating grass.

Manny: How is it? It looks like you've got some really nice, green grass over there.

Minny: I guess it's ok, but I'm not sure it's as nice as yours is over there...

*They both get back to eating but keep looking over the fence at the other side.*

Manny: Why do you keep looking over here?

Minny: I'm not looking. You're the one looking over here.

Manny: You know what? I am looking over there. 'Cause you are hogging all the good grass over there.

*They are now both standing at the fence facing each other looking over at the other cow's side.*

Minny: What are you talking about? Look at all that good grass you have over there.

Manny: Over here? You have all the good St. Augustine grass over there. I'm stuck with Bermuda grass and weeds.

Minny: We all know that Bermuda is better.

Manny: *(pointing)* Look, you even have wheat, too! You are so selfish.

Minny: Trade you then.

Manny: Like trade sides? You mean, you would leave ALL that to come over here? *(thinks for a second, then grins)* Done.

Minny: Ok, so on the count of three, we switch.

Manny: Sounds good with me. One...

Minnie: Two...

Manny: Three...

*They both run to cross to the other side of the "fence". Both grinning, thinking they got the better end of the bargain.*

Minnie: Are we even?

Manny: Even. *(They shake hands)*

*There is a little silence as they both start eating again. But they begin to look back over at their original side of the fence. Manny stomps over to the fence.*

Manny: *(Pointing at Minnie)* You tricked me.

Minnie: *(getting up as well)* No, I didn't. If anyone tricked anyone, it was you tricking me! You talked about how great this side is, AND you already ate all of it!

Manny: Nooooo! You're the one who said how great this side was...

Minnie: Nuh uhh.

Manny: Uhh, huhhh.

*They both pause for one second, and then get into a little slap fight with each other's hands across the fence (intent is a comedic moment); Farmer Mack comes in from backstage.*

Farmer Mack: Hey, hey! C'mon, break it up!

*Both Minnie and Manny stop mid-fight, eyes wide toward Farmer Mack, and slowly back away from the fence (again, another comedic moment).*

Farmer Mack: What in the world is going on here?

Minnie: Uh, nothing, Farmer Mack.

Manny: Yeah, nothing.

Farmer Mack: It doesn't look like "nothing." You're yelling and fighting each other across the fence. And what are you doing on each other's side of the fence?

Manny: We... uh... we switched.

Farmer Mack: And why would you switch? I told you I gave you the best grass for you on your side of the fence. Don't you trust me?

Minnie: It's not that, Farmer Mack. It just looked like Manny was hogging all the good stuff over here.

Manny: Pssh, it's clear that the good stuff was on Minny's side.

Farmer Mack: Are we really having the "grass is greener on the other side of the fence" conversation? Listen, you're fighting with each other instead of trusting that I gave you what you needed. I'm your farmer, and I know what's best for you... *(Both hang their heads a little)* Bring it in, friends. *(Both come closer to him)* Do you remember what peace is?

Minnie: **An untroubled heart that comes from trusting God?**

Farmer Mack: That's it! Do you trust God?

Minnie/Manny: Well, sure! You bet!

Farmer Mack: Alright, then! That's a good place to start. Now let's take it a step further... God put me in authority over you, so I could take care of you. You can trust Him, and trust that I'm doing what's best for you and giving you what you need... like giving you the grass that's best for you.

Manny: Yes sir, that makes sense... but *(starts to point at Minny again...)*

Farmer Mack: Well, now wait just a minute. If you trust God is doing what's best for ya, that helps with the next step. Which is being at peace with others. See, **trusting God allows us to be at peace with others.**

Manny: **Trusting God allows us to be at peace with others?**

Farmer Mack: You bet. Now tell me, is there peace between you when you two are fighting over who has better grass?

Manny: No... No sir, I guess not.

Farmer Mack: Exactly... but guess what? Trusting God *also* allows you to be humble and ask for forgiveness when you've hurt someone else... Oh! Like the story of Philemon and Onesimus from the New Testament.

Manny: Is that the one where Onesimus needed to apologize to Philemon...

Minnie: ...and Philemon needed to forgive Onesimus?

Farmer Mack: That's the one. Onemismus was encouraged to trust God by going back to Philemon to ask for forgiveness for what he did wrong. And Philemon was encouraged to trust God by forgiving Onesimus because Philemon had received forgiveness from God.

Manny: I see... so even though it would be hard for both of them... *(looks over at Minny)*

Minny: *(looks over at Manny)* ... they could be at peace with each other and have untroubled hearts if they trusted God.

Farmer Mack: You got it. *(Scratching chin)* Think you can learn anything from that story?

Manny: *(Pause, thoughtful)* Hey, Minny, will you forgive me for saying that you were hogging all the good grass, and then saying that you tricked me after we switched sides? That wasn't very kind...

Minny: I sure will, Manny. And will you forgive me for doing the same to you?

Manny: You bet! *(High five)*

Farmer Mack: Now how about you both get back on your sides of the fence and graze and enjoy the *peaceful* surroundings?

*Farmer Mack leaves stage as they switch back and start eating...*

Manny: Sure thing, Farmer Mack! Yum this is good!

Minny: Mmm hmm! It's good to be back!

THE END!