

DISCERNMENT – Week 1 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 1: Seek God’s direction and He will guide you

Other Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Samuel anoints David king)

Characters –

Sparks Fly the Firefly
Ollie the Oak Tree

Props –

Lantern with tag- “Sparks Fly” on one side, Proverbs 3:5-6 on the other side
Lamp
Candle
Banana

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!

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.

SFX: Nature Music

Sparks is walking back and forth across the stage looking at a line of items: a lamp, a candle, a lantern, and a banana. The lantern has a huge tag hanging from it that says Sparks Fly on one side and Prov 3:5-6 on the other.

Sparks: Oh what to do what to do. I don't know what to do. Oh dear. Maybe this one (*picks up the candle*) well...maybe not. Ah, I just don't know what to do.

Ollie: (*wakes up, yawning, sees Sparks*) Oh, hello!

Sparks: (*startled*) Ah! A talking tree!

Ollie: (*chuckles*) Why are you so surprised? Aren't you a talking bug?

Sparks: (*thinking*) You make a good point, tree...

Ollie: My name is Ollie the Oak Tree!

Sparks: I'm Sparks Fly the firefly. But you probably couldn't tell that I'm a firefly because well....(*begins to cry*) I....II....I don't shiiiiiiiine.

Ollie: Oh, well now calm down there, little buddy. I guess that's true you don't shine.... YET... but wait how old are you?

Sparks: (*still sad*) I'm 5!

Ollie: Oh now I understand... you're 5 and everybody knows that when you're 5 and you're a firefly, you start to shine.

Sparks: Right! And most of my friends are already shining but I can't because well....

Ollie: Well what? What's the problem?

Sparks: I can't choose. I mean I want to choose. I know I need to.... but I don't know which one to choose.

Ollie: What are you choosing?

Sparks: My light!

Ollie: (*looking at the items*) Well, what about that one there with the big sign on it that says, "Sparks Fly."

Sparks: Yeah, I saw that too. But... it's the light that I was born with...and now that I'm five... well, there are a lot of other cool lights, you know? Maybe I'm supposed to trade in the light I was born with for a newer one, a better one... a cooler one. I mean look at this one. (*Picks up the lamp indicating cord*) It has a tail! And this one (*candle*) it's light is made of actual fire.

Ollie: Yikes... Keep that one away from me, if you please.

Sparks: (*Picks up banana, intrigued/excited*) And look at this one... I don't even know what this one is, but it smells good and it's yellow... like a light!

Ollie: Uh...that's a banana.

Sparks: (*Fascinated, sounding out word*) Ba-na-naaaa! I LOVE bananas! I just decided that right now.

Ollie: Hey Sparks. I think what you really need is discernment.

Sparks: What? No! Haven't you been listening to me? I'm a firefly without a light. I need LIGHT...not disermenator... or whatever you just said.

Ollie: Discernment. It means, "seeking God's direction before acting." And you know what? When you **seek God's direction, He will guide you.**

Sparks: Oh.... well, yeah, I actually could use a little bit of guidance. But, how do I seek God's direction without a light? Oh no.... what am I going to do?

Ollie: Well, Sparks, one way that I seek God's direction is through His Word.

Sparks: Yes!!! That's what I want – a word! God, please just one word? Lantern? Candle? Bahhhhhnahhhhhnahhhhh? *(clenches fists/squeezes eyes shut)* Oh pleeeeeease let it be banyana? *(opens one eye, looks up, waiting)*

Ollie: No, no, that's not quite what I meant, Sparks. When I say God's word, I mean the Bible, the written word of God. God's gave us His Word to help us seek His direction before we act.

Sparks: The Bible! Of course!! Okay yes, now we're getting somewhere. What does the Bible say?

Ollie: *(Chuckles)* Well, it says a lot. It tells the story of God's people, the need for His Son and His plan for the world. And God uses the Bible to speak to us today. In fact, there's a true story in the Bible from the book of 1 Samuel that I'd like to tell you, if that's alright...

Sparks: Well, if you think it's going to help me choose my light today, I'm all for it.

Ollie: Alright... so, God gave Samuel, who was a leader of God's people, a very important job. God wanted Samuel to follow His direction to anoint the brand-new king God had chosen for Israel.

Sparks: Wow, that must have been a hard job for Samuel!

Ollie: It definitely could have been tricky if Samuel tried to do it by himself. But God guided Samuel. First, He told Samuel to go to a man named Jesse because one of his sons was God's chosen king. Now, Jesse had a lot of sons, and some of them were very big and very tall and very strong. But as they each passed by, God told Samuel, "No! This is not the one I have chosen." Samuel listened, asked Jesse if he had any more sons, and found out that Jesse's youngest son, David, was out tending the sheep. Jesse hadn't even thought to invite David to meet Samuel because who would think that God would choose the smallest and the youngest to be king!?

Sparks: Yeah, I don't think I would have thought about the smallest or the youngest. I would have probably thought it was one of the older, bigger brothers.

Ollie: Most people would have. But when David came in, God said, "This is the one! This is the one I have chosen to be king." See, God had told Samuel when the older brothers walked by, "Do not consider the way he looks or how tall he is. People look at the outside, but I look at the heart.'

Sparks: I see.... instead of doing what seemed like made sense, like going with an older brother who LOOKED more like someone who would be a king, Samuel looked to God for

direction before acting...hmm. Hey Ollie? Do you think God had already chosen David to be king... even before he was born?

Ollie: *(Smiling)* Well, God is the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful, creator of *everything*...

Sparks: Hmm... so, maybe instead of trading in my light for what seems like a cooler or better one, I'm thinking that this light, the one I was born with, is probably the light God wants me to have?

Ollie: Sounds like you're onto something, Sparks. You know what else the Bible says? In Proverbs 3:5-6 it says, '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.'

Sparks: *(looking at the tag on his light)* No way! Ollie! I just turned the tag with my name on it over, and it says, "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 what path to take."

Ollie: Sparks...I think you found your light!

Sparks: I did find my light! WAHOO! And I think it's time to let my light shine!!! You ready? Here goes...

Lights down

Sparks: 3-2-1 *(Switches on the lantern)* Woooooow.... it's wonderful! Thank you, God! And thank you, Ollie, for teaching me about God's word...and bananas. Man, I can't wait to have all sorts of adventure in the forest now that I have my light and I can explore some of the different paths.

Ollie: Well, with all the different paths to explore, you are surely going to get a lot of chances to use DISCERNMENT! Just remember, **seek God's direction, and He will guide you.**

Sparks: I can't wait! Bye, Ollie! *(exits as Ollie calls out bye, yawns, and goes back to sleep)*

SFX: Nature Music