

TRUSTWORTHY – Week 3 Skit

Definition: Being dependable without a doubt

Verse: Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) – “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promises.”

Week 3: There are consequences for not trusting God’s plan.

Main Scripture: Genesis 12 (Abram/Sarai)

Characters:

- 4th Mate Fred
- 5th Mate Frankie

Props:

- Boat scene (rope, buckets, nets, etc.)
- Telescope
- Spray bottle and rags
- Broom from last week
- Food and a hat for Fred

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This month the skit is set on a boat. Create a makeshift boat at home; you can try using old cardboard boxes or your couch!
- Put together your best sailor costume! Try nautical colors like red, white and blue.
- Both roles can be played by a boy or girl, switch up the roles as necessary for your family.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- After the skit, share with your kiddo times you have faced consequences for not trusting God’s plan and what you learned from them.

SFX: Come Sail Away

Frankie comes on stage looking disheveled and nervous...one bare foot, no hat. He is crouching down and looking up at the sky.

Frankie: (*Paranoid*) Okay. Gonna move reeeeeeaaaly slowwwwwly. Gonna be really quiet. I really don’t want to run into that pelican again. Every time I come on deck. He’s always here. Third Mate Theo wasn’t kidding when he talked about a fire-breathing, ninja pelican! He got my hat. He got my shoe. He got my sock. He got my breakfast this morning. Sigh. He

even got my lunch. I'm hungry, my foot's really cold, and the sun is shining in my eyes because I don't have my hat. I'm going to sweep this deck, though, because I know God helps me be faithful with what He has given me. And this week, He's given me the job of sweeping this deck.
(keeps sweeping and looking for pelican)

Fred: *(Saunters onto the stage eating something)* Yo ho, yo ho! What's up, Fifth Mate Frankie?

Frankie: *(Startled)* Oh, not much. Ummmm, who are you again?

Fred: Fourth Mate Fred, at your service. *(Salutes casually, then starts playing with the ship's wheel)*

Frankie: Hi there, Fred. Oh, actually, you're not supposed to touch that.

Fred: Yo ho, I'm not gonna hurt anything. I know what I'm doing!

Frankie: No, I'm serious...if you turn that wheel too hard *(Fred turns wheel hard, and they both fall over)* that will happen...wait...where did you get that food? I'm so hungry.

Fred: Yo ho! I got it downstairs in the box that says MONDAY on it.

Frankie: Fred, today's Sunday. That food is for tomorrow.

Fred: Awww. No worries, Frankie. Nothing's gonna happen if you eat a little food from tomorrow's food box.

Frankie: Well, that's not true... but, I can't eat right now anyway... I need to keep sweeping. Speaking of, don't you have a job you're supposed to be doing?

Fred: Sure do, Frankie! I'm supposed to be way up there *(point up)* on pelican watch *(do funny karate move)*

Frankie: *(Exasperated)* WHAT? YOU are supposed to be on pelican watch, and you are down here eating *tomorrow's* sandwiches?

Fred: YUP. Honestly, Frankie, it is yo-ho-cold up there, and I'm about fro-ho-zen, you know? I don't want to go back up, soooooo I figure I'm not gonna.

Frankie: Are you kidding me?

Fred: I am not kidding you, Frankie. It's not like there's gonna be some yo ho consequence if I don't climb up there and keep my eyes out for pelicans.

Frankie: Why do you keep saying YO HO? You are not a pirate. This is not a pirate ship, and there IS a consequence for you not doing your job...

Fred: Huh? There is?

Frankie: Look at my broom. Look at my foot. The pelicans have been everywhere. They took my hat, my shoe, my sock. They ate my breakfast. They ate my lunch...

Fred: Do you want my sandwich?

Frankie: (*Firm, but not rude*) No, thank you, Fred. What would be helpful, though, is if you did your part on the ship. We all have a role to play on the crew, and it's important that we be dependable without a doubt.

Fred: But do you really think pelican watch is THAT important?

Frankie: My growling stomach and cold toes say, yes. But besides that, the captain gave us our orders, and we should be trustworthy to obey them. He's our captain, and God says it's right for us to respect our authority! And there are consequences for ourselves and others on the boat if we don't do our part!

Fred: You mean like losing your shoe?

Frankie: Well, that's one example. But think about if any one of us on the crew didn't do our job... if I didn't take care of the deck, if Second Mate Sally didn't untangle the ropes or clean the windows, if Third Mate Theo didn't cook our food? Well, we'd all be slipping, sliding, wrecking, and on top of all of that, we'd be hungry too!

Fred: Oh... well, when you put it that way, yeah, I can see how there are consequences for not doing our part on the ship... but, what was that part you mentioned about God?

Frankie: About how God says it's right for us to respect our authority? (*Fred nods*) Well, God loves us and tells us His way is best. The captain actually taught me that God is trustworthy and always keeps His promises.

Fred: But following God's way sounds really hard!

Frankie: It is hard! In fact, it's impossible without God's help. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't still ask Him to help us follow the way He says is best for us. Besides just like there are consequences for us on the boat when we don't do our part, **there are consequences for not trusting God's plan.**

Fred: **There are consequences for not trusting God's plan?**

Frankie: Well, sure! When we do what we want out of our own selfishness or our own, limited understanding, we often end up hurting ourselves and others too. That's no fun, huh?

Fred: No... .no, not at all. I don't really like consequences...

Fred: Well, me neither. But they help teach us a lesson, right? Consequences aren't fun, but they have a purpose, including helping us see what is good for us and what isn't... Remember, God is good and wants to give us good things. He loves us so much! And we can trust God's way because God is dependable without a doubt!

Fred: Wow, Frankie, thanks so much for sharing all of that with me... Hey... will you forgive me for not being trustworthy with my job? I didn't realize that there would be a consequence if I didn't do what I was supposed to do, and, I'm sorry I hurt you.

Frankie: Hey, thanks, Fred. And yes, I forgive you.

Fred: *(excited)* Really? Wow, thanks! Ok, I'm gonna climb up there and keep those pelicans away *(another funny karate move)* Don't you worry, I've got it covered! Here I go! *(runs back stage)* WHOA! It's really high up here, Frankie! I can see really, really, REALLY far! I can see water, and fish, and dolphins jumping and a big ship that's sinking and...WAIT! That boat is sinking! Frankie - what do we do? We have to go help that ship!

Frankie: *(pulls out telescope)* Oh no! They're in big trouble! Sound the alarm and call for the Captain - he will tell us what to do!

SFX: Ship alarm