HOPE – Week 4 Skit

**Definition:** Having confidence in God’s promises

**Verse:** Romans 15:13 (NLT) – “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

**Week 4:** This world’s promises are temporary, but God’s promises last forever

**Main Scripture:** Luke 12:13-21 (Rich man building storehouses)

**Other Scriptures:** Revelation 21:3-7; Matthew 6:19

**Characters:**

* Dylan – Camper
* Counselor Riley

**Props:**

* Fishing Pole
* Backpack with awards (Best Cabin Mate, Best Swimmer, Best Bubble Gum Bubble Blower, Best Pretend Statue Like Those People in New York)

Balloon for Counselor

**At Home Suggestions:**

* Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is at camp! Use a tent you have at home or make a tent in the living room for a stage set.
* Let your kiddo get creative and come up with some fun made up camp awards.
* Cut out paper fish, give them faces and use a make-shift fishing pole to act like your kiddo is really fishing!

**Helpful Hints:**

* Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
* Take time practicing the memory verse for hope together, just like the camper and counselor do it the skit. Remind your kiddo of some of God’s best promises to us – like sending Jesus to save us!

SFX: Camp Song

Lights up

*Camper sitting at end of stage (stream fishing with chin on hand and fishing pole in the other)*

Camp Counselor: Oh hey, Dylan! Are you all packed and ready to head home to enjoy the rest of your summer? *(comes out holding an inflated balloon that he’ll let the air out of later)*

Dylan: (*sighs*) Yeah, sure, Mr./Ms. Riley.

Counselor: What is wrong?

Dylan: You know...the fish aren’t really biting today and I really need to break the record for the most fish caught at camp this week.

Counselor: Dylan...what is going on in that head of yours today? You’ve been excited to see your Mom all week and now you are worried about catching the most fish at camp..?

Dylan: Well, I won the award for best swimmer and best cabin mate...*(goes over to backpack and pulls out awards, there are a couple of silly ones too, i.e. best bubble gum bubble blower, best leapfrogger, best pretend statue like those people in New York – does silly pose and holds it for a while before finishing out the final award he needs)* ...now I just need one more fish and I will beat Johnny for the fishing record too.

Camp Counselor: I see...buddy...don’t you think all of the friends you made this week will miss saying goodbye to you if you are here down by the river while they are at the goodbye party? *(waves balloon)*

Dylan: Yeah, maybe... I just really want to add this to my collection of camp awards so that I can be the best camper ever! Then when I go back home I can tell all my friends about camp and show them how many awards I won.

Camp Counselor: Dylan, I’m sure your friends back home will be more excited to see YOU more than your awards for most fish or cleanest cabin...

Dylan: Well, yea sure...but I just want everyone to see my awards, so think I’m awesome. I sure hope they think I’m awesome...

Camp Counselor: Dylan...what have we learned about HOPE this week?

Dylan: We learned that hope is having confidence in God’s promises...

Camp Counselor: Correct! AND that His promises last forever...right?

Dylan: Right...

Counselor: Right! T**his world’s promises...temporary! Fleeting! Poof and gone!**

Dylan: What? What do you mean? Poof??

Camp Counselor: It’s easy for us to put our hope in the stuff the world offers, like people, grades, money, a*wards*...We think having a lot of stuff and being successful will make us more...loveable or “awesome.” But... all of that stuff is temporary. Temporary means it expires! Like milk. Eventually, it goes bad or wears off...all those things just don’t last forever. And If we put our hope in those things...we’re going to be disappointed, because it all comes and goes... *(lets go of balloon so that it flies around/deflating)*

Dylan: Welp, *(dropping fishing pole)* this is a real bummer of a pep talk...

Counselor: *(chuckles)* Hold on, hold on. Give me a chance. I’m not done yet.. YOU, Dylan, are made in God’s image. He loves you...a whole lot. And that’s where you can put your hope – in being loved by God. Your joy and confidence can come from that promise of His. Get me?

Dylan: *(catching on)* Mmm hmmm... (*thinking*) so...

Counselor: Soooo...eventually all those trophies will rust and the colors on those ribbons will fade...you don’t want to put your hope in the awards you get at camp or what people think of those awards...or of you!

Dylan: Because...they’re “poof”...they’re temporary?

Camp Counselor: Exactly! And God’s promises are not. They last forever! Which is why *our* confidence comes from God. We live to honor Him and put our hope in Him - not in how many people like us or in how many awards we win.

Dylan: So, if I’m going to put my hope in something...it’d be smart to put it in the thing that lasts forever.

Counselor: I tell you what... you’re a smart kid, Dylan. And if you ever find yourself forgetting God’s promises and hoping in the stuff of this world...you think you can remember our Camp Hope verse?

Dylan and Counselor: “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” ROMANS 15:13 *(do the K1 hand motions for this verse)*

Dylan: Thanks Mr. Riley... I will remember that. Hey, how do you know all this stuff anyway?

Counselor: Cause, I have to remember to put my hope in God’s promises too, and I have friends who remind me of the truth of God’s word, just like I’m reminding you right now.

Dylan: That’s pretty cool.

Counselor: Sure is! Now, what do you say you go enjoy the party and say goodbye to your new friends. You can even get their addresses and write to them while you are at home!

Dylan: Oh, good plan! (*runs off stage*)

Camp Counselor: Ope! He left the fishing pole... (*picks it up and reels in the line*)... I wonder if any of these fish are even biting at this hour (*hooks a big fish and pretends to start reeling in*) WOW!!!! *(counselor falls over like falling into pond as the lights turn out with a SFX: BIG SPLASH sound effect)*

SFX: Camp Song