

HOPE – Week 2 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 2 (6/9-10): The world gives us stuff, but God's promises are better

Main Scripture: Luke 19:1-10, 18:18-25 (Zacchaeus vs. Rich Young Ruler)

Characters:

- Camper - boy or girl, but should be same gender as counselor
- Counselor - boy or girl, but should be same gender as camper

Props:

- Camp setting
- Either cot or sleeping bag (whatever is easiest)

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set at camp, if you have a tent get it out and use it to make it feel like you're really at camp. If you don't have a tent...make one in the living room!
- Ask your kiddo what their favorite summer activity is.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Talk with your kiddo about what stuff they might be putting their hope in. Remind them of the hope we have in Jesus and how God's promises are better than any stuff we have...or don't have!

SFX: Camp Song

Lights up

Camper: Yes! Camp Hope is the best place ever! I wonder if mom and dad would ever want to move here...you think we can live here? I mean where do my camp counselors live the rest of the year? Probably at camp. Luckyyyy. I can't wait to grow up and live at camp forever...

(Counselor enters)

Counselor: Well, there you are! We were wondering where you ran off to. We checked the mail room, the craft room, the cafeteria... by the way, did you know that we have little Nutella packets in the cafeteria now? They're about the size of the ketchup packets at Whataburger, well, I guess they're a little bit smaller than the Whataburger ketchups, but not too much, it's probably the same amount of sugar, though. But Whataburger SPICY ketchup is really the best...

Camper: What are you talking about?

Counselor: Sorry... I went off on a tangent again.

Camper: A what? Is that one of those little oranges?

Counselor: No, that's a tangerine. A tangent is like a train of thought, only out loud... anyway... you excited to be back at camp?

Camper: Oh, you betcha! I was just in the camp store picking out some swag (*acts silly when camper says this word*) I want to take home at the end of summer. And I can't wait to go to the blob during free time - I've been waiting for it all year!

Counselor: The camp store... duh. Blob on my friend...but, you may have to wait a little longer...

Camper: Why would I wait longer? I've already been waiting for FOR-EV-ERRRR to come back here and blob!! I mean, I draw doodles of the blob on my notebooks at school. It's my favorite thing to do. Ever.

Counselor: Well, I'm sorry to break it to you, but the blob isn't open at the moment.

(Camper holds face and screams like Home Alone's Kevin McCallister)

Counselor: I know, buddy, I'm sorry.

Camper: This is the worst day of my life! Whyyy?

Counselor: Well, after all this rain Texas has been getting...it was swept away by a current. And by the time we were able to get to it, it was all torn up.

Camper: And you can't fix it?

Counselor: Well, we're working on it, but it's going to be a few days before it's ready to go.

Camper: I can't believe this! Well, I guess I'll just go zip lining instead.

Counselor: (*hesitantly*) ...Actually...

Camper: (*sitting down where standing*) You've got to be kidding me.

Counselor: The zip line is closed today because it's raining outside, that's always been a rule, remember? Really...everything is closed today because of the rain. I'm sorry, friend.

Camper: My life is RUINED!

Counselor: Woah, buddy, your life isn't ruined. I know it's disappointing, but we've still got some fun stuff planned for the day. It's just going to look a little different than normal. But that's ok!

Camper: No, it's not! What's the point of coming to camp if I can't do any camp-like things??

Counselor: Well, camp isn't just about the blob, ropes course or all of that other stuff, you know. You also come to make new friends, learn new skills, and most importantly, learn more about Jesus!

Camper: Yeah, yeah, I know, but it's just so not fair and so disappointing...

Counselor: It's okay to be disappointed, buddy. But can I ask you something?

Camp: Sure.

Counselor: What's the name of this camp?

Camp: Camp Hope...

Counselor: Right. Hope...let me ask you this. You think you might be disappointed because maybe you were putting all of your hope into the STUFF at camp...?

Camp: Well, duh! I wait to do camp stuff all year long!

Counselor: And it's great to be excited about the fun stuff you're going to do at camp. But remember, as fun and awesome as all the stuff is here at camp, they aren't something to put your hope in.

Camper: What do you mean?

Counselor: Well, sometimes, like today, the ropes course is going to be closed. Or the blob is going to be flat. Or arts and crafts runs out of beads...the *stuff* of this world doesn't last forever...but...God does . **My friend, the world gives us stuff, but God's promises are better. Which is why it's best for us to put our hope or our confidence in God! Make sense?**

Camper: Yea I think so...but what happens if I forget God's promises and I start putting my hope in stuff again?

Counselor: Good question! We're not perfect, so we're going to forget. That's why it's good for us to consistently remind ourselves of God's promises. We read His word, we pray, and we spend time with other people who love Jesus who help us remember that He loves us!

Camper: Seems like something I can do...

Counselor: What do you say we head over to the canopy and meet up with some of the others? We're reading a story today about a guy named Zacchaeus who learned this lesson

himself thousands of years ago...and he was a weeee little man! Haha

Camper: Haha okay...let's go! (*runs off stage, counselor following behind chuckling*)

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