

SERVICE – Week 2 Skit

Definition: Seeing a need and meeting it out of a heart for God

Verse: MARK 10:45 (NLT) – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Week 2 (8/9): Service is a matter of the heart.

Other Scriptures: Luke 10:38-42 (Mary & Martha); Matt 6:1-4; Col 3:23

At Home Stage Suggestions:

- Choose an area inside or outside of your house as the stage. Since the drama talks about a campfire, you may want to perform this one outside.
- For props you will need a stick horse, binoculars, a Bible, a newspaper, a hose or something to squirt water, fake flowers, and a perfume bottle.
- Don't forget to add costumes! You could have the cowboy wear denim, plaid, a bandana, and a cowboy hat. For the cactus, he or she could wear green clothing.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- For the sound effects, you could have the audience sing the song “Home on the Range.”

SFX: Home on the Range

Cowboy is sitting by the campfire, reading the Pony Express newspaper. Trigger is propped up against the wall. Cactus is back stage – behind the black partition.

Cowboy: Well, Trigger, this is the life. I'm home on the range, but I have my Pony Express to read so I know what is going on in the world. It's the perfect combination. Like peanut butter and jelly, beans and Tabasco, oil and water, hey, like me and you. Aw...Trigger, did that make you blush? *(looks through paper reading)* Oh dear...Cactus Wrecks Havoc?!?!?! Cactus Gone Crazy?!?! *(looks up/toward Trigger)* Why do I feel like this cactus looks familiar? *(back to reading)* Cactus says he is seeing and meeting needs when he chases people and soaks them with water? *(looks up/toward Trigger)* Oh no! That's not what I meant! *(reading again)* Cactus has been heard screaming, "Come Back Here! I Will Serve You!" to innocent passers by. He is scaring men, women, children, and horses. *(looks up/toward Trigger)* Oh wow eeee wow. I think I need to help Cactus see that **Service is a matter of the heart!** Trigger, you know what we have to do!

(Cowboy loads up on Trigger, rides around the audience in one big circle, meanwhile – the cactus sneaks on stage)

Cactus: Yeeeeesssssss! Someone is coming! See the Need, Meet the Need! Boy, am I ready! I'm going to get them! I've got my water *(show spray bottle)*, I've got my shade *(stand up real big and tall)*, I've got my flowers *(show flowers)*, and even some perfume....*(smell it real dramatically, then cough)*

Cowboy: Howdy there, Cactus!

Cactus: What's it gonna be?!?!...I've got water. I've got shade. I've got flowers. I've got...*(just looks up to notice who it is)* Cowboy?!?! Well, Howdy to you!

Cowboy: What are you doing here, Cactus?

Cactus: I remember everything you told me. See a Need! Meet the Need! You'll be so proud! I've been setting records on seeing and meeting needs.

Cowboy: Setting records?!?!?

Cactus: Yeah, and telling EVERYBODY about them! After you left me, I helped one person that day. And it just felt so good. The next day, I helped two, and then the next day I helped THREE. And then guess what, the next day a whole slew of travelers came by, and I helped THIRTEEN! I guess you could say, I got on a roll, and I've been trying to help more and more people every single day. I'd like to be in the book... the Guinness Book of World records, that is, and I think I've got a shot! I'm kinda hoping they write a story about me in the Pony Express.

Cowboy: They wrote a story about you alright.

Cactus: They did?!?! What did it say? Cactus – the Old West Hero. Cactus – The New Sherriff In Town. Cactus – A Prickly Plant, but a BIG heart. Cactus -...

Cowboy: *(interrupting)* Uh.... Not quite.

Cactus: Well, aren't you going to read it to me?

Cowboy: Oh man, I left my Pony Express back at camp. Sorry about that little buddy.

Cactus: Well, help me with my number for today. I'm already up to five folks and its not even lunch time yet. Four of them, I just sprayed with water as they ran by but I figured I could count them. So...Water, Shade, Flowers....what'll it be?

Cowboy: How about a little chat instead?

Cactus: I'm always game for some company. People keep running by me these days. But if I squirt them with water or throw some flowers at them, I go ahead and count them as needs met.

Cowboy: About that....why do you think people are RUNNING by you?

Cactus: I don't really know. Maybe they are running to the bathroom?

Cowboy: Maybe. But I think that you have forgotten the most important thing about SERVICE. **Service is Seeing and meeting a need OUT OF A HEART for God.** That seems to be the part you're forgetting – **out of a heart for God.**

Cactus: Hmmmmm.... *(scratches head)*

Cowboy: **Service is a matter of the heart** is what I'm saying here, Cactus.

Cactus: It is?!?! Tell me more....

Cowboy: The Bible tells us that whatever we do, work for the Lord, not for people. We can serve others because we love the Lord, and we want others to know that He loves them. We aren't supposed to serve so that others can see us, or so there is a story about us in the Pony Express.

Cactus: ...or so we set any records?

Cowboy: That's right, you're catching on.

Cactus: But... if there is no story, and no records about when I see a need and meet a need, then who will know I did it?

Cowboy: The Lord will know. He sees everything. And maybe somebody else will see you, and that's okay. But our reason for serving is never so that people tell us that we did a good job, it's to honor God!

Cactus: Boy, am I sure am glad you stopped by. I was getting this ALL wrong. I was shouting as loud as I could about how many people I had helped.

Cowboy: Well, now you know. **Serving is a matter of the heart.** It doesn't matter how many people you help out if all you're doing is looking for praise from others. The Lord cares about your heart, cactus.

Cactus: Aw shucks, thanks Cowboy. From now on, I'm not going to shout and scare people or treat them like just a number on my record keeping sheet. I'm just going to love and serve whoever comes by my path.

Cowboy: That's the idea! Speaking of people who cross your path, what about animals? I think Trigger here could use a little water.

Cactus: I'm here to serve! Here you go, Trigger.

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