HOPE – Week 3 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 3:** People will disappoint us, but God always keeps His promises

**Main Scripture:** 1 Kings 18 (Elijah vs. Prophets of Baal)

**Characters:**

* Johnny/Joan – T-shirt/swim shorts, towel, goggles or sunglasses on head (just finished swimming)
* Lance/Lucy – Fellow camper in camp clothes
* Grandpa/Grandma - Voice over

**Props:**

* Large box full of toys, candy, soda (ex. treats a kid would want mailed to them while at camp)
* Paper meant to look like a long letter
* Envelope (plain, white, small)

**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!
* If you’re able, after the skit...find a neighborhood pool and go for a swim with your kiddo! Or play in the sprinklers!

**Helpful Hints:**

* Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
* Read the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal with your kiddo; talk with them about the confidence we can have in God when we put our hope in Him and His promises...just like Elijah!

SFX: Camp Song

Lights come up

*(Johnny on stage, looking in box, obviously chewing, laughing, etc.)*

Johnny – Hahahahaha! What do you call a pig that knows karate?! A PORK CHOP! Ha! My dad is the funniest!

Lance – (*running on stage*) I’m here! I’m here!

Johnny – Hey, Lance/Lucy, what’s up!

Lance – I just finishd cleaning up the entire mess hall and I am ready for pool tim. Just gotta head to my cabin to change into my bathing suit...wait a minute, you’re already in your bathing suit..?

Johnny – Sure am!

Lance – And you’re all WET!?

Johnny – Yes sir-ee…

Lance – Johnny/Joan! Have you been swimming?

Johnny – Oh yea! Now I’m exhausted!

Lance – We were supposed to swim together...You didn’t wait for me?

Johnny – Well...I did for a little while.

Lance – How long?

Johnny – A looooooooong time! Like 2...maybe even 3 whole minutes.

Lance – 3 MINUTES?!?!?! Johnny! I was cleaning the mess hall! We had pancakes and SYRUP for breakfast...nobody can clean up all that sticky in THREE minutes.

Johnny – Well, you just took soooooo long.

Lance – (*Sighs*) Its okay. It’s okay. I’ll just run to get my suit and we can jump off the high dive!

Johnny – Ohhhhh yea...already did that. (*looking in box*)

Lance – What?

Johnny – Yea...and you know what...it sure is high. I mean, WAY up there. (*looking in box*)

Lance – Well, let’s do it again!?

Johnny – Well I jumped like 472 times. And I think I got a little water in my ear on that last one, so I’m done for the day. (*in box*)

Lance – Done for the day? Aw man! Johnny, that kind of hurts my feelings that you didn’t wait for me...

Johnny – Seriously*? (Looking up and realizing he messed up)* Hey, I’m sorry, Lance. You know...I guess that was pretty selfish of me... will you forgive me?

Lance – Yeah, I forgive you... (*Sighs, notices box*) Hey, what’s all that stuff you’ve got?

Johnny – Oh, it’s a care package from my parents! They are THE best! It is filled with all kinds of goodies. Wanna see?

Lance – Ugh! I missed the mail delivery, too?!

Johnny – Yeah, but don’t worry. I heard them call your name, so I know you got something.

Lance – You did?...Of course you did. My mom did say she was going to mail me something...okay. I’ll be right back.

Johnny – Alrighty...yell for me if it’s too big to carry and I’ll come help. My package sure was. Haha!

*(Lance runs off stage. Johnny playing with things in his box. Lance walks back on stage with small envelope)*

Johnny – Hey...what’d you get?

Lance – I got this. (*shows envelope*)

Johnny – Where’s your package?

Lance – No package. Just this.

Johnny – Oh. Bummer...

Lance – Man, look at ALL that stuff in your box. And all I got is this lousy letter.

Johnny – I’m sorry, Lance... That stinks. Want some gum?

Lance – Nah, thanks though. Ugh this letter isn’t even from my mom...it is from my Grandpa (Grandma).

*(Lance reads letter – visibly cheers up while reading. Johnny plays with toys – gets more interested in Lance’s letter)*

*Grandpa/ma voice offstage –*

Dear Lance,

I’m so excited to write you at camp. By now I bet you are all settled in and having a great time. I loved camp when I was a little boy/girl. Oddly enough, one of the things I most remembered learning at camp is that **people will disappoint you...but God always keeps His promises.** When I went to camp, some boys/girls in my cabin left me out of of a game, the mailman lost the letters from my mom, and the cook didn’t make enough chocolate chip cookies, so I had to eat the oatmeal ones. Sometimes it was an accident, and sometimes people hurt me on purpose, but it was hard either way. Then I realized that people are only human, so they’re going to disappoint me, just like I’m going to disappoint them too sometimes. But during that time, I learned that God NEVER disappoints us. He ALWAYS keeps His promises. Maybe not what you expected to get in a letter from your old Grandma...but I thought a good lesson from some old memories might encourage you and know that no matter how camp goes for you, God is with you and He loves you. And I I love you too! To the moon and back!

Gramps/Grammy

Lance – *(to himself, thinking)* ...people will disappoint me... but God always keeps His promises... (*hops up, excited*) (*starts to run off*)

Johnny – Hey, where are you going?

Lance – To the cabin to get my Bible!

Johnny – Wait... Can I come too?!

Lance – Yeah, c’mon, let’s go! Wanna read a story about fire???

Lights down

SFX: Camp music