

GENTLENESS – Week 2 Skit

Definition: Responding in a kind and careful way.

Verse: Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) – “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love.”

Week 2: We can respond gently to the world in need

Main Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10

Other Scriptures: Matthew 25:35-45

Characters –

Gus the Goat

Sam (or Sally) the Sheep

Props –

Fence

Goat/sheep costumes

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set outside, so try using your backyard if it’s a nice day.
- Gus *isn’t* a very nice character, so even though he says a few funny lines, make sure your kiddo understands he isn’t who we want to act like in real life!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Take time explaining Jesus’ parable of the sheep and goats – our works don’t get us into heaven, only believing in Jesus does! When we believe in him, because we love him, we love and help others!

SFX: Acoustic Nature Music

Scene opens to Gus the goat and Sam or Sally the sheep on the same stage but on opposite sides of a fence or barrier of some kind. The goat is looking over at sheep and starts talking.

Gus: Hey Sam, how’s it going over there? Say, why are you over there, and I am over here?

Sam: I don't know...because the shepherd said so.

Gus: He did? I don't think I heard that. I'm coming over - it looks better over there.

Sam: What do you mean? The shepherd clearly said that sheep were supposed to be on this side and goats on that side.

Gus: You mean you can actually understand what the shepherd is saying?

Sam: Yeah, every word...can't you?

Gus: Uh...sure...yeah I can understa- yeah, no I can't. I can hear sounds coming out of his mouth, but I honestly have no idea what he is even saying.

Sam: Really? He's got a really nice and kind voice.

Gus: I'm sure it's great. We goats...we kind of just do our own thing...You know because of how different we are.

Sam: I don't know, Gus...how are we really any different than you? We graze around, eat grass, are helpless around scary animals and depend on the shepherd. Isn't that the same with goats?

Gus: Welllllllll....it is kind of, but don't you know what the letters in GOAT stand for?

Sam: No? I guess not.

Gus: It stands for....Greatest Of All Time (*Poses/flexes after each word*)!! Goats are the greatest of all time. We're different.

Sam: Different?

Gus: Yeah, I mean you guys kind of have the market on sweaters and socks and stuff and are pretty proud of all of that, but we allllll know who is actually the G.O.A.T. (*Spell it out*)

Sam: Um, well...that is true about the wool we provide. But part of that is because God has given us the wool to give to others. Didn't I even give you a really nice pair of socks the other day?

Gus: Yeah, but it's not like I need them.

Sam: Oh well then you should give them away? (*Innocently*) Why don't you give them to Cindy...she could probably really use them since she always talks about being cold.

Gus: Why would I do that? I'M (*emphasizes*) the GOAT, I (*emphasizes*) deserve the best, I (*emphasizes*) don't give...unless I (*emphasizes*) think it's going to get the shepherd to give me even better pasture. Speaking of...are you going to let me come over to your side so I can get some of that grass? It looks better for sure. We can switch, and you can have what's over here.

Sam: Well....O-Ok if you really need it.

They switch sides of the fence... Gus puts his head down and starts eating. Sam starts looking around looking for something.

Sam: Hey, Gus...there is no grass left over here.

Gus: Sorry! Ha! No take backs. You don't think I became the Greatest of All Time by not getting the best did you? #Samegrass pretty much but just more for me.

Sam: Man, that is just not very nice. I really need some good grass, Gus. I gave up my good spot yesterday because Sherry had been sick and needed some extra. C'mon...I'm hungry.

Gus: Like I said...no take backs. I guess you should stop giving away your spots...

Sam: You think I shouldn't help others? I'm not sure that's what the shepherd taught us, Gus. He always says that it's good to care for others and to **respond gently to the world in need.**"

Now they are both standing facing each other across fence.

Gus: Like I said...can't understand that guy. I'm pretty much just out here looking out for me. Too bad so sad, Sammy boy.

Sam and Gus just look at each other Sam is like "are you really going to do that?" Sam tries to get back to the good grass but Gus stops him every time he tries to pass on either side of the fence. Sam finally stops and his ears perk up.

Sam: Gotta go!

Gus: What do you mean?

Sam: The Good Shepherd just called and said he wanted the sheep to follow him to a different pasture. Didn't you hear him?

Gus: Nope...

Sam: (*Listening*) Hmm... well, maybe there's another plan for you guys.

Gus: Yeah...he probably is saving the best for the best. (*Spells out*)
G.O.A.T.

Sam: Well ok, Gus. Good talking to ya, but I'm gonna go follow the shepherd now. (*Starts walking away, stops and turns back*) You sure you don't want to come? I wish you would...

Gus: Nope, now there's just more grass for me. You can follow the shepherd and help people if ya want, but I'm gonna do my own thing. See ya. (*Throws a peace sign*)

Sam: (*Kinda sadly*) See ya, Gus.

Sam walks off the stage

Lights down

Gus walks off the stage opposite direction.

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