

## **SERVICE – Week 1 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 1 (8/2):** See a need. Meet the need.

**Other Scriptures:** Luke 10:30-37 (Good Samaritan); 1 Peter 4:8-11

### **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 binoculars (or two toilet paper rolls taped together), a Bible, a bandage/sling, and a stick horse (or a broom)
- 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

*Scene Opens with the Cactus on Stage Moaning...*

Cactus: Ohhh... Awww.... Ohhhh.... Ahhh...my arm.....oh my arm.....Oh how I wish someone would help me. My arm ....oh it hurts so baaaaaad.....hey you, over there, (*gestures to back of the room opposite the cowboy*) could you help me? Yes, I'm a cactus! But I'm harmless! Please I promise I won't poke you! I think my arm is broken! Hey..Hey... Hey....wait.... come back... sigh....

*Cowboy is on the other side of the stage sitting by his campfire reading the Bible. Stick horse is just leaning against the wall.*

Cowboy: Well Trigger. Let's see what God's Word has for us today. Let's see here. Okay. 1 Peter chapter 4. Mmmhmmm okay. Mmmhmmm. Well Trigger listen to this. Trigger, Are you listening? Okay. It says here, "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay." Well now listen to that, Trigger. Trigger! Are you listening? "Share your home." How? We don't have a home except for our home on the range here so not sure how we could share our home. Let's see what else it says. "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. " Oh alrighty then, the Bible says that God has given each of us a gift. I know what your gift is, Trigger. You are a good listener. Look at you sittin there, listenin, never interruptin, never even talkin... not even blinkin... Alright, I better put out this fire.

Cactus: Ahhhhh. Ohhhhhh. Ohhhhh my arm. Hey.... hey there. Hellooooo! Please! I need help. Please help me. No don't go...wait come back. Can you hear me? Turn around. Sigh....

Cowboy: Alright, Trigger. Looks like the fire is out. I just can't stop thinkin' about what we read this mornin' Trigger. Show deep love for one another. Serve one another. Now how can I serve others? Let me think of that now. Any ideas Trigger? Okay. No. Let's see. Well, I guess I could just pull out my trusty old binoculars and look around. If I see a need, I could meet the need. What do you think Trigger? You don't think much do you, Trigger? Okay let's look around....**see a need, meet the need.....**

Cactus (*has fallen to his knees very dramatically*): This is it. I can't take it anymore. This is the end. Nobody will help me. Everyone just passes right by me. My poor arm....

Cowboy: Trigger! I see a need. I see a a a a pokey, sharp, prickly, pokey....thing, and it's hurt! Come on Trigger let's go!

Cowboy: (*rides across the stage dramatically*) See a need. Meet the need. See a need. Meet the need. See a need. Meet the need. See a need. Meet the need. See a need. Meet the need.

*Cactus moaning. Cowboy gets off the horse and sets it on the ground.*

Cowboy: Trigger....whatever you do, don't move! Okay?

Cactus: Is somebody there? The sun is so bright? Are you real? Are you a mirage?

Cowboy: A mirwhat? I'm a cowboy, and this is my horse, Trigger. Can you say hello, Trigger? No? Okay, anyway, (*to cactus*) I saw you off in the distance and it looked like you needed help.

Cactus: I do need help! My arm is broken and it really hurts and no one seems to want to help me.

Cowboy: Well I'll help you! Let's see here. Yep, I've got just the thing.

*Cowboy slings or wraps up the Cactus's arm.*

Cactus: Wow! I feel so much better. How can I ever thank you? I mean, I have been standing here so long and people kept passing by and no one would help me. Hey, why did you help me anyways?

Cowboy: Oh well, that's easy, I was reading my Bible this morning and God was teaching me about service.

Cactus: Service?

Cowboy: Yes, service: Seeing a need and meeting it out of a heart for God

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

Cowboy: That's right. Ever since I became a follower of Jesus, I read my Bible every day and every day I want to become more like Jesus. The Bible says that even Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve others, and I figure the best way I can serve others is seeing a need and meeting it out of a heart for God.

Cactus: Well, that sounds good to me, but how could I ever serve others? I'm just a cactus.

Cowboy: Well, you know, what I read this morning in the Bible said that God has given us each a gift, and that we should use that gift to serve others and to bring glory to Him.

Cactus: GIFT? Like a present? I don't have any presents. Do you have a present for me? Oh no, I don't have anything for you. All I have us a bunch of sharp needles that scare people away from me!

Cowboy: Well that's not true! Trigger doesn't seem scared of you at all does he?

Cactus: Trigger doesn't seem....ummm.... well....

Cowboy: And I don't mean a gift like a present in a box with a ribbon. I mean the gifts that come from God. For example, God gave me the gift of caring for people so that I could fix your arm for you. God gave Trigger the gift of listening. See what a good listener Trigger is? God has given you tons of gifts, I'm sure. Think about it .... you can give people water when they are thirsty. You can give shade on a hot day. You can even share those purdey little flowers that you grow.

Cactus: Well, I guess I never thought about it that way...

Cowboy: Here, I will even lend you my binoculars. There you go. You just look out there and if you see a need, you meet the need out of a heart for God.

Cactus: Wow! Thanks a lot! And thanks for fixing my arm!

Cowboy: You are welcome. Trigger! Come here Trigger! Giddy up!

*Cowboy sighs and goes over and picks up Trigger.*

Cowboy: See ya, Cactus! Remember....see a need...meet the need. Ye hawww....

*Cowboy rides off as cactus waves*

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