

DILIGENCE – Week 3 Skit

Definition: Consistently working with all my heart to bring glory to God

Verse: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (NIV) – “Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

WEEK 3 FINISH LINE (6/21): We can focus on our work until it’s done

Scriptures: Genesis 6-8 (Noah)

Characters:

- Chef from Week 1 (can be guy or girl)
- DJ Shem (guy or girl)

At Home Stage Suggestions:

- Choose an area in your house as the stage. Since the drama talks about baking a cake, you may want to use your kitchen.
- For props you will need a phone, bowl, whisk/spoon, spatula, kitchen utensils, and cake ingredients.
- Don’t forget to add costumes! Maybe you could have the Chef wear a chef’s coat, an apron, chef’s hat, and/or a hair net. For DJ Shem, he or she could wear a leather jacket, sunglasses, and/or headphones. This character is supposed to look “cool.”

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Have the people watching the skit whistle the song “Whistle While You Work” to begin and end the skit.
- Since the characters are baking a cake, consider actually baking a cake together after the skit is over!

SFX: Whistle While You Work

C: *(On stage mixing ingredients)* Goodness, where has the time gone?! I've been working so hard, I didn't see it all go by!

DJ: *(Enters)* Well hey there, Chef! You sure are working hard! Aren't you ready for Little Benjamin's party tomorrow? I've got the *coolest* music ever!

C: Hey DJ Shem! I'm very close, but I still have to get this into the oven, and then it needs frosting! But I can't do that until the cake cools off. I tell you what, it took a long time to figure out how to make a shark and a robot out of icing!

DJ: Yeah! Yeah, that sounds cool.

C: Shem, don't you have to get ready and set-up for the party too?

DJ: Me? Nah, it's cool! I can just wing it!

C: Wing it?

DJ: Oh, yeah! I love playing the music for these little kid parties. They never listen to it anyway, so it doesn't take any work at all! And bonus... The kids always end up taking naps, and I can't play music while they're sleeping, so I just leave early. No one ever notices!

C: Oh, I see. Well, this cake isn't going to finish itself, I've got to finish it before that party starts!

DJ: Say, Chef, why don't you just do what I do?

C: Huh? Oh no, I don't know how to work those musi-pod things. I just make the cakes!

DJ: Haha! No Chef, I mean, why work so hard? Little Benjamin and his friends won't know the difference. You should just make a smaller cake, so you can get done faster... Or don't even worry about the frosting at all! Those kids really don't need any more sugar, am I right?

C: Oh no! DJ, I couldn't possibly do any of that!

DJ: Why shouldn't you? You don't need to work so hard, it's just a cake.

C: That may be, but I was given a job to do, and I'm going to do it until it's finished!

DJ: Well you could just finish it tomorrow...

C: That just won't do. I need to be **diligent** with the work I've been given!

DJ: Hey, yeah! I'm totally diligent! Do you see these diligent headphones I got?

C: I think maybe you've got diligent confused with something else...

DJ: Nah! Diligent means *cool*, right?

C: ...Ummm...not quite. **Diligence is consistently working with all your heart to bring glory to God.**

DJ: **Diligence is consistently working with all my heart to bring glory to God?** How do you even do that?

C: Well, God gave us everything we need to do our work, so instead of getting distracted by other things, we ask God to help us be diligent so that **we can focus on our work until it is done.**

DJ: That sounds like it's really hard.

C: It can be sometimes! Do you remember Noah, from the Bible?

DJ: Oh yeah! He was a super cool guy! He had this really big boat, and he put a whole bunch of animals on it!

C: Right! But that's only part of the story.

DJ: You mean there's more?!

C: God told Noah to build the ark because He was going to flood the earth. God saw that Noah was a good man and gave him the job of building it and saving his family along with two of every kind of animal.

DJ: That must have taken him a really long time! Like, days!

C: Way more!

DJ: Like, a month?

C: It took Noah more than 50 years to build the ark! And you know what else? He didn't live near an ocean to put the ark in.

DJ: You mean he was building this humongous boat for years and he didn't have any water to put it in?! That's crazy!

C: You can probably guess that everyone else thought so too. But Noah **focused on his work until it was done** because he knew that his obedience would bring glory to God.

DJ: So Noah was **diligent!**

C: Absolutely!

DJ: I thought he was cool before, but now he's *super* cool because he wanted to honor God! I want to follow his example tomorrow at the party, so instead of quitting early, I'm going to **focus on my work until it is done!**

C: That great, DJ Shem! Way to work to give glory to God. Now, do you think you could help me focus on this cake with some music on your pod-thing?

DJ: Of course I can! What'd you have in mind? Something chill, but with a good beat? Or country, or a classical remix, or...

C: Why don't you surprise me!

DJ: I can do that Let's go plug my iPhone into the speakers!

Both exit

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