

K1 Race – DISCERNMENT – Week 3 Skit

Definition: Seeking God’s direction before acting

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

Week 3 (10/14-15): Ask and Listen when you don’t know what to do

Other Scriptures: 1 Kings 12:1-20

Characters –

Sparks Fly the Firefly

Billy the Bumblebee

Props –

Lantern with tag- “Sparks Fly” on one side, Prov 3:5-6 on the other
(it’d be great if we could do something on stage to make it look like Sparks’ room, a sleeping bag or something)

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This drama is set outside, so maybe if it’s a nice day, you can go in your backyard or to the park to put on the show!
- This week, Sparks meets a bumblebee! Whoever chooses to play the bee, put on your best black and yellow outfit.
- Find a sleeping bag and a pillow to use as Sparks bed!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Sparks Fly can be a boy or a girl...change the pronouns as necessary.
- Sparks Fly is still a kid and has A LOT of energy! So, jump around and pretend to be very curious about everything.

SFX: Nature Music

Scene Opens with Sparks sitting frozen on her sleeping bag, eyes shut thinking really hard. We can hear knocking backstage (Billy waiting to be let in)

Sparks: *(Dramatically throws arms out)* Ok *(distressed)* Linus the Rock told me using discernment means to STOP and PRAY and I realllllllly

need to figure out where the garden is I am supposed to light up.
(Continuous knocking) Doesn't seem like they're going away... COME IN!

Billy the Bumble Bee buzzes in. Sparks is still frozen.

Billy: Hiya, Sparks!

No answer from Sparks

Billy: Sparks?! Whatcha doin'?

Sparks: Oh, not much... *(dramatic sigh)*

Billy: Yeah I can see that? Why ya all frozed up like that? Why aren't ya movin and groovin'?! I see ya got your light shinin! Why aren't ya out lightin things up?

Sparks: Well, I was, and then I realized I didn't actually know where I was going for our first assignment *(holding back tears)*.

Billy: Oh yeahhhhhh, our assignments...forgot about those.

Sparks: *(Still frozen but starting to lose his/her composure)* Well, my assignment is to light up a garden, but I got so excited about it I started flying all over town, and I realized that I had no idea which garden was meant for me. So I ran into Linus the Rock...literally...and he told me to STOP and PRAY. So I came right home to STOP and PRAY. Just like this... *(refreezes, folding hands back together; all in over the top movements for physical comedy)*

Billy: Okaaaaaay...and how's that workin' for you?

Sparks: *(Dramatically opens eyes and jumps up)* NOT AT ALL!

Billy: Whoa...sorry.

Sparks: I mean...it's a good plan *(Starts pacing)*. STOP AND PRAY, but the problem is...I don't know what comes aft...Heyyyyyy, wait a minute? What are you doing here anyway? Shouldn't you be working on *your* assignment? All the assignments are due on Friday, BILLY.

Billy: Oh yeah...yeah, yeah, yeah I know.

Sparks: Well what is YOUR assignment?

Billy: Ummmmmm it's ummmm. Something to do with honey and umm...maybe cheerios *(sounding it out)*? I think that's what they're called...might be missing something? Yeah, I don't know, I have no idea what it is. Honestly ever since I got my wings, I have been having so much fun buzzing all over town I can't remember much about what else we're supposed to be doing.

Sparks: Well, I think our assignments are pretty important, Billy. Don't you?

Billy: Oh yeah, for sure, I'll get to it eventually, but right now, I'm going down to the river to meet Gus the Grasshopper. He finally got the trampoline he's been waiting for and you should see how high he bounces now. OHHHHH man, oh man...it's gonna be HIGH-PE! Haha. You should come.

Sparks: *(Sets lantern to the side and gets off his sleeping bag)* Trampoline? What? How high does it bounce?

(Both characters start to inch away like Billy is convincing Sparks to leave and come play)

Billy: Really high.

Sparks: Really high?

Billy: Really, really, REALLY high.

Sparks: Really really REALLY high? Ugggghhhhhh...NO! *(Runs back to sleeping bag and grabs his lantern)* I can't! *(Dramatically)* I just can't. I have to...I must use...DISCERNEMENT!

Billy: DIS-CERN-WHAT? No, I said TRAM-PO-LINE! They don't even sound the same...

Sparks: No, I can't go, Billy. Ollie the Oak tree taught me DISCERNMENT is seeking God's direction before acting. He told me if I Seek God's direction, He will guide me. And I need some guidance for our assignment!

Billy: But I WILL guide you right to a trampoline! Trampolines are fun, come on!

Sparks: Oh, I do love bouncing...but...but...but...Linus the Rock told me to stop and pray before I act. And I haven't figured out what to do for my assignment yet, so... I think I'm going to stay here....

Billy: Whatever lights your lantern Sparks, but you're gonna miss a lot of fun. All your friends are going to be there and you are going to miss it. See ya! *(Billy buzzes out the door)*

Sparks: Uhhhh.... I do want to be with my friends, but I haven't finished my assignment yet... uhhhh I don't know what to do... Ok, Sparks, you got this. Get it together! I know discernment is seeking God's direction before acting. So, I STOP and PRAY before I act. Then what? What to do, what to do when I pray? Hmm... Maybe... Banana, HA. Wait no. Okay, ummm I could **ASK and...LISTEN?** YEAH...that's sounds GRRREAT...STOP. PRAY. ASK. LISTEN. I think I'm onto something here! Wahoo! How else can I seek God's directions? OH WAIT A MINUTE *(gets really excited, starts jumping up and down)* I KNOW THIS ONE! THE BIBLE! *(Sparks grabs his Bible and opens it)*

Sparks: Okay here goes... (*flips through the pages*) Hmmm...okay. Let's see. This looks good. Rrrrreeeeehhhhhb...Rrrrreeehaaabaaababa... (*Flops on his bed defeated*) I can't read! I really can't...if I can't read then I'll never be able to use discernment (*starts to cry*).

Parent or older sibling: Ummmm, hey Sparks...I can read.

Sparks: Who are you?

Parent or older sibling: I'm Ms/Mr [*insert leader name*]

Sparks: Oh hi, Ms/Mr [*insert leader name*] I was trying to seek God's direction before acting. So I was about to read this story here...but I can't read very well so... I don't really know what to do.

Parent or older sibling: I'd be happy to help you...

Sparks: Really?...That could work. I could ASK and LISTEN to you, a grown-up, who can read the Bible and who uses DISERNEMENT like you or my mom or my dad or even my grandpa Sparks!

Parent or older sibling: You're right! As long as the person that you ask and listen to is using the Bible to give you direction...ASK and LISTEN away!

Sparks: Alright!

(*Sparks and K1 leader open the Bible*)

Parent or older sibling: Let's see...1 Kings 12...oh Rehoboam. Rehoboam was young...like you...And he was a king. His people came to him and asked him for something they needed. *He didn't know what to do*, so he asked two groups of people: the older men who helped and counseled his father... and his own friends. The older men told him to listen to his people and help them, but his friends told him to ignore his peoples' request and do things his own way. Instead of *listening* to the advice of the older men who had been seeking God's direction for a long time, Rehoboam *listened* to the young men who were not using discernment. And in the end, the people did not choose to follow Rehoboam or honor him as their king.

Sparks: Hmmm...this story makes me think I probably shouldn't listen to my friends, even though they have a super cool new trampoline that help you bounce really, really REALLY high...because they want me to ignore my assignment and I know my assignment is really, really, REALLY important. And then maybe when my assignment is done, I can go play.

Parent or older sibling: That sounds like a good use of discernment, Sparks...

Sparks: Yeah, but I haven't been able to figure out what garden I should go light up...

Parent or older sibling: You know, just down the river...I think right past Gus the grasshopper's trampoline...there is a very, very, very dark garden. It could really use some light.

Sparks: Really (*Getting excited*)?? Do you think that could be my garden?

Parent or older sibling: Well, Sparks, God does tell us in His Word to let our light shine even in the darkest places.

Sparks: It does?! Oh, my goodness. I have to go! Well wouldya look at that...I stopped, prayed, **asked and listened when I didn't know what to do**, and now I know exactly what garden I'm going to for my assignment! YES! Thanks so much Ms/Mr [*insert leader name*]! THANK YOU DISCERNMENT! THANK YOU GOD!

Parent or older sibling: No problem, Sparks. See ya next time!

Sparks: Wahoo! Bye! (*flies off*)

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