

DILIGENCE – Week 1 Skit

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

Verse: “So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

WEEK 1 FINISH LINE (6/7): God created us to work

Scriptures: Genesis 1-2 (work in Eden)

Characters:

- Chef (can be guy or girl)
- Jonah/Joanie the Apprentice (can be 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 bowl, phone, whisk/spoon, kitchen utensils, cake ingredients
- Don't forget to add costumes! Maybe you could have the characters wear an apron, a chef's hat, or a hairnet.

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

Chef is on stage on the phone gladly taking an order; Jonah/Joanie waits offstage

C: *(on the phone)* Ah, yes! It will be a wonderful cake; I can do all those things for you! And how old is the birthday boy? One! Excellent! One very large cake for a very small baby! *(hangs up)* I must get my apprentice to help me, this will be a very big cake! Where could he/she have gone? Jonah!

J: *(lazily)* Yes Chef! Coming Chef! *(enters)*

C: Ah, there you are! Have you been avoiding your duties again?

J: Uhhh-

C: I have the most excellent news-

J: We get to go home early?!

C: ...No...

J: Are we going to watch shark week?!

C: Well, no, we're-

J: Ooh! Are we going to the pool?! We can pretend to be sharks!

C: Nononono! We have a new order!

J: *(less enthusiastic)* YAY... oh. Well, at least it has to be a really awesome one, or you wouldn't be so excited. Right???

C: It IS awesome! Do you remember the one we made for Disney World?

J: Oh yeah! It had trains running all around it and it even shot out firework... Oh! And everyone saw it! because it was on TV! Are we going to be on TV again?!

C: Well, no, we have a new order for Benjamin!

J: Benjamin! Alright! Well, which Ben is it? Wait, let me guess... Ben Stiller? Or Ben Affleck? Oh! Ben Roethlisberger?

C: No, no no... Little Benjamin!

J: I don't think I've heard of him... *(scratch head or chin like thinking)*

C: Well, Little Benjamin isn't famous. BUT he IS going to be one-year-old. And he needs a cake for his party!

J: *(deflated at first)* Oh... *(Perks up realizing it should be easy)* Oh.... oh good! A cake for a baby should be really easy, right? *(starts to back away)* You're the pro, so you probably can do that without me, Chef. *(starts to leave)*

C: No no, Jonah! You have to help me. It will be the most magnificent cake ever! It's going to be.... wait for it.... A shark fighting a robot - on the moon!

J: Woahhhh... But, Chef! He's a baby! He won't even know what a shark is. Definitely not a robot, either. Look, I'll just put all the ingredients together and it'll be done. *(Starts throwing everything into a bowl, eggs with shells, unopened bags of ingredients, and tries to stir them together)* You don't need me for the rest, besides, I'd rather go watch TV...

C: No no, Jonah, that just won't do. We have to be **diligent** to follow each step and do each part just right, or it won't taste like cake... *(picking up a bag in the bowl)* or even be something to eat at all! And I *want* you to stay here and help me. Listen, I know you'd rather go do something else, but we need to work hard at the task we've been given. **God created us to work**, but we can *still* have fun *while* working diligently.

J: **God created us to work**? What does that mean?

C: Well... Do you remember way back in Genesis what God did?

J: Yeah, of course, He made stuff. And then he rested!

C: Yes, that's right. But before He rested, He worked! Do you remember what all He made?

J: He made the whole earth... *(motioning towards the cake ingredients)* even sharks and the moon.

C: That's right! He made everything - the sun for light, trees and plants for eating...

J: Yuck!

C: ...and all the animals all over the earth! But tell me something, did He make it all at once?

J: Well, no... He did one thing at a time. He had to make the ocean before He could put sharks in it.

C: Right! God was **diligent** in His work, and He made sure each part was done, and done well. He made each thing before moving on to the next, and He said it was good.

Genesis 1 & 2 tell us that after God made each thing, He made a man, Adam, last and placed him in the garden to take care of it – to work it and rule over the animals that God had made. He even made Eve to help Adam in his work!

J: Okay, I get it. So, God created us to work... but we're not making the WHOLE WORLD, we're just making cakes... it's not really that big of a deal, right?

C: Well, we may not be making a whole world, BUT we can be diligent in ANY work God gives us. Even if the job seems small, or really big, we can **consistently work with all our heart to bring glory to God.**

J: Ohhh, I see! Diligence is consistently working with all my heart to bring glory to God, no matter what work we're doing! That even includes making a cake for a baby.

C: Yes, that's right.

J: Hmmmm.... God made the sky before he put the birds in it, just like He made the ocean before putting all the fish in it... so maybe I should follow His lead. I guess that means we can't just put everything in the oven and call it done, can we?

C: No, we can't do that. What should we do instead?

J: Well, let's see. This cake would probably taste a lot better if I followed each step correctly... (*chuckles*) and first opened all the ingredients before trying to mix them....

C: It sure would be easier to mix them together that way!

J: And sugar and salt looks the same, I don't want to get them confused. I did that once, and no one wanted to eat that cake! I'll put big signs on them!

C: A sweet cake *is* delicious... can you think of anything else?

J: I should get the eggshells out of there too, huh?

C: Now you're getting it! You'll be a great chef one day. Now, let's go figure out how to make a shark out of icing!

J: Yeah! A Shark Week cake!

SFX: Whistle While You Work

High five and exit – **THE END**