Be A Friend

On our second day of camp, the theme was "Be A Friend". We heard the story of David and Jonathan and their friendship. David and Jonathan were loyal friends and they made a pact to seal that friendship. 1 Samuel 20:42 says "At last Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord's name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever." At church camp, I made many new friends and reunited with some old friends. We all have friends. Some of you have been friends for many years and you know how special that friendship is to you. At this time we will be sending a couple microphones out among you. Please share some words that describe your friends.

2 kids take cordless microphones out into the audience.

At the end say this prayer: Let's pray. Thank you, God for loyalty, kindness, a listening ear, good times and sad times with our friends. Help us to be good and loyal to our friends just like David and Jonathan were to each other. Thank you, God, for friends. Amen.

Offering: On our 4th day at camp, our theme was "Be a Hero: Give". We heard the story about the poor widow who gave 2 small coins in the collection box. As poor as she was, she gave everything she had as a sign of her faith in God. You may think you have nothing to give, but we all have something whether it is money or a talent. We can combine our money and talents and accomplish big things together. With your financial help, we were able to go to church camp. None of us have jobs to help pay for camp. But we can share our talents with you by presenting this worship service to share the great things we learned at camp. Thank you , God, for your gifts and for the difference we can all make when we all give what we have. Amen.

Benediction: Lord, help us all be heros for you. As we go to work, school, home, and church this week help us to welcome others, be a friend, accept others, give, rejoice, and share the good news. Thanks for being our hero. Amen.

Miriam Rejoices Skit

The 5th theme at camp was "Be A Hero: Rejoice". We heard the story of how Miriam rejoiced by singing after the Israelites were freed from Pharaoh by crossing the Red Sea. One of the ways we like to share the Bible story during our evening vespers is by acting out the story we heard that day. The skit you are about to see is one that the 5th graders presented at camp.

Moses has finally convinced the Pharaoh to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Moses and Pharaoh shake hands. Israelites jump up and down. Walk to the back of the sanctuary jumping up and down, hooting and hollering.

Finally, God's chosen people are free. But just like a good thriller movie, Moses and the Israelites have not left Egypt yet, and the story isn't over.

Pharaoh and his army are planning. Looking mysterious, shaking their heads in agreement.

Pharaoh sends his army after the fleeing Israelites, and it looks as if they are doomed.

Army walks to the back of the sanctuary. Israelites come down another aisle to the stage.

There is no way out, with Pharaoh's army behind them and the Red Sea blocking the path in front of them.

Israelites stop in front of the piano and start scratching their heads, shrugging shoulders, put on goggles and swim rings and life jackets trying to figure out how to get across the sea.

The Israelites have been chased to the edge of the sea and the soldiers are fast approaching when the impossible happens: they are saved! God instructs Moses to raise his staff and parts the Red Sea.

Moses raises his beach ball and parts the Red Sea.

The Israelites are able to walk across on dry land.

Israelites walk across the sea. Pharaoh's army comes down the other aisle.

Once they are safely on the other side, the walls of the sea crash back together, and Pharaoh's army is destroyed.

Pharaoh's army hang their heads and walk to the back of the sanctuary.

First, Moses and the people break into a song of praise,

Get out ipods and start jamming.

Then the prophet Miriam, sister of Aaron and Moses, rejoices and sings God's praise in thanksgiving for saving and redeeming the Israelites.

Miriam starts to sing "Holy Ghost Party" and the others join.

And all God's people said…Amen!