## Day 3 Opening

MC: Are you ready for another day of Vacation Bible Camp? (*I'm seeing some cool secret agents out there*.) Today we are discovering how to complete our missions with our time. Did you know that all of the teens and adults you see helping today are already completing these sort of missions? And you can too, even though you aren't yet as old as they are. (*To do that, you are going to have to "Be Strong and Courageous."*) Let's start with a song.

Play the Day 3 song: (We used "Be Strong and Courageous" <i>SonForce</i> , Track 9)
MC: Did you know that a lot of missions can be completed by volunteering your time to do
them? The teens and adults are volunteering their time this week to be with you. But you aren't
old enough to help with Bible Camp. So what missions can you complete? You can help the
people at *insert name of Day 3 organization: (ex: The Waters) *, and we have
a guest here to tell you how.
Introduce the speaker for the second day: (We had Nikki from The Waters, a local nursing home)
MC: This is a mission that anyone, young and old, can help with. Today in the Daily Mission
Station, we will be helping them by making flowers that will cheer up the residents at *insert
name of nursing home: (ex: The Waters) *. Always be on the lookout for missions
like these that you can help with. I bet our friends at the agency help people in this way all the
time. I wonder what OOO will learn about today.

#### Day 3 Morning Skit

OOO: (Into megaphone from Day 2) WOW, have I got a lot to tell you! There is this thing called \*insert Day 2 organization: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: Safe Passage) \*, and it is totally... Oh. You already know? They already told you? Rats. (Placing megaphone away) Well, I've been up all night advertising, helping others to learn about the mission of all sorts of organizations.

And with the help of this Amplifier 7000, I can be heard from (Into megaphone) MILES AWAY!

TIME: (Stage whisper from behind a newspaper) Ssshhh!

OOO: (Turning around, into megaphone) HELLO THERE! HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT...

TIME: Quiet down! Of course I've heard! Come over here. (OOO sits next to him, picking up a newspaper. T whispers) You have to be quiet. What if somebody hears you?

OOO: (Whispering) Why are we whispering?

TIME: (Still whispering) Because we are secret agents!

OOO: (Whispering) Well, actually, I'm just a trainee, but...

TIME: (Interrupts) I'm Agent TIME. You can just call me Agent Take Initiative, Motivate
Others

OOO: Call you something, something, what did you say?

TIME: I know. It's a bit confusing. But it's actually pretty simple. Taking Initiative is when somebody decides to step up and be a leader, and this can help Motivate Others to do good too! The Director likes the name, because He wants us Secret Agents to lead by example.

OOO: So what kinds of missions do YOU complete? I'm guessing that you don't read newspapers.

- TIME: No, I certainly don't. My mission is something much more quiet. You won't need that terribly loud gadget in your hand. If you want to become a secret agent, this must be done in secret.
- OOO: If I can't use my Amplifier 7000, do I get to use these night vision goggles? (Reveals swimming goggles) What about my Noise Reducer 5000? (Puts on earmuffs, Yelling) You can't hear anything with these on!
- TIME: (Covers OOO's mouth) Sh! We have to be quiet, remember? We are secret agents! The only thing you need for this mission is a little bit of free time.
- OOO: Free time? But I'm so busy! I have chores to do, I still haven't made my bed, and I have a yoga class at 11!
- TIME: OOO, what you do with your time is very important. And although it's very important to make your bed every day, and I'm sure that your yoga class is very relaxing, your mission to serve others is more important. \*Insert name or acronym of Day 3 organization:

  \_\_\_\_\_\_ (ex: the Waters) \* has a mission for you that only takes a little time and a little love.
- OOO: How can you complete a mission with just time and love? Are you sure that I don't need these? (begins to put on earmuffs)
- TIME: (Stealing the earmuffs) I'm sure. Spending time with others is an important service mission. It shows someone that you care, and it makes that person's day much better. No gadgets needed for this one.
- OOO: That's it? That's not too hard. I'll bet that I could give \*insert name or acronym of Day 3 organization: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: The Waters) \* an hour every week!

TIME: Just remember, a good secret agent doesn't have to tell about the things he does to complete his mission. He does it just because it's the right thing to do. Be quiet and secretive when you are completing your mission.

OOO: (Puts on earmuffs, then whispers to the crowd) Don't worry, I can keep a secret.

## Day 3 Opening (continued)

MC: Agent TIME is right. By taking a little bit of our time, we can complete our missions to help others. And it isn't good to brag about it. We are secret agents who are taking time to help others because we want to. Matthew 25:40 says, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." God wants you to take time to do things to help other people. It actually honors Him! But to do this, it is going to take some work. We will need to practice today's two virtues from the ladder of faith. They are self-control and endurance. Those may be hard, but they are needed for today's mission of volunteering our time to help others. Let's pray. Lord, please guide us today as we go throughout bible camp. Help us to learn how to use out time to help others in your name. Amen. Make sure to practice being secretive secret agent today! We will dismiss by group, starting with preschool. (The Helping Hands, The Giving Trees, The Prayer People, The Smarty Pants, and The Control Freaks)

## Day 3 (Wednesday) Service Organization Station (Daily Missions)

Talk about the importance of volunteering. Incorporate the memory verse (Matthew 25:40) and the virtues (self-control and endurance).

#### The Waters

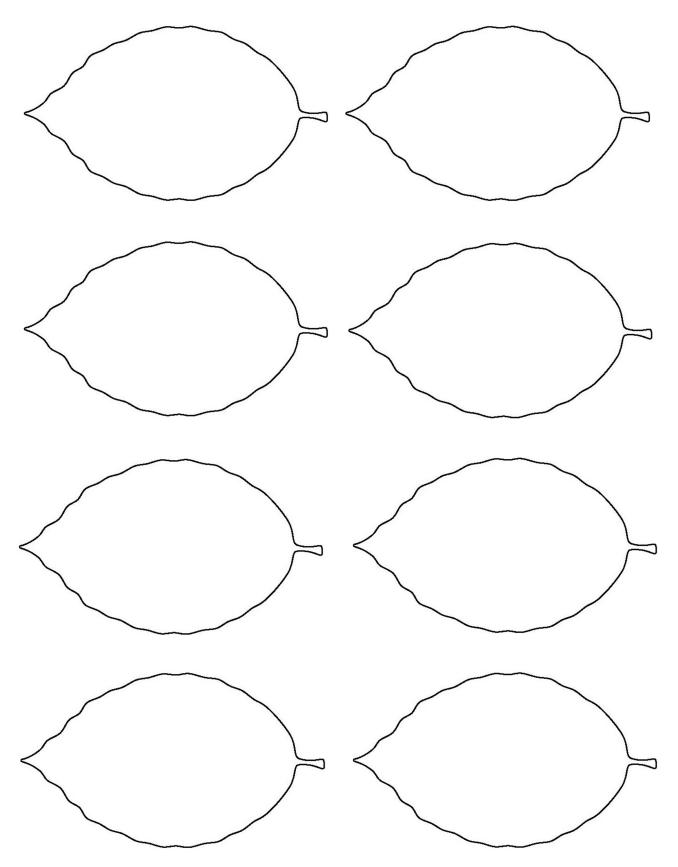
#### **Flowers**

What you'll need:

- Colorful tissue paper
- Green pipe cleaners
- Attached leaf cutouts
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Markers

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Stack 2-3 sheets of tissue paper on top of each other.
- 2. Fold the tissue paper over and under in one-inch portions, accordion style.
- 3. Fold the finished one-inch accordion in half and wrap one end of a green pipe cleaner around the middle of the tissue paper strip.
- 4. Fluff out the tissue paper into a flower shape.
- 5. Write a short message or note of encouragement onto the leaf, such as "I am praying for you!" or "God loves you!"
- 6. Cut out the leaf and punch a hole in the bottom.
- 7. Wrap another green pipe cleaner around the hole in the leaf and twist the end together with the stem of the flower.
- 8. Collect the flowers to be given to the residents at the nursing home!



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## Day 3 (Wednesday) Bible Story Station (Recon)

## The Washing of the Disciples' Feet: John 13:1-20

#### Objective:

During this lesson, the campers will learn about serving others by donating time, taught through the story of The Washing of the Feet.

Spies need to be great actors to go undercover!

So, some of the trainees can help act out today's skit, playing the parts of the Twelve Disciples other than Peter and Judas. They must be willing to take off their shoes and have their feet washed.

#### **SKIT**

Props:

Costumes (Optional)

Towel

Washcloth

Water Basin

**Twelve Chairs** 

Character:

Jesus

Peter

Judas

The other ten Apostles- played by campers

(Twelve chairs are placed center stage. The Twelve Apostles are seated in them, barefooted. Peter is in the eleventh chair. Judas is seated in the first. They sit, waiting.)

Judas: (After a long pause) So... uh... crazy weather we're having, huh?

Peter: I don't know. We're inside.

Jesus: (Entering with towel around his waist and washcloth and washbasin full of water in hand) It is time for me to wash your feet. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (He begins down the row, washing the feet of each Apostle until he reaches Peter)

Peter: You will never wash my feet!

Jesus: You will not understand, but this will help make you clean. Unfortunately, not all of you are clean. (Stares at Judas, who looks around guiltily) You see, I am serving you, and you must serve others as well.

Peter: I think I understand.

Jesus: Solid. (Jesus finishes the last Apostle and stands up, untying towel from his waist.) Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me "Teacher" and "Master," and I am. I, the "Teacher" and "Master" have washed your feet. You should go and wash others' feet. You must receive my words so you can receive my Father. I will not be with you much longer.

#### **END SKIT**

#### **Discussion Points:**

This story takes place during a time when everyone wore sandals. Their feet got dirty and dusty from the sand while they were traveling. It was custom for a servant to clean the feet of the guests after they had entered the building. Jesus did the work of a servant during the story, and he said that the disciples should do the same.

But, Jesus does not want us to literally wash other people's dirty feet. (Imagine that! Uck.) He meant that we should serve others. We need to show love toward those around us by helping them through our missions as secret agents. Jesus wants us to take the role of a servant, as he did.

Some questions that can be asked following this:

Why was Peter reluctant to let Jesus wash his feet?

Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet even though he was the leader and they were the followers?

How can we be like Jesus and "wash others feet"?

Extra-Time Activity: Making Coupons

Kids can make "coupons" for parents or someone else they know. Each coupon can say a certain job or chore such as "Coupon good for one washing of dishes" or "Will clean room of choice, free of charge (Bathroom excluded)." The recipient can use these coupons at any time and the kid will do that chore. This is a good way for the kids to serve others at their age.

# Day 3 (Wednesday) Outdoor Games Station (Training)

#### **Frozen Legos**

What you'll need:

- Legos
- Water
- Small containers

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Freeze the Legos in blocks of ice in preparation.
- 2. Break the kids into teams and give each a block of Legos.
- 3. Explain to them that they may try to melt the ice however they'd like, but they may not try to break it on a hard surface. Choose something that they must make with the Legos such as a car.
- 4. Allow each team to melt their ice and use the free pieces to build their item. Judge on speed and quality of the results.
- 5. Explain the necessity of patience and connect it to the need for patience and endurance in service

## Day 3 (Wednesday) Craft Station (Gadget Making)

## Disguise

## What you'll need:

- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Markers
- Hole puncher
- String

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut the paper plate in half.
- 2. Cut eye holes in the plate.
- 3. Decorate however you'd like.
- 4. Punch holes in each side.
- 5. Tie a string so it fits around the child's head.
- 6. They can use their disguise to serve in secret!

## Day 3 Closing

MC: Was your secret agent training successful today? Now we have another song about taking time to help others in need, all in the name of God.

Play additional song: (We used "Every Move I Make" Lava Island, Track 4)
MC: Did you enjoy helping others today? Who remembers what today's mission was? *insert
name of the Day 3 organization: (ex: The Waters) * This morning, Agent
TIME shared with us the importance of taking time to help others and the virtues of self-control
and endurance. Who remembers today's memory verse? (Matthew 25:40 "whatever you did for
one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me") Did you enjoy today's bible story? What
was it? (Jesus washing the Apostles' feet) Wow, you have learned a lot today. (Don't forget to
keep bringing in item for the Summer Food Program. They need cereal, canned fruit, juice, soup
macaroni and cheese, and ramen noodles. Tomorrow is also "wear your faith" day! We are also
going to go to Mass at 8:10 tomorrow morning. Whoever joins us at Mass will get to join us for
donuts before bible camp begins!) Come back tomorrow to receive your next mission and meet
agent ASAP who will talk about the power of prayer. Head back to your group leaders, and your
parents will pick you up from there.