



## Holy – Lesson 3

### Order of Service (Skit)

#### 1) Introduction

#### 2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hello, friends! Welcome to the Tree House! I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm so excited to be here. First, let's see if anyone remembers our new memory verse! Raise your hand if you think you can tell me what it is. Awesome! Now let's have everyone stand up on their carpet and do the memory verse together!

**“For the wages of sin is death** (left hand palm up and right hand palm down, then flip them to where left hand palm down and right hand palm up)

**but the gift** (both hands palm up level with face then push out like you're giving someone a gift)

**of God is eternal life** (both hands “L” shaped side by side with thumbs pointed up, then move both hands up near face)

**through Christ Jesus our Lord”** (right hand “L” shaped start at left shoulder then move to right hip).

#### Romans 6:23

**Let's try that one more time.** (Repeat using motions above.)

**Great! Let's sit back down and get ready for a special story!**

Okay, so we are talking about how God is holy and why we celebrate Easter. First, we talked about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, then about the Passover Feast and how we still celebrate this special meal as the Lord's Supper to remember all that Jesus has done for us. Well, today we are learning about how Jesus prayed in a garden.

#### 3) Skit

Roles:  
Storyteller  
Zip  
Willow

Willow: (Playing with Zip) Zip, have you ever had to do something really hard?

Zip: Of course I have. I am the goalie for my soccer team, and that can be really hard. I get really nervous when the ball comes to me and I have to stop it. I don't want to let my team down because if I miss the ball, the other team will score.

Willow: (Sadly) Yeah, I know what you mean.

Zip: **Why did you ask?**

Willow: Well, you see I have to go to a new preschool tomorrow. My parents say it is going to be a lot of fun and I will make a ton of new friends, but I am scared. What if no one talks to me? What if my teacher never takes us outside? (Covers her face with hands.)

(Enter Storyteller)

Storyteller: **Hey guys, what's going on?**

Zip: Well, Willow is scared. She is worried because she has to go to a new school tomorrow, and she doesn't know what it will be like.

Storyteller: Oh Willow, that can be scary. It is hard to go to a new school and make new friends and follow new rules.

Willow: (Storyteller's name) \_\_\_\_\_, have you ever had to do something hard?

Storyteller: **Yes all the time, but do you know what helps me when I have to do something hard or scary?**

Willow: (Shakes head no.)

Zip: **Hiding?**

Storyteller: **No, that doesn't help.**

Willow: **Begging your mom or dad not to make you do it?**

Storyteller: **No, I do what Jesus did when he had to do something very hard.**

Willow: **Jesus had to do something really hard?**

Storyteller: **Yes, very hard! He came to Earth to rescue us from our sins, remember?**

Zip: **He sure did, and he healed a lot of people and did other miracles, too.**

Willow: **Yeah, and he is generous and taught people to be generous and love each other just like he loves us.**

Storyteller: **That's right! But when it was time to sacrifice himself for our sins, it was a very hard thing. He was probably nervous to do a very difficult thing. He knew it was going to be very hard and very painful. But do you know what he did?**

Willow: **What?**

Storyteller: **He fell to the ground and prayed. He asked his Father, God, if there was any way possible that his Father could take the difficult thing away from him. He cried out to God in prayer. He needed to talk to God. He prayed to him for strength and comfort.**

Willow: **So Jesus asked his dad to please not make him do it?**

Storyteller: **Yes, he did, but Jesus believed that God knew what was best and what needed to be done. Jesus was willing to do whatever God needed him to do.**

Zip: **So, when you have to do something hard, you pray to God and he gives you the strength and comfort to get through it?**

Willow: **I sure need him to be my strength when I go to my new school tomorrow.**

Zip: **And I need him to be my strength when the soccer ball comes flying towards the goal in my game.**

Storyteller: **We can pray to God all the time, not just when things are hard. He wants to share himself with us and have a relationship with us all the time. God can be our strength in everything we do. But just like Jesus was willing to do whatever God asked him to do, we have to be willing to do the hard things God asks us to do, too.**

Willow: **And he will be with us?**

Storyteller: **Always!**

## **4) Songs**

**Now, let's see all sing together!**

## **5) Prayer & Closing**

**Thanks for singing with me today. Before we go back to our rooms, let's sit and pray. Dear God, thank you for teaching us that you are our strength and comfort all the time. Thank you for loving us so much. Help us remember and understand what you've taught us today. Help us believe in you. Amen.**

