

Day 2 Skit: What a Friend!

Patrick and Will are passing a ball back and forth to each other. Melody comes up pushing her friend Sheila in a wheelchair.

Melody: Hi guys! I want you to meet my friend Sheila. She's the one I was telling you about. She broke her ankle and has to be in a wheelchair for a while.

Patrick & Will: Nice to meet you...Sorry about your ankle.

Sheila: Nice to meet you, too. I had to have surgery, and the doctor won't let me walk for a really long time.

Melody: Yeah, so I get to push her around!

Will: Cool.

Patrick: Yeah, that's cool. You've got a swweeeet ride, Sheila.

Sheila: (Looking very sad) Well, I don't think so. It really stinks to have to depend on everyone to help me. I can't walk for 6 weeks! I may even have to miss Special Olympics!

Will: I get it. I had to have surgery a while back, and I couldn't play basketball for a for a long time.

Patrick: Well, we love to help our friends. It's a way to show them Jesus' love.

Sheila: Really?

Melody: Yeah Shiela. Like I told you, friends take care of friends.

Patrick: Yes, like in the story today, Jesus cared for his friend, Lazarus. When he died, Jesus cried. He saw how sad Mary and Martha felt. He felt the same way.

Melody: Isn't it comforting to know that Jesus cares for us the same way. No matter what we are going through Jesus is there. When we are sad He is sad. When we hurt it hurts Jesus.

Will: And remember how Jesus waited to go to them when He heard Lazarus was sick. I don't get it. Why would he wait so long?

Melody: His disciples did not understand either, but Jesus' timing was perfect. He had bigger plans...plans to raise Lazarus from the dead and show His glory.

Sheila: And Lazarus walked out of the grave. I get to walk again in time, too I guess.In His time.

Patrick: But here's the really good news for all of us: one day we will all rise up again, like Lazarus, and we will have perfectly healed bodies. God's timing is perfect, even when we don't understand it.

Melody: And until then, we have the Holy Spirit with us. He gives us faith to believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Just knowing that gives me joy.

Patrick: That's right Melody, and knowing He's always with us, like a close friend.

Will: That reminds me of a song!

Melody: Oh, Will, not Dem Bones again!

Will: No, "What a friend we have in Jesus!" Jesus is our forever friend. He's with us now, and He always will be.

Patrick: And one day, we get to be with Him in Heaven.

Melody and Sheila: That is good news!

Will: (invites congregation to sing along)

Everyone sings: "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer, Can we find a friend so faithful, Who all our sorrows share, Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer...."

(You may want to have the words up on a screen for all to see.)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" YouTube Link with music and lyrics:

<https://youtu.be/TAyaXdvvgGU>