

HOCKEY POKEY STEWARDSHIP SKIT #1 Nov 4, 2012

JUDY: Good Morning Class, Welcome to the CUP Stewardship Training Class

LISA: I think I'm in the wrong place

DONNA: Me too

AMY: I thought it said they were serving STEW

JUDY: No, You are in the right place at the right time and it's time to get started.

DONNA: What are we going to do?

AL: Did you say training class?

JUDY: Yes, Every year the Steelers go to training camp, they know how to play football but they still need to practice and get ready for the new season. We do too so I thought we'd start with a few stretching exercises.

LISA: That sounds good, but don't make them too hard, I'm not in the best of shape

JUDY: Gee! That sounds like our church finances, We're always trying to make our budget better so we can do more for the Lord.

AL: I'm not sure I can do it, I'm older than the rest of you.

JUDY: Sure you can, you have the most experience, you have been a giving member of this church for many years. Now let's take those good intentions and put them in to action. Everybody UP

AMY: Move over, give me some room.

JUDY: OK, now raise your arms high. The Lord really wants us to stretch and give. See that didn't hurt and if you keep practicing—it will get easier

LISA: That takes faith to do that, sometimes I'm afraid there won't be enough to pay all my bills.

DONNA: I'm really worried about this sewage bill I'm going to get .

JUDY: We never know what the future will be but if we trust in God, he will provide what we need. Alright now that we're warmed up We're going to do the HOKEY POKEY—I'm sure you all remember that from when you were younger.

AL: Boy, I haven't heard that one for a long time

EVERYONE: Put your right arm in, Put your right arm out, Put your right arm in and you shake it all about. You do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, That's what it's all about. (When you shake your arm release a couple coins from your hand)

LISA: What happened?

DONNA: Look there are coins on the floor.

AMY: What does this have to do with giving to the church?

JUDY: Well, it's like your giving, when you were younger you didn't have a lot of money but remember putting coins in the plate. You were so excited to give those coins to God. God loves a cheerful giver.

AMY: I wish I still felt that way about giving to the church.

AL: Me too.

JUDY: That's all for our first training session but we're just getting started, so you will have to come back next week to continue your training. I'll see you next week. Look for a letter in the mail this week, it will help you with your training.

LISA: That instructor is different but I can't wait to see what happens in class next Sunday.

DONNA: Do you want to get together this week and exercise some more?

LISA: Sure, call me when you get that letter.

**HOCKEY POKEY STEWARDSHIP SKIT #2 Nov 11, 2012**

**JUDY: Good Morning Class, Welcome back to the CUP Stewardship Training Class. I hope you practiced this week.**

**LISA: I did, I could hardly move by Wednesday**

**DONNA: Me too, but I'm feeling better today.**

**AMY: I have to admit, my back is feeling better.**

**JUDY: I'm so glad to hear that because things are going to get a little tougher this week.**

**DONNA: Oh no, I wonder what we're doing to do?**

**AL: Please take it easy on us; do you realize I'm one of the oldest members of this congregation?**

**JUDY: Yes Al, I do know that and you have seen a lot of changes in this town and in this church but one thing never changes---God loves us and he is always there when we need him.**

**LISA: Gee, that's true, Al told me he started the Corner Restaurant as an ice cream stand and now there's a bank there.**

**JUDY: Yes, things keep changing all the time and so do our church finances. We have to change and stretch to do the things the Lord has called us to do like supporting mission here around the world. So let's get started by stretching again.**

**AL: I'm not sure I can do it, you know I just had cataract surgery.**

**JUDY: Ok, Al you have a medical excuse this week but I know you can do it, I've seen you work all day at our spaghetti dinners.**

**OK This time let's do some toe touches, reach as far as you can, you may not be able to touch your toes on the first try but if you keep practicing, I'm sure you can reach that goal. It's like giving to the church, you may not be able to give that tithe this year but if you increase your pledge, that a good start.**

**LISA: I saw on my Estimate of giving card I can increase by 3% or 5%**

**DONNA: I don't know what to do.**

**JUDY: The best thing to do is pray about it. I know he will help you make the right decision. Your gift is a sign that you trust the Lord. He has promised to love you, now what promise will you make to him?**

**AL:** It takes faith to make that promise but I've seen wonderful things happen if you let the Lord work with you.

**JUDY:** OK Now for the fun part—THE HOKEY POKEY

**Amy:** Oh no, not this again, I wonder what's going to happen this time?

**EVERYONE:** Put your left arm in, Put your left arm out, Put your left arm in and you shake it all about. You do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about. (When you shake your arm release a couple checks from your hand)

**LISA:** What are those?

**DONNA:** Look, there are checks on the floor.

**AMY:** What does this have to do with stewardship?

**JUDY:** Well, remember last week, coins fell out and reminded you how glad you were to put them in the plate as a child. This week reminds us that as we get older we have more responsibilities like balancing a budget and writing checks. The budge committee needs your estimate of giving card to plan 2013.

**AMY:** Giving to the Lord should always be a wonderful feeling of sharing.

**AL:** I never thought about it that way.

**JUDY:** That's all for our second training session and I'm so proud of the progress you are making. Keep up the good work and see you back here next week to complete your training. Bring that estimate of giving card back with you too.

**LISA:** Do you believe what she told us?

**DONNA:** It makes sense, I know prayer has helped me through some tough times in my life.

**AMY:** Call me this week and remind me to bring that card.

HOCKEY POKEY STEWARDSHIP SKIT #3 Nov 18, 2012

JUDY: Good Morning Class, I'm so glad you got my message to wear hats this week. They look great! Jim I'm glad you could join us.

JIM: Thank you but what do hats have to do with Stewardship?

JUDY: Well, people wear different hats in the church. Rev Kathy has to wear several hats, sometimes she's a teacher, sometimes she's a visitor, sometimes she's a counselor.

AMY: Yeah, I see what you mean. We all have different talents we can use to serve the Lord.

JUDY: Yes, serving is also part of Stewardship. Well, let's review what you have learned so far.

DONNA: Oh no, it's like school, I hate tests.

AL: I hope I can remember.

JUDY: Ok, why did you need to start with stretching exercises?

AMY: Because we need to stretch our thinking about the budget to do the work of the church.

JUDY: That's right, we are called to help others, MISSION is very important. Ok let's do a few of those stretching exercises to warm up this morning. (Stretch above your heads) That's good.

AL: Talking about warming up, it was a little chilly in here last Sunday; don't we have enough money to pay the heating bill?

JUDY: Yes, Al we have budgeted enough to pay the gas bill but we don't want to waste it. We are called to be good stewards of what is given to us. We're working on a solution to getting that comfortable temperature.

JIM: I forgot to bring my Estimate of giving card back, it was a hectic morning.

JUDY: That's ok, just bring it next Sunday or mail it back. Did you have a difficult time deciding how to complete your card?

AMY: Well, I was confused by the numbers on my card. I don't think it was correct.

DONNA: Me too.

JUDY: Yes, I know what you're talking about. The numbers included all your giving so I hope you rounded it to the nearest 50 cents. The counters don't want to deal with all those

odd numbers. By the way, your third quarter giving statements are in the narthex, please pick them up.

AL: I did pray about it this week and the Lord does answer prayers.

JUDY: God is so faithful to us and we must trust him. He will provide. Now let's do the HOKEY POKEY!

EVERYONE: Put your head in, Put your head out, Put your head in and you shake it all about. You do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, That's what it's all about. (When you shake your head, knock your hat off so that the heart fall out)

JIM: Wait a minute, what's this?

DONNA: Look there are hearts on the floor.

AMY: What does this have to do with giving to the church?

JUDY: Well, it's like your giving, Sometimes you use your head too much but God wants you to use your heart when you give. When it touches your heart you have a different attitude about giving. Let's finish the HOKEY POKEY Put your whole self in

JIM---AMY-- DONNA --AL--You start to say Put your wholes self out and I interrupt you

JUDY: No, no don't take your whole self out! We need to keep our whole self in ALL THE TIME!!! God wants us to keep our whole self in; we need to live our lives with Christ every day, every minute.

DONNA: I get it. God wants us to give our whole self to him. Not just our money.

AMY: But I'm so busy with work and other responsibilities.

AL: You mean Stewardship is more than money?

JUDY: Yes, God wants you to give more than just money. We are grateful that you filled out your Estimate of Giving Cards but we hope you will think about stewardship every day not just on Sunday. It's like this class, it take time and practice. The Stewardship Committee hopes you will think about Stewardship differently. It's not just a few weeks in the fall. Stewardship happens everyday if you put your WHOLE SELF IN.