



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Blessed Are The Meek"

03/02/08

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
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Worship Leader

Scott

Mean Kid

Gang Member #1

Gang Member #2

Friend

Matthew

Snowy (puppet)

Lion (puppet)

Prop List:

Kingly attire for lion puppet	Snowy puppet	Puppet stage
Mean kid & gang's attire	Wall and bench for Scott to sit at	Karate studio scene
Karate attire for Matthew		

SFX / Music List:

The Attitude	BG: Morning to Morning (Foster)	SFX: kingly trumpet fanfare
Meek Isn't Weak	BG: dramatic, low hip drum gang music	
Lion and the Lamb	BG: sad, pensive	
Light of the World	BG: Firedance (Foster)	





OPENING SONG: The Attitude

WORSHIP LEADER: We've been studying the beatitudes. But today, I want to share something more. You'll be drawing pictures of the new Children Ministry's buildings. Somebody, a while ago said, "Hey, we need to pray and ask God to show us how to deal with being over-crowded here at Harvest." What do you think somebody suggested we do?

KIDS: Build more buildings!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Morning To Morning (Foster)

WORSHIP LEADER: That's right. It all started with the Lord giving someone a vision of what to do! Maybe it started one day, when Pastor Greg said, "It's time to build. I have a vision - the Lord showed me that we need more room to grow. So, let's build." The Bible says in Psalms 29:18, "Without a vision, the people perish." That means, if you and I don't have something to hope for, if we don't have something to work on or something to dream about finishing, well, then, we will perish. We will be like a seedling that stops growing. What happens to that seedling?

KIDS: It dies!

WORSHIP LEADER: That's right. This week we'll be learning a new beatitude, 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.' Plus, we have a special guest with us today. His name is Matthew. Now, Matthew is quite good at Karate. But, he had a vision: he wanted to be disciplined and he wanted to know how to defend himself. He prayed about it, and now, he is quite accomplished and is still learning. It all started with a vision. What is your vision? What does God want you to do? Well, like I said, we have a very special guest with us today.

SNOWY: (Snowy jumps up as Worship Leader says "very special guest") Oh, I'm honored!

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: Hi, Snowy! Well, you're very special, but actually we've asked Matthew Evangelista from the Kids' Praise Club to come and be in our skit today.

SNOWY: (Bummed) Oh... (Perking up) Well, I brought a special friend today, too!

WORSHIP LEADER: You did! Who?

SNOWY: (In awe) He's a king!

WORSHIP LEADER: A king, really?

SNOWY: Yeah. His name is Leon. But... (Whispering) He likes a big introduction.



WORSHIP LEADER: Oh, he does? It sounds like he might need to come and learn about our beatitude that we're studying today. Well, go ahead Snowy, introduce your friend.

SNOWY: (Clearing throat) Introducing, the one, the only, Leon the Lion! (Applauses/ whistles)

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: kingly trumpet fanfare

LEON: (Puppet comes up) Thank you! Thank you! It is such an honor for you to have me here in your presence!

SNOWY: (In awe) Isn't he wonderful?

WORSHIP LEADER: Well, that's not exactly the word I would have used, but...

LEON: Excuse me, when you started talking, did I hear you tell these innocent children, "blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth?"

WORSHIP LEADER: Yes, you did.

LEON: Well, I didn't become king of the jungle by bein' a wimp, ya know!

WORSHIP LEADER: But Leon, that's where you're wrong. Meek doesn't mean weak. Meekness is "power under control." Look at Jesus when he walked on earth. He was man and he was God and he certainly wasn't weak. Yet, he described himself as being meek and gentle in heart.

CUE SONG: Meek Isn't Week

A skirmish begins at the back of the room.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: dramatic low, hip drum gang music: trouble

SCOTT: I said, leave me alone!

MEAN KID: (Mean kids are slowly pushing him up the aisle) And what are ya gonna do if we don't? (Get really close - in his face)

SCOTT: I'll, I'll, I'll find a teacher and tell on you!

MEAN KID: Oohhh! We're shakin' in our shoes, huh boys? (He shoves Scott; Scott turns and starts to run away up center aisle to the stage; Mean kids yells after him) **Maybe you oughta go back to that fancy "Christian" school of yours and take another class-one called, "Fighting' 101."** (Kids begin to laugh & exit. Scott runs up to the wall and sits down on it, facing the audience. He is very depressed.)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

SNOWY: Oh, that poor boy! He looks sooo sad!



LEON: He should have stood up to those kids and shown 'em who's boss!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: sad, pensive

FRIEND: (Has walked up to Scott and sits next to him) **Hey Scott, is everything O.K.? You look totally bummed!**

SCOTT: Try totally humiliated! Everything they said about me is true. (Heartbroken) I am a coward!

FRIEND: No way! Why would you think that?

SCOTT: Because when those guys pushed me around, I ran away.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

FRIEND: Well, I'd say you were smart. They would have pulverized you.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Firedance (Foster)

SCOTT: I know it! And I'm tired of bein' pushed around! I'm gonna become a lean, mean, fightin' machine! And you're gonna help me.

FRIEND: I am?

SCOTT: Don't you take karate somewhere?

FRIEND: Well, yeah, but...

SCOTT: Well then, what are we waitin' for? Let's go!

Friend shrugs shoulders and shakes head. Begins to lead Scott to Matthew's studio. Matthew is going through some karate moves - something that will impress the kids - Scott watches in awe.

FRIEND: Excuse me, Matthew?

SCOTT: (Can't wait & in his excitement he cuts off his friend and rushes up to Matthew, begins talking a mile a minute) **Wow! That was awesome! Can you teach me to do that? Boy, I bet you could really hurt somebody! That is too cool!**

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

MATTHEW: Whoa...hang on a minute.

FRIEND: (Jumps in) Please excuse my friend, Matthew. Some of the kids were pickin' on him and now he thinks he wants to learn how to fight.

SCOTT: Yeah, I'll show them a thing or two.



Matthew begins to share on why we don't use our power & strength to hurt others; Shares about Jesus as our example of meekness. Approx. 1-1 ½ minutes.
In Matthew's words - the code of karate and discipline and Jesus Christ and His call to love, which governs the Christian's actions.

CUE SONG: Lion and the Lamb

SCOTT: Boy, was I ever mixed up. I'm sorry to have bothered you, Matthew.

MATTHEW: It was no bother at all. And you're welcome to come join my classes anytime.

SCOTT: Gee, thanks! I'd like that.

MATTHEW: (Points at friend) And I'll see you on Tuesday! (Exits off stage right and down right side to back of room)

FRIEND: I'll be there! Thanks, Matthew! (The boys step off stage to walk across near center aisle where they meet up with the mean group of kids who block their path)

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: dramatic low, hip drum gang music: trouble

MEAN KID: Oh look, it's the scaredy-cat, and the scaredy-cat's brought a friend.

SCOTT: Look, I'm not afraid of you anymore. And I don't have to prove myself to you by fighting. Why don't you go pick on... Matthew Evangelista!

MEAN KID: Who?

SCOTT: He'll introduce you to the bravest, strongest man there ever was and ever will be! (Scott & friend exit stage left and into door)

MEAN KID: (Rolls his eyes, walks away a little unnerved, speaks lowly to his gang members) Who's this Matthew guy? Any of you guys seen him? And who's this strong friend of his? Is he big? (All other gang kids look baffled, don't know him) Come on, (Looks to the left and to the right like he's scared) Let's get outta here! Fast! (Exit quick down center aisle to back)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: Okay, Snowy, Leon, did you learn anything today?

SNOWY: (Excitedly) Sure did! I never knew they had written a song about me and Leon! (Daydreams) "The Lion and the Lamb!"

LEON: No Snowy, that song was about Jesus! It was about how He was sooo strong and yet He was meek at the same time.

WORSHIP LEADER: So now you get it, right Leon?



LEON: I get it. And now I need to go pray and ask God to help me become meek.

WORSHIP LEADER: Repeat after me:
Blessed are the meek
For they shall inherit the earth!
Matthew 5:5

WORSHIP LEADER: Let's pray:
Father in heaven,
Thank you for showing me
What it means to be meek
Jesus was meek, yet he was strong!
But he was never a hot head
He had power under control!
Help me be meek.
In Jesus' name we pray
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONG: Light of the World

