

## Jake's Awesome Talent

Scene opens: Jake and Isabella looking through binoculars; looking high and low, all around; visibly upset

Zach: (walking up to them) Hi, Jake...watcha' doin'?

Jake: Just lookin'

Ky: What for?

Jake: Pigs....

Ray: What?

Isabella: Pigs...we're lookin' for pigs!

Zach: Why?

Jake: Just cuz...

Jericho: 'Cuz WHY????????

Jake: Because I need money

Friends: (draw it out) O---K---A---Y

Jake: My sister is helpin'me

Ky: (looking at Zach) huh?

Zach: We don't get it.

Jake: It's a long story.

Jake and Isabella keep looking at the sky, searching frantically

Ray: Tell us.

Jake: Well, I want to buy a soccer ball.

Jericho: OKAY...A—N—D

Jake: When I asked my big brother if he'd give me \$20, he said, "Sure...I will....when pigs fly"

Isabella: So...we're lookin' all over but we can't find any pigs.

Ray: (laughing) That's just an IDIOM!

Jake: What?

Zach: (together) IDIOM!

Jake: You callin' me a name?

Ky: No! No! It's an expression, like when you say one thing but it really means something else.

Jake: Huh?

Ray: Never mind; why do you need the soccer ball anyway?

Jake: 'Cause I'm not good at anything!

Jericho: We don't understand

Jake: Well, everyone at school is good at something...math, spelling, reading, baseball, singing, art...

Ky: Yes, s-o-o?

Jake: (pouting) But, not me...I can't do anything. I'm just a loser.

Zach: That's not true!

Ray: You're the most popular kid at school!

Jake: I want to be buy a soccer ball, so I can practice and get really good at soccer.

Mikey: Then the kids remembered something they'd learned in school...something that Mr. Rygalski had talked about last week in Bible.

Zach: Hey, Jake remember what Mr. Rygalski talked about last week at school; fruits of the Spirit, talents, and stuff?

Jake: (draws out) S-o-r-t of...

Ray: Maybe he could help us.

Jericho: Let's go see if he's still at school.

### **Eli and Aaron walk across stage with sign; AT SCHOOL**

Class: Hi, Mr. Rygalski

Hank: Why hello, kids. What are you doing here? Did you forget something:

Adam: No, Jake has a problem. He doesn't think he's good at anything.

Hank: Why Jake...you're good at lots of things.

Jake: (sighing) No, I'm not!

Hank: Remember what we talked about in Bible last week?

Taylor: Wasn't it about things that God has given us...talents, and things.

Hank: Yes, every single person..Each one of us has special talents and gifts that we've been given

Jake: But that's the problem...I don't know what mine is.I think maybe God forgot me.

Hank: Why, Jake...you know that God doesn't forget anything. He has a plan for us all.

**Jake just sighs and looks very sad.**

Hank: Well...okay...I was going to do this tomorrow in class, but since you're all here anyway, maybe this is a good time.

**He starts moving toward a large box (or treasure chest)**

Riley: What's that Mr. Rygalski

Hank: It's a special box...that represents something. Do you know what "represents" means?

Riley: Is it when something stands for another thing?

Hank: Right! Gather around so you can all see.

Ella: It's got presents!

Olivia: Wow! Look at all the bows... can we see?

Hank (laughing) Sure you can...but one at a time, please. You see, I've been thinking about our Bible lesson on talents. Remember that God gives us these special gifts. Does anyone remember what some of those gifts are?

Drew: (pretends to hold football under arm and make a pass)  
Being strong and good at football...like me?

Hank: Good what else?

Taylor: (sings as if warming up) How about being good at singing like me?

ME, ME, ME

Everyone laughs

Hank: Yes, yes... I think you're getting the idea.

Slade: (strikes a pose) Some people are good actors...like me

More laughter

Hank: I think you ARE catching on! Let's look in the box...Why look here!

McKenna: (excited) Is that MY name?

Hank: Why, yes Mr. Rygalski, it's a recorder. It's here because you're a talented musician. God has given you the talent of music.

### McKenna plays Hot Cross Buns

Hank: Here's another one...Artie

Josh: For me?

Hank: Yes, Artie...it's a baseball.

Josh: A baseball?

Hank: We've all seen you on the baseball field.

Adam: Yeah, you're awesome!

Artie: Well, I do practice a lot...thanks.

Hank: And Lauren...

Megan: (jumping up and down) oh, goodie!

### Teacher hands her a paintbrush

Hank: And, Lauren, this is for you to remind you of your special gift. God gave you some wonderful artistic talents.

Lauren: Is that really a good talent, Mr. Rygalski?

I mean...it just comes easily to me.

I never thought of it as anything very special

Hank: Oh, yes, Lauren...It's a wonderful gift.

In fact, a long, long time ago, in the time of Moses, there was a man named Bezalel, who was a very talented artisan.

Kaitlyn: Who?

Olivia: What was his name?

Hank: His name was BEE-ZA-LEL. Can you all say that?

### **Kids try but get all mixed up**

Hank: Okay, can you all say RING THE BELL?

Kids: (echo) RING THE BELL

Hank: Good...now it rhymes. Say ring the bell, Bezalel.

Kids: (together) Ring the bell, Bezalel.

Hank: Much better...anyway, back to our story.

Faith: The teacher continues to tell them the story of Bezalel, who was called the chief artisan of the Tabernacle. He was a master workman and showed tremendous skill in working with precious metals, stone and wood carving. God told Moses to put Bezalel in charge of making certain that the Tabernacle, of the

desert, was constructed just right. God also gave Bezalel great wisdom and knowledge, so he could use his gifts to glorify the Lord.

Lauren: (standing up proudly) So mine is pretty important, right?

Hank: Yes, Lauren... all these gifts are important. No one gift is better than the other, they're just different.

Sophie: What about me, Mr. Rygalski?  
is there a present for me, too?

Hank: (pulls out a notebook and a pencil) Why, Sophie...look here...This one has your name on it.

Sophie: (disappointed) O-o-hhhhh

Hank: Sophie...don't you see? This notebook and pencil represent something very special.

Sophie: They do?

Hank: Yes, they represent the wonderful stories and poems that you write all the time. That's a gift that God chose just for you. Maybe someday, you'll write a book or poems for others to read...to make them smile or gift them encouragement.

Sophie: Do you really think so?

Hank: Absolutely!

**Sophie seems very happy now with her treasures**

Hank: (looks at Jake) What's the matter, Jake?

Jake: See, Mr. Rygalski, I still don't have a talent. Everyone has one, but me.

Hank: Why Jake that is NOT true...there's one more gift in here.

Jake: Really?

Hank: Why don't you take a look?

**Jake looks in and pulls out a mirror**

Jake: (holds up with puzzled look) But, I don't understand. It's just a mirror. What does that mean?

Hank: Jake, take a good look in that mirror. If you look hard you'll see a wonderful, compassionate young man.

**Jake looks in the mirror for long time while he is looking, the teacher continues**

Hank: You are an encourager, a faithful friend to others  
You show self-control, is honest, and are always generous to your  
classmates. And who knows, Jake...what God will do with you in the  
future. He has great plans for you. Don't ever forget that. You  
might still get a soccer ball and become a star player...or maybe  
not...but God knows how He wants to use your life. He'll let you  
know when the time comes. So you see Jake...you were looking  
allover. and what you were looking for was here all along.

Jake: Thanks, Mr. Rygalski

Isabella: Now I still can't find those pigs!

Everyone recites the verse:

For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good  
works.

Ephesians 2:10

Singers come up and sing the AWESOME TALENT song