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Invitation: "Mission: Possible" (add all other pertinent information) Spy glass picture. Back of invitation reads "This message will self-destruct in 30 seconds"

Handout: "It's possible to magnify your mission by living the Young Women Values." Magnifying glass attached (*available in bulk from Oriental Trading*)

Program: Operation Personal Progress

Mission: Possible

(picture of detective with spyglass)

Classified

Inside: time, date, location, dress instructions, (where applicable), parents invited, refreshments served

After the Bishop spoke then came the "Mission Possible Briefing" (the skit.)

After skit was the "It's Possible" song

Operation Personal Progress – Mission: Possible Skit

Head Agent: (*Young Women President, to audience*) Good evening. We have been called in for this special meeting. Our agenda is this: to warn you about the bad guys, give you your missions, and introduce you to our senior Laurel agent. Now, before you receive your missions, I need to brief you regarding our opposition. These bad guys are not to be underestimated. Sure, when you see this footage, they may not seem like a real threat to you, but let me assure you that they can be very effective in their evil plots to destroy your progress. Many missions have been aborted because of them.

Play the Bad Guys Video Segment (See Below)

BAD GUYS VIDEO SEGMENT:

(Obstacles to completing Personal Progress goals)

(Ahead of time, record girls' fathers personifying the following roles on video tape. The more animated, the better.)

They call me Forgetfulness: I forgot to work on my goals. I forgot what goal I was working on. I forgot where my personal progress operation manual is.

I'm Procrastination: Lost of people call me "Round to-it". At first I thought they were saying I was overweight -- which I won't be when I get around to exercising, but then I realized it's because my motto is, "I'll get around to it someday." That's because I'm always busy. If I look hard enough on cable TV, I'm sure I can find something that's remotely interesting enough to watch before I get back to the assignment I've been given.

Why let good television programming filter through the airwaves right past me I always say.

I'm known as Too Busy: I've got lots of great projects going on. They're lost of fun and are helping me grown, but I'm not sure I've got time to take on any missions or goals right now. What? (looks away, then back at camera.) I'm sorry. It's just that I'm feeling kind of distracted with everything I've got going on.

I'm just plain Laziness: Give me a Playstation and a joystick in my lap any day. I don't want to plan anything, I don't want to carry out a mission, I don't want to do anything. After I wake up at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, you'll know right where to find me -- at the worn spot in the carpet in front of the TV playing (popular game).

I'm best known as Apathy: Improve myself? Improvement-shroovement. I am what I am. Like me or lump it. Besides, I'm a fairly decent person.

Skit continues...

Head Agent: I need our field agents to receive their missions. Contact the Young Women agents and give them these. *(hands confidential envelope with mission papers to senior agent. Make sure that after they receive their assignments, they blend themselves into the crowd.)*

Senior Agent: *(Laurel Class President)* Right away, ma'am. *(departs)*

Head Agent: *(to audience)* Now remember agents, should you lose control with headquarters during a mission, you can always salvage your mission by consulting your own operations manuals. *(Hold up Personal Progress manual and scriptures.)* All right. Let's Move.....

Lights flash/ Mission Impossible music plays/7agents enter the room from all entrances (their entrance last about 10-15 seconds) They wore trench coats, sunglasses, black or dark jeans, white shirts. They act like secret agents as they come in, two walking past each other and exchange a briefcase, some doing a jump and side roll with a squirt gun, looking through a magnifying glass while walking, etc, all try to hide around the room and try to look inconspicuous until it's their turn to recite their part. This was choreographed beforehand.

Secret Field Agents recite their scripts from their "Confidential envelopes" (see below). Lights/music as agents leave with the same dramatic movements they used as they came in.

SECRET FIELD AGENT SCRIPTS

Inside envelopes marked "Confidential"

FAITH Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of faith. Understand that you are a daughter of Heavenly Father, who love you, and seek to have faith in his eternal plan, which centers in Jesus Christ your Savior. Your current objective is to learn about faith from the scriptures and living prophets, exercise your faith by establishing habits of prayer, tithing, fasting, repentance, and keeping the Sabbath day holy. Tell your parents or Young Women leaders your feelings about faith and record them in your journal.

DIVINE NATURE Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of your divine nature. Understand that you have inherited divine qualities from your parents and from your Heavenly parents, which you should strive to develop. Your specific instructions are to: discover what some of the divine qualities of a daughter of God are. You will read “The Family: A Proclamation to the World.” Then in your own words, list the divine qualities discussed in your reading. Think about how you can discover and develop each of these qualities. Record these ideas in your journal.

INDIVIDUAL WORTH Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of your individual worth. Understand that you are of infinite worth with your own divine mission, which you will strive to fulfill. Your specific instructions are: To read versus of scripture that will help you understand that your Heavenly Father loves you and is mindful of you, then, you need to record in your journal how you feel about these scriptures.

KNOWLEDGE Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of knowledge. You are to continually seek opportunities for learning and growth. Your specific instructions are to learn about the importance of gaining knowledge by reading the scriptures, to think about why you need to gain knowledge, and understanding about how gospel principles may be applied to your present and future home and family life. Write in your journal what you have learned about knowledge and discuss it with a family member or Young Women Leader.

CHOICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the values of choice and accountability. You are to keep yourself free by choosing good over evil and to accept responsibility for your decisions. Your specific agenda is to learn how a daughter of God can make wise decisions and solve problems by reading particular scriptures. Follow a pattern of regular scripture study and prayer to receive help in making personal decisions such as choosing good friends, being kind to others, and getting up on time.

GOOD WORKS Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of integrity. You are to nurture others and build the kingdom through righteous service. Your specific instructions are to learn why service is a fundamental principle of the gospel. Others often give service you may not notice, such as preparing meals, reading or listening to younger children, repairing clothing, or helping a brother or sister. For two weeks record in your journal the quiet acts of service your family members and others perform. Acknowledge their service in some meaningful way.

INTEGRITY Agent: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn the value of integrity. You are to have the moral courage to make your actions consistent with your knowledge of right and wrong. Your specific objective is to read in Moroni and think about what it means to “deny yourself of all ungodliness.” Read the Standards for the Strength of Youth on pages 2-4. Reflect on how the Lord’s standards differ from the world’s standards. Record in your journal your personal standards for actions, dress, movies, music, and conversation. Keep yourself temple worthy and practice the value of integrity.

Head Agent: Now that we have covered the assignments at hand we will introduce you to a wonderful agent who has overcome the bad guys, who stuck to her goals and accomplished her mission. Would you like to address our agency with a few words?

Senior Agent will end the program with the YW theme.

Closing song: new words sung to Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella "Impossible"

1st verse:

It's possible - to live the gospel values
And be worthy for the temple.
It's possible - To keep your clothes very modest
A-nd still look right in style.
To stay away from parties where bad things happen.
And go to church and don't get caught nappin.
It's possible!

Chorus:

But the world is full of zanies and fools
Who don't believe in sensible rules.
And won't believe what church leaders say.
And though all bad things will lure you away and hold you back and tempt you all day.
It's possible - You can improve every day.

2nd verse:

It's possible - to live the gospel daily
And still fit in at school.
It's possible - To date really great people
Who will live the golden rule.
To live the guidelines in the Strength of Youth pamphlet
To read the scriptures daily and pray about it.
It's possible!

Chorus:

It's possible sung 7 times to end.