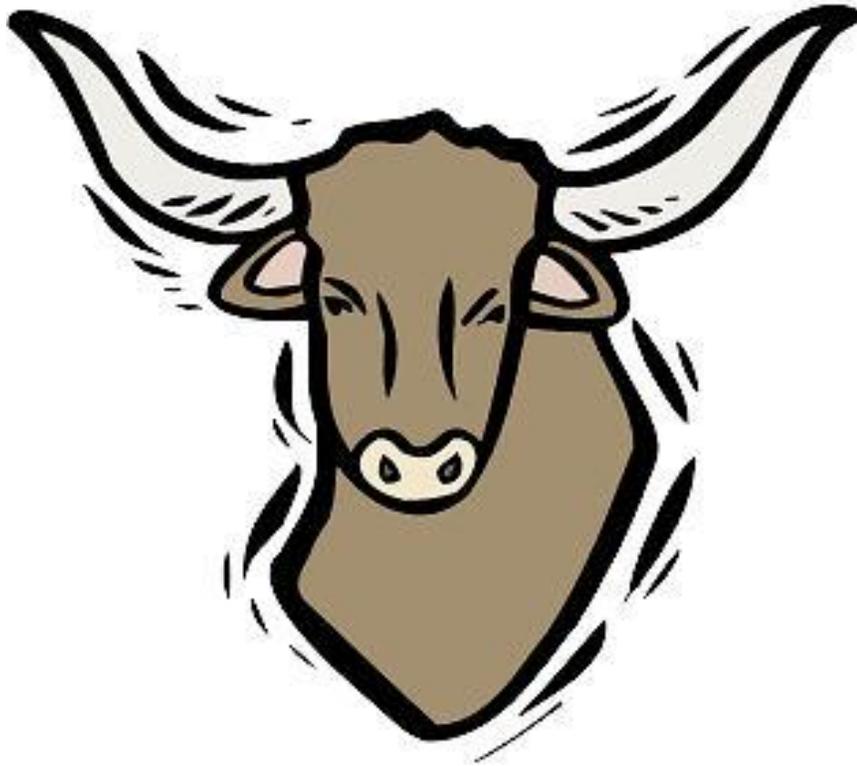


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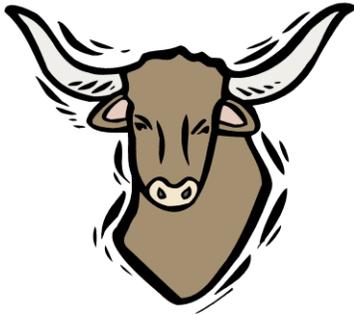
Cowboy People Skit

Wanna Be Wrangler Ranger

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Wanna Be Wrangler Ranger:

Written as a stand-alone Cowboy People Skit in three scenes to coordinate with Wrangler Ranger Camp 2013. The Finale portion is also available as a One-Part Cowboy Skit under name: Joined Up.

Setup: Scene One has Three Characters plus Narrator; Scenes Two & Three have Two Characters plus Narrator

Rufus has a slight country “twang” reflected in voice with a hillbilly touch in his persona. He is well-meaning but often misses the mark misfit type persona with good intentions.

Wrangler Ranger Clint plays the straight forward serious character.

Granny dressed in elderly garb carries LARGE shopping bags and purse.

Narrator is never seen; only heard at conclusions of Scenes.

Appropriate music plays in the background to build up the entrance and assist with exiting.

SCENE ONE:

[Enter WR-Clint and Rufus engaged in conversation]

Rufus: Wrangler Ranger Clint I want to become a Wrangler Ranger. I want to be one of a long line of Wrangler Rangers.

I want to pass this down to my kids and my kids’ kids and my kids’ kids’ kids’ and my kids’ kids’ kids’ kids and my kids’ kids’ kids’ kids’.....

WR-Clint: Well, Rufus, do you know what it means to be a Wrangler Ranger?

Rufus: It means that I have integrity.

WR-Clint: Yes, but....

Rufus: It means that I have solid character.

WR-Clint: Yes, but.....

Rufus: It means that you can count on me.

WR-Clint: Yes, but.....

Rufus: I can become all those things Wrangler Ranger!

WR-Clint: Well, yes, you can have all those things, Rufus, but you have one thing that you **MUST** have before you have these traits to make you a WRANGLER RANGER!

[Granny begins to shuffle along through scene carrying all of her bags & big purse]

Rufus: LOOK Wrangler Ranger Clint, there's my chance to do good deeds today!

I will become a Wrangler Ranger!!!

[Walking across the area is a Little Old Lady complete with shopping bag; huge purse looking the part. She is walking along minding her own business when suddenly Rufus runs up behind her and attempts to help her cross the street.]

Rufus: Good Day Ma'am. Let me help you cross the street.

Granny: No thank you.

Rufus: Now, now, here we go I will just help you with your bags.

Granny: NO, SONNY!

[She bangs him with her bags. It's a real free-for-all. She is slapping the bags about him and he is trying to pull her across the street.]

[This goes on in all kinds of scenarios and then he just picks her up and carries her a distance.]

Rufus: There you go; safely across the street.

Granny: **BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO GO ACROSS THE STREET; I WANT TO GO THAT WAY!**

[Hits him with her shopping bag and proceeds opposite direction.]

WR-Clint: Well, it appears that the GOOD DEED METHOD didn't get you anywhere Rufus.

This is not the way to become a Wrangler Ranger. As I was trying to tell you, you have to get your basics right first.

Narrator: Tune in tomorrow when we here Rufus say:

Rufus: Can't I just sign up?

MUSIC UP.

SCENE TWO:

[Rufus is attempting to throw a lariat onto a Jake Steer. His rope is getting noticeably tangled and twisted and a real mess.]

[In walks Wrangler Ranger-Clint.]

WR-Clint: Rufus, what you up to?

Rufus: Just a working on my roping skills, Wrangler Ranger Clint.

[Rufus continues to make a mess of things throwing a loop at WR-Clint with an apparent near miss as WR-Clint has to duck for cover.]

WR-Clint: Looks like you might need a little expert assistance there, Rufus.

Rufus: Nah, I think I can get it if I **TRY** hard enough.

WR-Clint: Don't you think it would be quicker if you got someone to show you how to hold the **loop** and the **spoke** should be more like this *[demonstrates]* and then the **hondo** would set more like this.

Rufus: The **HONDA** goes where? Onto the whatjamadidjit? On the whatjamacallit?

WR-Clint: Hondo not Honda : Let's get you someone that knows what they are doing and get you some instruction, Rufus. THEN you can get er done.

Rufus: But if I **TRY** hard enough I can do it.

[Attempts again and ends up throwing it over the first three rows of people sitting in the audience.]

[Goes back about three rows into the audience and gets ready to throw again.....]

WR-Clint: Wait a minute Rufus. Yells: **SOMEBODY GET THAT ROPE!!!**

[An appointed person in the audience can go get the rope.]

Rufus: I can do this! I can do this! **IF I just TRY HARD ENOUGH**. I'll Try Harder.

WR-Clint: Rufus, no matter how hard you try; no matter how GOOD your intentions, you need someone to show you the CORRECT way.

YOU JUST CANNOT MAKE IT UP AS YOU GO.

Rufus: I need a better rope; THAT'S IT: I NEED A BETTER ROPE.....a COLORED ONE...you know one of them there BRIGHT ORANGE ROPES.

WR-Clint: No, Rufus, what you need is some HELP!

Rufus: I HOPE I can get this figured out before Wrangler Ranch Rodeo. I plan to enter ya know.

WR-Clint: You HOPE?

Rufus: Yeah, if I TRY hard enough then I am a thinkin' that is, I am HOPING that I can get the BUCKLE.

WR-Clint: Wouldn't it be better if you start with knowing which end of the rope to throw?
AND WHERE?

Rufus: Nah, I am a HOPING this works out.

WR-Clint: Rufus, I hate to tell you, but the facts are the facts. You can't just TRY and HOPE.....you MUST rely on someone that knows how to handle a rope to "teach you the ropes" so to speak.

Rufus: I got this I tell you I've got this if I just TRY HARD ENOUGH! WATCH ME NOW....I can handle a rope.

[Rufus begins to swing and wrap up WR-Clint and they hobble and clown out of the room.]

Narrator: Stay tuned.

Will Rufus learn to rope before the Wrangler Ranch Rodeo?

Will Wrangler Ranger Clint be ALL TIED UP?

Will Rufus ever be smarter than a box of rocks?

Stay tuned next time when we hear Rufus say:

Rufus: Hey, Wrangler Ranger Clint, what kind of CAR did you say that rope was, a HONDA?

MUSIC UP

SCENE THREE:

- Rufus:** Yes sirree, Wrangler Ranger Clint, I intend to be a Wrangler Ranger!
- WR-Clint:** Yes, your intentions are good; Rufus, but intending to be a WR won't make you one.
- Rufus:** This is like becoming a Christian, Wrangler Ranger; did you know I'm a Christian?
- WR-Clint:** No, I didn't know that Rufus. When did that happen? And congratulations.
- Rufus:** Yes, sirree. I went down to the Local Yokel Cowboy Church and I joined right up for the BIG RIDE.
- WR-Clint:** Signed up?
- Rufus:** That's right. I just signed my name to one of them there green sheets and I'm in.
- WR-Clint:** Really? That's all there was to it?
- Rufus:** Yeah, sure. You just sign one of them there green sheets and you're in.
- WR-Clint:** Rufus, Rufus, what did you write on that green sheet?
- Rufus:** I just signed my name right there on it and checked the box baptized.
- WR-Clint:** Rufus, when were you baptized?
- Rufus:** I don't rightly remember any of it, but my Mom says I was baptized right there in the church house with Grandma, the Preacher, and God a looking on and everything. Got a **cer-tif-i-cate** to prove it too she says.
- WR-Clint:** *[Shaking his head in disbelief.]*
- Rufus:** Yep, Mom said I was a screaming my head off until they put that "fooler" in my mouth causing I must have had wet diapers or somethin'.
- WR-Clint:** Rufus, you mean you were sprinkled/baptized/ or christened as a baby?
- Rufus:** Yep. Mom said they took care of it early causing in our family you just never know how a kid's liable to turn out.
- WR-Clint:** Rufus, did you know that NO WHERE in the Bible are babies baptized?!
- Rufus:** NAH, you got to be kidding? No wonder there's so many mean younguns' running around.

WR-Clint: Rufus, what I am trying to tell you is that baby baptism is not really baptism at all.

It is just a cultural thing people do. It has absolutely NOTHING at all to do with whether you are a Christian or not.

Rufus: Really? For real?

WR-Clint: For real, Rufus.

Rufus: Well, then I guess I better go get baptized AGAIN cuz I don't remember the first one. That way I will know FOR SURE that I have been baptized and am on my way to heaven.

WR-Clint: Wait a minute; I don't think you understand yet.

Rufus: Oh, yeah, I hear people ALL THE TIME down at the church say they are getting baptized cause they don't remember why they did it the first time or can't remember MEANING it the first time as a kid.

WR-Clint: Rufus, LET'S SEE WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY on this and not what PEOPLE are saying.

Rufus: I can go get up in front of the whole place and get baptized and get me one of those little LEATHER NEW TESTAMENTS. People clap for you and pat you on the back. It's a BIG Deal.

WR-Clint: Rufus, there's still something you aren't getting.

Rufus: What's that Wrangler Ranger?

WR-Clint: Baptism does NOT get you to heaven.

Rufus: Yeah, I knew that! SURE I knew that!

WR-Clint: Well, good.

Rufus: Yeah, I gotta be GOOD after that. You know give up my *[whispers]* cussing and such. *[Raises his eyebrows]*.

WR-Clint: Actually Rufus.....Being Good, Good Deeds, NOR BAPTISM gets you to Heaven.

Rufus: PROVE IT!!!!

WR-Clint: OK, Rufus, LET'S SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS and not what people are saying.

[Pulls out his Bible and proceeds to show Rufus the Romans Road to Salvation]

The Bible, God's Word, says here in Romans 3:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

That simply means that NO one is going to Heaven on their own goodness, Rufus, OR on their own WORKS. It's a GIFT!

This verse tells us that we have a paycheck for sin; that is eternal separation away from God in that PLACE called Hell.

But the good news is there is a GIFT with YOUR NAME on it, RUFUS. And that gift is FROM GOD and it IS ETERNAL LIFE.

Thing is like any gift you have to accept it to be able to put it to use.

The Bible, God's Word, says in Luke 13:5 "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Rufus, there has to be a time and a place where you do business with God. This is not talking about confessing everything you ever did wrong; this is about repenting, that is a complete turn-around in your heart and mind by placing your trust in Jesus.

The Bible, God's Word, says in Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Rufus, you MUST call upon the Lord with a repentant heart and then HE does the changing and He does the saving.

NOTHING else works.

Rufus: Well, I have turned over a new leaf before; I have even joined a church or two, but ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO DO WAS repent & accept Jesus as Savior, Ranger Clint?

WR-Clint: That's right, Rufus.

Rufus: Then that's what I need to do. Let's pray now.

[Here you have the option to end the scene as you see fit. Either Clint leads Rufus in the sinner's prayer OR perhaps you choose to end it in a different fashion with perhaps your "Pastor" or "Leader" leading the audience out of this scenario and into an invitational setting. Options are yours. Our prayer....that souls are saved.]

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