**Revelation for Kids Day 2 Skit**

**John:** When the Holy Spirit came to me yesterday and told me that I could go on the adventure of my life to know Jesus in a brand new way, I thought that I would be getting off of Patmos. I thought my hard time was going to change, but it hasn’t! I’m still stuck here on Patmos, in time out, and it still isn’t fair, and I’m still lonely…I just don’t know what to do…

*(Enter Simon)*

**Simon**: Hey, hi there.

**John**: Who are you?

**Simon**: I’m Simon.

**John**: Oh, I’m John, nice to meet you.

**Simon:** I couldn’t help but overhear you monologuing into the distance.

**John**: Yeah…I was talking about how much I don’t like it on this island. The Holy Spirit told me I was going to g o on this great adventure, but nope…still here.

**Simon**: Ah, I see. You thought the adventure the Holy Spirit talked about meant you would get to get off of Patmos, and get out of this hard circumstance?

**John**: Well…yeah. What else is there?

**Simon**: Well, you see, the adventure actually happens ON Patmos?

**John**: ON Patmos?!

**Simon**: I know it doesn’t seem possible, but the greatest adventure of your life can start today, where you start to know Jesus is a whole new way *right in the middle of hard things*, right in the middle of unfair or difficult circumstances. ***He*** *brought you* to this island to know Him in the midst of your hard times. He doesn’t want to get you out of it this time, John. He wants you to know Him in a way you haven’t known Him yet, but your heart has to turn.

(*Enter Heart Man*)

**Heart Man**: Hey, did I hear you say something about turning our hearts?

**Simon**: Yes!

**Heart Man**: Well I know all about that because I’m all heart! I know something about having to turn your heart. Can I share a story?

**Simon/John**: Sure.

**Heart Man**: (*Heart Man shares a story about how he was doing something and his heart was toward the Lord, but then someone came along and was mean to him and it got him all focused back on himself and the other person and unfair circumstances and he started pouting, but then the Holy Spirit told him that the adventure starts in those very moments when other people are wrong and hurting you or things are unfair; that is the exact moment to start your adventure of knowing Jesus the Lamb of God. The following is one example we used at a VBS, but it might not fit in all contexts, so feel free to adapt as needed!)*

You know during worship today, I was dancing like David danced, with all my heart, and I didn’t care what anybody said, my heart was flying for Jesus! Woo!! But then Bobby came over and hit me in the head with a maraca. And then my heart just hit the floor, BAM. (*Heart Man falls to floor.*) I mean, I was dancing and dancing, and going for God with all my heart, until he came and hit me, and I think he meant to hit me, and my heart went BAM (*Heart Man falls to floor again*). I just couldn’t turn my heart to the Lord anymore, you know why?

**John**: Why?

**Heart Man**: Because he hurt my feelings, that’s why! How do you turn to the Lord when somebody hurts your feelings and they are wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong as they can be, the Bible even told me they’re wrong. They broke rules! They did things Jesus wouldn’t do! They say I’m supposed to turn my heart to Jesus the Lamb, but how exactly am I supposed to do that when other Christians are being not-Jesus to me? Well, I asked the Holy Spirit that very question, and He said that that is exactly what everything is all about! That is the exact moment when the adventure begins! When somebody was being wrong and not-Jesus to me, that’s the *very moment* the adventure begins! And the Lamb starts to live! But only when I turn my heart. When I realized that’s the moment to turn my heart all the way, I did it! I did it by Jesus in me! I did it, and it made all the difference right in that moment! Not when everything was going good, but when everything was going wrong! That’s when I turned my heart all the way, and the adventure has begun!

**Simon**: That’s awesome, Heart Man! You see John, your heart needs to make a decision.

**John**: What does it need to decide?

**Simon**: Your heart needs to decide to turn away from yourself and to Jesus. Now, I know what you’re going to say: that you thought you had turned your heart. Well, I think we have a song that might help with this:

**Turn, turn, turn, turn, turn all the way**

**Turn, turn, turn, turn, turn all the way**

**It’s not enough just to hear**

**It’s not enough just to know**

**Something I want to see**

**God’s face with my whole heart**

**I turn away from myself**

**I forget all about me**

**I only want to know Jesus**

**In His true beauty**

**So I turn, turn, turn all the way,**

**All the way**

**John:** You’re right Simon! I’ve been turning my heart a little bit, but I keep letting it turn back to myself and my circumstances and then I just get to feeling bad for myself again, and I’m right back to focusing on me instead of focusing on Him! I’m going to turn my heart *all the way* and go on this adventure to know Jesus the Lamb of God right here in the middle of something hard and unfair.

**Simon**: That’s great, John! And remember what Heart Man was saying about his heart falling sometimes?

**John**: Yeah…

**Simon**: Remember when you’re on this adventure, if you fall down, just get back up and turn your heart back to Jesus!

**John**: Thanks, Simon.

**Simon**: Well, now that your heart is turned and you’re ready for the adventure, I think the Holy Spirit might have some gifts for you.

***(Exit Simon, enter Brother Dude)***

**John**: You’re…not the Holy Spirit.

**Brother Dude**: It’s pronounced “Brother Dude.” Nice to meet yo—hey you’re the guy I met earlier. I almost didn’t recognize you now that your face is…not so long. Could it be that you’ve made a turn?

**John:** Why…yes.

**Brother Dude**: Awesome! Like this? (*Does some kind of turn.*)

**John**: Sure, something like that.

**Brother Dude**: Tubular! Hey man, I’ll see you later. (*Exits.* *Enter Holy Spirit.*)

**Holy Spirit**: Hey John!

**John**: You know, Simon was right, now that your heart is turned all the way, I have some gifts for you that you will need for your adventure if you’re going to find Jesus in this brand new way. First, these glasses. *(Hands John glasses with crosses on them.)*

**John**: Cool…why do they have crosses on them?

**Holy Spirit**: You can’t just use *your* eyes on this adventure. You have to see everything through the Lamb who died for you and lives in you.

**John**: *(Puts on glasses)* Whoa! This is amazing! Seeing like this is going to change everything!

**Holy Spirit**: It sure will! One thing those glasses will change is how you read your treasure map. *(Hands John a Bible.)*

**John**: The Bible?

**Holy Spirit**: Yes John! When you look through those glasses, the Bible becomes your treasure map to knowing Jesus in this brand new way!

**John**: *(Opening Bible)* Wooooow…

**Holy Spirit**: And your last gift…*(puts on hat that says “Guide”)…*ME!

**John**: You, Holy Spirit? Really??

**Holy Spirit**: That’s right, John! More than anything else I do, my favorite thing is to guide people on this adventure to know Jesus. Are you ready?

**John**: Yes I am!

**Holy Spirit**: Then let’s go!

*(John sings, accompanied by puppets behind puppet stage)*

**Now my heart is turned from me toward you**

**I am no longer sad and blue**

**The Spirit’s here giving me new eyes**

**So I’m looking through them to discover the real Christ**

**I’m on an adventure on this treasure island**

**I’m searching for Jesus and I am going to find Him**

**My guide is the Spirit and my heart will follow**

**Each step is an adventure today and tomorrow**

**Let us set our course and open our ears**

**The Spirit’s sharing and our first step is to hear.**