

## Theme interpretation skit: “You are here”

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*The skit involves two actors; and a large colorful paper map with stickers, paper map pins, or other markers to indicate places visited around the world. There could also be a table next to the person, with large markers, oversized map pins, and miscellaneous items to suggest global travel.*

*The actors are called Corey and Jesse as these names can be used for either gender.*

*Corey stands proudly while holding the large colorful paper map. Jesse approaches and Corey is gleefully placing his/her map on the table to put more pins on it.*

*Jesse:* You look happy, Corey. What are you up to?

*Corey:* I just had the best summer traveling all over the world. I am putting pins on my map so I can remember all of the places I saw and the amazing people I met along the way.

*Jesse:* *(With shocking and/or disbelief)* You, traveled all over the world? I saw you in the mall all summer. And when you weren't there; I saw you at the local coffee shop. Am I missing something here? I didn't even know you had a passport.

*Corey:* Well, I traveled all the way to Spain with my family, and we helped with community gardens. There was a young girl who was so happy to help us plant seeds that will soon produce food for her family and community. It made me feel really good!

*Jesse:* Let me get this straight. You spent the summer helping families in Spain with community gardens?

*Corey:* Yeah!

*Jesse:* *(Again with disbelief)* You, the same Corey that sends me a text message when I'm sitting right next to you? You, the same Corey that pays your little brother to finish your chores for you? You did all of that?

*Corey:* Yeah, that's right. *(With pride)* I am a changed person.

*Jesse:* In one summer?

*Corey:* Nope. In just one hour?

*Jesse:* What? Ok, now I'm confused, Corey. Only in one hour?

*Corey:* Yes, "One Great Hour of Sharing". I went to church with my family and we learned all about ways we can help make a difference in the world through the offering. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing "enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed."

*Jesse:* That's pretty awesome, Corey. I am proud of you. In fact, it sounds a lot like the scripture my parents quote all of the time from the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus said, "For I was *hungry* and you gave me something to eat, I was *thirsty* and you gave me something to drink, I was a *stranger* and you invited me in..."

*Corey:* Exactly, Jesse. I may not have physically been in all of these places (*pointing at the map*), but through our giving, we were able to touch lives all over the world. When you saw me at the coffee shop, I was reading the stories about all the communities who are helped through the work of One Great Hour of Sharing.

*Jesse:* That makes a lot of sense. I understand now! That passage from Matthew continues with Jesus saying, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." I guess you can say, you not only traveled the world this summer, but you hung out with Jesus, too? Because you are here (*pointing to a spot on the map*), God is here, too.

*Corey:* Yeah. I guess you can say that. Because when "WE" are here, God is here!

*Jesse:* I am going to tell my family about One Great Hour of Sharing so we can travel all over the world, too!

*Corey:* Hey, Jesse, do you want to help me place these pins on my map? I can tell you more stories about the places I encountered this summer!

*Jesse:* Sounds like a nice plan! Maybe afterwards, we can go out for coffee!

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