**Incredible Race VBS Daily Skits**

**Setting:**

Day 1: South America

Day 2: Asia

Day 3: Africa

Day 4: Europe

Day 5: North America

**Characters**

**Tim, Jessica, Miranda –** three college or high school friends competing in “The Incredible Race,” an around-the-world competition with a big prize at stake.

**Jacob –** an undercover “Incredible Race” judge, posing as a random person on the street. DAY 5 ONLY

**Costumes**

Characters might be wearing casual clothes with hiking-style backpacks during their race around the world.

**Day 1 – South America**

***Props:*** *“Incredible Race” contest box containing pineapple, coconut, and a mango; manila envelope containing instructions*

*(Miranda and Tim are talking, waiting on Jessica to arrive with contest instructions.)*

**Miranda:** I wish Jessica would hurry up! We only have twenty-four hours to complete this challenge in order to move on to the next one.

**Tim:** Don’t worry about it. We’ve got this. We made it this far in the competition, right? That prize is as good as ours!

*(Jessica comes running on stage with the box and envelope.)*

**Jessica:** I’ve got it! I’ve got it!

*(Jessica, winded from her run, hands the envelope to Tim for him to read.)*

**Tim:** *(reading instructions) “*Inside this box contains everything you need to complete the task and move on to the next leg of the race.”

**Miranda:** *(opening up the box and peering inside)* Are you sure you grabbed the right box, Jessica?

**Jessica:** Yes . . . why? What’s inside the box?

**Miranda:** *(pulling it out to show the group)* There’s a coconut, a pineapple, and a mango.

**Jessica:** Ok. So, we have a box of South American fruit. What’s the task?

**Tim: “**You may eat all of the fruit, except for the one that is most useful.”

**Miranda:** That’s our task?! How is that a task?

**Jessica:** I guess we have to figure out which fruit is the most useful.

**Tim:** And eat the other two. You all figure out what fruit is the most useful, and I can take care of eating the other two for you!

**Miranda:** Well, the pineapple is the biggest and can feed the most people, so it’s the most useful. *(grabbing for the mango to eat)* So, bye-bye mango!

**Jessica:** WAIT!

**Miranda:** Umm, did you want to eat the mango instead?

**Jessica:** We have to think this through! If we eat the wrong fruit, there could be big consequences.

**Tim:** Ah man, you’re right. Now I know how Adam and Eve must have felt.

**Miranda:** Have you been talking to the other teams, Tim? No talking to the enemy!

**Jessica:** I think he means Adam and Eve from the Bible, right?

**Tim:** Yeah! In the very beginning, they had this whole garden that God made for them. A perfect world. And they could eat from any tree they wanted, except for one. Instead of obeying God, though, they ate the one fruit that God told them not to.

**Miranda:** So, they ate some fruit. It’s not like that was the end of the world, right?

**Jessica:** Well, remember how I said if we choose the wrong fruit, there could be big consequences? Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God had big consequences, too.

**Tim:** Disobeying God’s commands is called sin. And God said that the punishment for sin is death. And when we die, we are eternally separated from God’s goodness forever.

**Jessica:** Each of Adam and Eve’s children, which are all people everywhere and throughout time, have been born as sinners. And we all choose to disobey God.

**Miranda:** Wow. That is a big consequence for choosing the wrong fruit.

**Tim:** The consequence was because they chose not to obey God. God’s perfect world was changed forever . . . humanity was changed forever . . . all because of their choice to disobey!

**Miranda:** I don’t want to choose the wrong fruit, like Adam and Eve did! Let’s work and figure out which fruit is the most useful.

**Jessica:** Much better plan!

**Miranda:** *(a little nervously)* And after we solve this task, maybe you all could tell me what happened after Adam and Eve disobeyed God. I mean, that can’t be the end!

**Tim:** That’s definitely not the end. God had a really incredible plan to defeat sin.

**Miranda:** I can’t wait to hear about it!

*THE END*

**Day 2 – Asia**

***Props:*** *“Incredible Race” contest box containing scraps of wood and nails; manila envelope containing instructions; coconut from Day 1*

*Contest Box is waiting center stage for the group. The three walk in nervously carrying their coconut from Day 1.*

**Jessica:** *(talking as she walks on stage)* They said we cannot use any outside materials. Only what’s in our box and our answer from the first task.

**Miranda:** And you’re sure they didn’t tell you if we picked the right fruit?

**Jessica:** They wouldn’t say.

**Miranda:** Well, did you watch their faces? Did they look like we made the right choice?

**Tim:** I guess there’s only one way to tell. Are you all ready? *(opens instructions)* “Using only what is inside the box and your answer from the first task, create a structure that is found all over the world, including here in Asia.”

**Jessica:** Okay, inside the box we have *(opening the box) . . .* a box full of wood.

**Miranda:** *(peering inside the box)* And some nails.

**Tim:** So, we have wood, nails, a coconut, and no idea what we are supposed to build.

**Jessica:** At least we know that we got yesterday’s task right.

**Miranda:** And just how do we know that? Unless we are making the world famous “Coconut-Man.” *(Miranda poses with the coconut in a silly way.)*

**Jessica:** *(taking coconut from Miranda)* Or, our super useful coconut could be used as a hammer.

**Miranda:** I knew that.

**Tim:** We have a make-shift hammer. That’s good. But what in the world are we supposed to build? A structure found all over the world, including here in Asia. Any ideas?

**Jessica:** A house maybe? Just about everybody lives in some type of house.

**Tim:** Yeah, but houses look different depending on where you live.

*(Tim, Jessica, and Miranda try to think of the answer. Occasionally have one of them begin to speak, only to shake their head “no.” Also have them experiment stacking shapes with the wood.)*

**Miranda:** Okay, we’re doomed!

**Jessica:** Every structure I can think of is different based on what part of the world it’s in.

**Tim:** Same here.

**Miranda:** What if it’s not something like a house or a building or something like that?

**Jessica:** Then what would it be?

**Miranda:** Maybe something that has been around for a really long time?

**Tim:** I think I see where you’re going with this.

**Jessica:** Wheels have been around for a long time. But it can’t be a wheel. We can’t make that with the supplies we’ve been given.

**Tim:** I’ve got it!

**Jessica & Miranda:** What?

**Tim:** We need to make a ziggurat!

**Miranda:** A what-ur-what?

**Jessica:** Of course! A ziggurat! There are examples of ziggurats and pyramids and earth mounds all over the world! They are all similar in their design and shape and purpose.

**Miranda:** I still have no clue what you all are talking about!

**Tim:** A ziggurat is a style of tower. The first one was built back at the time of the tower of Babel in the Bible.

**Miranda:** It can’t be that famous if I still have no clue what you’re talking about.

**Jessica:** *(stacking the wood in a simple ziggurat shape as she talks)* Think pyramids, but with steps. It’s like a step-pyramid. Lots of cultures all over the world have used a similar style in their towers.

**Miranda:** Why are they found all over the world?

**Tim:** Like I said, tower of Babel!

*(Miranda looks at Tim with confusion, still.)*

**Jessica:** So, a few generations after the great flood of Noah’s day, the people, in an act of disobedience to God, decided to build a tower to reach the heavens. After the flood, God had told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth. But instead they stayed in the same place and tried to make a name for themselves with this tower.

**Tim:** You see the reason the people of the world could work so well together building this huge tower is that they all spoke the same language!

**Jessica:** God stepped in and punished the people for their disobedience, though. To get the people to fill the earth, like he had originally told them to do, God gave the different family groups different languages and scattered them all over the world.

**Tim:** And when the people moved, they took with them their knowledge and skills. Like the style of tower building. The style has changed over the years and from culture to culture, but these ziggurats and step pyramids and earthen mounds have similarities.

**Miranda:** So, the people from Babel moved all over the world and started building towers in their new areas? *(Tim and Miranda nod in agreement.)* Okay. That has to be it then! Hand me that coconut and let’s get building!

*THE END*

**Day 3 – Africa**

***Props:*** *“Incredible Race” contest box; manila envelope containing instructions; An item to represent Africa (flag, printed fabric, food, etc.)*

*Contest Box is open on the stage. Miranda is sitting, facing away from the box, obviously distressed.*

*Jessica enters excitedly, carrying an item that represents Africa.*

**Jessica:** Well that was easy! I found my item for today’s task in no time. What did you find?

**Miranda:** Huh? Oh, umm I haven’t found anything yet. I don’t know if I will be able to.

**Jessica:** What do you mean? Each team member has to find an item of importance to African culture. All three of us have to bring an item or we will lose the task. And the chance at the prize!

**Miranda:** Yeah, I know. I’m really sorry, Jess. *(Turns away from Jessica and starts to cry.)*

**Jessica:** Miranda, what’s wrong?

**Miranda:** *(still refusing to look at Jessica)* It’s just too much.

**Jessica:** What’s too much? The challenge?

**Miranda:** No. I just . . . I just miss home.

**Jessica:** We are on our third country this week! It’s natural to feel a little homesick.

**Miranda:** I’m not homesick. Come on, a week without my little brother! *That* I am loving! I just miss home.

**Jessica:** If you aren’t homesick, what do you mean you miss home?

**Miranda:** I mean everything is different! The houses don’t look like our houses. I can’t understand anything anyone is saying. The food tastes different. What I wouldn’t do for a good ole hamburger! And the people here look different from me. I guess just being in a whole new culture surrounded by a different race of people every day is getting to me. I need to see something familiar.

**Jessica:** It sounds like you are overwhelmed with all these new experiences.

**Miranda:** That would be a big yes!

**Jessica:** It’s really frustrating trying to figure out what everyone is saying and to understand how things are done differently here. But Jessica, even though people may look different, or dress different, or seriously under appreciate a good hamburger, we’re all part of the same race!

**Miranda:** Ummm, Jess, last time I checked, you weren’t African.

**Jessica:** I know that! What I’m saying is that we are all made by God. We came from the same two people and from the same place. Some of us have different languages or appearances.

**Miranda:** We came from the same place? You mean that tower place?

**Jessica:** Exactly! All of the people at the tower of Babel were descendants of Noah, who had come from Adam and Eve. Up until the tower of Babel, everyone spoke the same language and shared a similar culture and preferences. After God mixed up their languages, the family groups spread apart and began to develop different cultures and traditions.

**Miranda:** Then what?

**Jessica:** As they moved to their new land, they would have had to adapt. And all people actually have the same skin-coloring pigments, just more or less of them in our skin. Melanin is one of those pigments, and it produces a brownish color. If our skin produces more melanin, we tend to have a darker shade of brown skin. If our skin produces less melanin, we tend to have a lighter shade of brown skin. And there are so many amazing shades in between! It’s likely that Adam and Eve had a middle-brown shade of skin, and I’ve seen studies that show it’s scientifically possible to produce a beautiful variety of skin shades from just two people with middle-brown skin! As the family groups at Babel spread apart, they took with them different physical characteristics, like skin shade or hair color, and the people have developed into different tribes and nations from there.

**Miranda:** Ok, that part makes sense. But that was the beginning of a bunch of new races, not just some lifestyle changes.

**Jessica:** Well, not exactly. Let’s think about dogs, to put it another way.

**Miranda:** Puppies! Aww. I love puppies!

**Jessica:** How many different breeds of dogs can you name?

**Miranda:** A lot.

**Jessica:** But a dog is just a dog, right? Poodles, boxers, German shepherds, they are all dogs. It doesn’t matter if the dog has a long tail or is super furry, it’s still a dog. Different breeds might look different from each other and have different physical characteristics, but they are all still dogs.

**Miranda:** Oh. *(finally understanding)* So even though people may look and dress differently than me . . .

**Jessica:** Each person is a wonderful creation of God. Just like you! We are all part of same race, the human race! We are all part of the same family from Adam and Eve!

**Miranda:** *(suddenly realizing)* I know what item I need to get for today’s challenge!

**Jessica:** What?

**Miranda:** Something to remind me that the people of Africa, though they have a different culture, are part of my family! *(starts to run off)*

**Jessica:** Wait up! I want to see what you pick!

THE END

**Day 4 – Europe**

***Props:*** *manila envelope containing instructions, map*

*Tim, Jessica, and Miranda walk on stage carrying the envelope only, talking as they enter.*

**Jessica:** So, there is no box for today’s challenge?

**Tim:** They said the only things we need for today’s challenge are in the envelope.

**Miranda:** I’m getting nervous, you all! It’s the next to last challenge. It’s probably going to be really hard.

**Jessica:** And there’s no box either!

**Miranda:** Ok, let’s hear it. *(overly dramatic)* I’m ready for you to ruin my day, Timmy! Go ahead. Tell us how IMPOSSIBLE today’s task is!

**Tim:** “All roads may lead to Rome, but today’s task has only one way. Decide which path on the map is the correct one. Choose correctly because there is only one way to complete today’s challenge.”

**Miranda:** What! We have to figure out the one, correct path in order to make it to the final challenge?

**Jessica:** That’s what it sounds like.

**Tim:** Any chance either of you know how to read a map?

*(The three dramatically try to figure out how to read the map, turning it different directions, etc. A slight tug of war with the map ensues.)*

**Miranda:** Here let me see it! *(grabs the map)*

**Tim:** Wait! *(grabs the map)* I think I figured it out.

**Miranda:** (*grabs the map back again)* Hey, I almost had it!

**Jessica:** If we aren’t careful, we are going to rip the map. Then we won’t know which way to go! Let’s work together to figure it out! Let’s go over what we know.

**Tim:** *(holding up map and pointing)* We are here right now.

**Miranda:** And we need to end up here. *(pointing on map)* But there is only one path that correctly gets us there.

**Tim:** And we can’t make any mistakes! There is only the one way to get there!

**Jessica:** It’s just like heaven! One way!

**Tim:** Except we know how to get to heaven!

**Miranda:** *(very seriously)* How do you get to heaven?

**Tim:** Jesus is the only way.

**Miranda:** Like, he takes you there?

**Jessica:** Remember when we said that sin is disobeying God’s commands? And the punishment for our sins is death? Because we sin, we deserve to die and cannot be where God is.

**Miranda:** Because he doesn’t sin. Right?

**Tim:** Exactly! God is holy and without sin. But God had a plan to save humanity from the punishment of sin. He sent his son, Jesus, to die on the cross. Jesus is both fully God and fully human. And he lived a life on earth that was without sin. Because he lived perfectly, when Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment for sin that we deserve. He paid the penalty for sin. On the third day, he rose from the dead, showing that God had accepted his sacrifice.

**Miranda:** So, because of what Jesus did on the cross, every one should get to go to heaven.

**Jessica:** It doesn’t quite work like that. Believing in Jesus and what he did on the cross is the only way to heaven. Some people think being really good will get them to heaven.

**Tim:** Or maybe they think that there are lots of ways to get there.

**Jessica:** The only way, though, is to realize that you are a sinner and ask God for forgiveness and trust in Jesus for eternal life.

**Miranda:** That’s it? That sounds like Jesus does all of the work.

**Tim:** He did! According to the Bible, Jesus loved the world so much that he died on the cross and rose from the dead, paying the price for sin. You need to repent and trust in him alone.

**Miranda:** Wow! That’s amazing to think that Jesus loves the world so much that he died for them.

**Jessica:** He loves every tribe, language, and nation!

**Miranda:** You all have given me a lot to think about this week, about who God is and how much he loves me. You know, even if we can’t figure out the way to go and end up losing the challenge, I’m really glad that we came.

**Tim:** Who says we’re losing? I think I’ve figured out this map! Come on!

*Miranda and Tim exit.*

**Jessica:** *(praying)* Dear God, thank you for dying on the cross and taking the punishment for our sins. Help Miranda and people from every nation to realize the love that you have for them. Help them to understand that Jesus is only one way to heaven. And please help me to show your love to those I meet. In your name, amen.

***THE END***

**Day 5 – North America**

***Props:*** *“Incredible Race” contest box, manila envelope containing instructions. Jacob has an “Incredible Race” ID wallet.*

*Tim, Jessica, and Miranda walk on stage to find the box and envelope waiting for them.*

**Miranda:** Well, we made it to the last day.

**Tim:** Last challenge.

**Jessica:** Then it’s over.

**Miranda:** I guess we should open the box.

**Tim:** Yeah.

*(They look back and forth at each other. Tim slowly moves to open the box.)*

**Miranda:** Guys, wait!

**Jessica:** What’s wrong?

**Miranda:** I don’t want the competition to be over! I’m not ready to go home!

**Jessica:** I’m not ready for it to be over yet, either. But first we have one final challenge.

**Miranda:** Okay. I guess I’m ready.

**Tim:** *(picking up envelope).* Alright. *(reading)* “For today’s task . . . you must find . . .”

*As Tim begins reading, Jacob walks up to them and interrupts.*

**Jacob:** Excuse me!

*Tim, Miranda, and Jessica turn towards Jacob.*

**Tim:** Hey, man! What’s up?

**Jacob:** I’m sorry to interrupt you guys, but I was wondering if you all might be able to help me. *(looking at their box and envelop)* Oh, are you all competing in the “Incredible Race”?

**Miranda:** Yeah, we are! Have you heard of it?

**Jacob:** No. I just read the side of the box.

**Miranda:** Oh. Well, it’s an amazing competition, and we have made it to the final round! We were just getting ready to find out what the last challenge of the race is.

**Jessica:** But you said you needed help with something? What do you need our help with?

**Jacob:** Ah, man. I hate to take you guys away from something important, but I am super lost. I have been walking around for an hour trying to figure out how to get to Washington Avenue, but I can’t find it.

**Tim:** We just got here *(looking around)* so I’m not sure where Washington Avenue is.

*Jacob looks disappointed.*

**Miranda:** But it just so happens that we are expert map readers! You don’t have a map, do you?

**Jessica:** I’m sure we can figure out how to get you where you need to go in no time!

**Jacob:** What about your final challenge?

**Tim:** Dude, we aren’t going to let you walk around lost! We’ll get to the challenge after we help you out.

**Jacob:** Why would you do that?

**Miranda:** We want to show Jesus’ love to the nations!

**Jacob:** Huh?

**Jessica:** Throughout the race, we’ve been learning about how much God loves the nations. People might look different than us, or live in a different place than we do, but we are all part of the same family and all part of the same human race!

**Miranda:** God loves people from every tribe and nation. He loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die on the cross and rise from the dead to take the punishment for our sins! Jesus is the savior of the world!

**Jessica:** And because of God’s love for us, we are supposed to treat other people with love!

**Tim:** Which means, my lost friend, we are totally helping you out!

**Jacob:** Wow. Well . . . you have just passed the final challenge.

**Miranda:** What challenge?

**Jacob:** The last challenge of the Incredible Race, of course! *(pulling out Incredible Race ID)* Jacob Smith, undercover Incredible Race judge. The last challenge was designed to see what was more important to you: completing a challenge and winning the competition or helping someone in need.

**Tim:** For real? This was the last challenge?

**Jacob:** The Incredible Race was about more than just completing some random challenges while racing around the world. It was to show young people God’s love for the nations. You three clearly understand the love that God has for every tribe, people group, nation, and language.

**Miranda:** Wow! I did not see this coming!

**Jessica:** Me either. Helping was just the right thing to do.

**Jacob:** Now, as for your prize, if you three would come with me . . . .

*Exit, talking as they go.*

*THE END*