**School Violence Prevention Training Skit AUDITIONS**

**Choose 1 from the three scripts to audition.**

Script #1

**CHARACTER: JAKE**

**Jake is the cool kid. He is outgoing, loud, funny, and has it all together most of the time. He is the main character and will do a great deal of talking in this skit. He has to be able to interact well with the audience as well as be a team player with the other characters. He has to keep everything on track and be watchful of the time to ensure we get the student audience back to their class on time.**

Jake and Ashley run out on the stage with microphones in hand. One of one side of audience and other on other side of the audience.

Jake: “Goooooood Morning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of school)MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!!!!!” I am Jake and way over there is my good friend Ashley. Say Hi to the audience, Ashley.

Ashley: Hello everyone!” (Ashley waves hand to everyone in audience)

Jake: Ashley and I are with WSA (Grabs shirt showing off the letters). WSA is an organization dedicated to preventing violence in schools across the United States of America. Like your school right here in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (name of town and state)

Ashley: Hey Jake, Did you know America is a melting pot?

Jake: A melting pot? What’s that? OH OH OH… I know like a fondue pot with melty gooey delicious cheese.

Ashley: Uhhhhhh, no. Not at all like a melting pot of ooey gooey cheese. (Looks at Jake like he is the crazy one.) A melting pot means America is filled with people from all over the world- like Mexico, Canada and even Europe! (Counts them out on her fingers)

Jake: Wow! Ashley you are always so insightful! I had no idea.. you mean all of our ancestors (points to the crowd) came from all over the world. (shrugs shoulder and looks at audience). Did you guys know this? (Looks at audience?)

Ashley: Every year, America has over 1.18 million immigrants that come from all over the world to live here.

Jake: (British Accent) Even from England?

Ashley: (British Accent) Why yes my dear Jake, even from the jolly oh, England! America is a pretty great place to live!

Jake: (Pacing back and forth) America is an AWESOME place. I mean….. We have sports…. We have ice cream.. who doesn’t love ice cream. (looking at audience) We have X-box and Play station…… movies……OH OH OH… We have Netflix. And

And Cartoons….(I love Parker Plays…. Teen Titans and We Bare Bears OH and …..)

Ashley: (Interrupts Jake) Jake! Jake! Focus! Yeah, we have all those things but it’s because we have FREEDOM. We have Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion… and Freedom to even watch those crazy cartoons you love sooooo much. That’s what America is all about.

Jake: (Singing--- Let Freedom ring…. Let the white dove sing…..Let the whole world know that today is the day of reckoning…Let the week be strong.. let the right be wrong.. (Martina McBride-Independence Day lyrics) (Ashley shaking her head at how silly Jake is) Hey Ashley! I absolutely love America and everything America stands for. We are about standing up for each other, accepting everyone… no matter what. I bet these guys love America too!..... Hey, I got an idea. Let’s see if these guys (points to the audience) love America as much as us.

Ashley: OOOOOO! I LOVE THAT IDEA!!! I like how you think! This is a biggggg group. Let’s divide them up and see which group loves AMERICA MORE .

Jake: (Runs over to the first group). That sounds like a great idea. This will be the RED GROUP (uses his hand to show where the division is) Red Group I want you to yell as loud as you can and SHOW US YOUR SPIRIT! (holds hand to ear) Let us know how much you love to be an American and everything it stands for!!!

Script #2

**CHARACTER: Ashley**

**Ashley is the studious student. She is beyond wise as she spouts off statistics of school violence and corrects Jake in all his silliness. She also has a very loving side of her as she helps another character learn about the 5 types of school violence. Ashley has a great deal of lines and must interact with the audience and be a team player with the other characters.**

(The characters just got the audience to divide into groups and show their school spirit)

Ashley: (Acts like she is blown away -stumbling back) Hey… Hey … Hey… I see what you did there Jake.

Jake: What’s that?

Ashley: Red, White and Blue groups…. The American Colors.

Jake: Well… Didn’t you just tell all of us how GREAT AMERICA is and how we are a melting pot and how we have all these amazing freedoms to do things….

Ashley: Ok! Ok! I got it! We’re pretty great----------because of all of OUR differences (gestures to the audience). Our differences is what makes America so great Jake. Some of us have white skin, some of us have tan skin and some of us have really tan skin! But is doesn’t matter because we are all same.

Jake: Like the way we can dance (does a dance move) Some of us can dance and others just can’t, ain’t that right Ashley.

Ashley: You think you are funny Jake but if everyone could dance then who would watch you and all your skills? (Ashley laughs and imitates Jake’s moves) But seriously, America saved all of us or at least our ancestors from horrible persecution. And, because of them coming here, we get to have the freedom to vote, to be educated and to be who we want to be.

Jake: (holds hands on chest)I want to be… a person who eats as many tacos as humanly possible! I mean tacos are awesome and who doesn’t love them…. why is it not lunch yet? I’m starving to death. I’m not sure if I even ate this morning. All of this America talk has got me hungry for Tacos, Greasy hamburgers or even a pizza. Does this town have a really good pizza place???

**BELLS RINGS**

Ashley: Now you’re in trouble ! (Looks over at Mrs. Rebecca)

Jake: What? (shrugs)

Rebecca: (Shakes finger at Jake! Points to watch.)

Ashley: I told you, you were in trouble. Stay focused Jake we are not here to talk about how much you love tacos.

Jake: But….. I do love tacos…..Hey guys! I would like to introduce you to the bestest boss in the entire world… (over dramatizing to not be in trouble) the wonderful.. the amazing.. the forever forgiving…. Mrs. Rebecca. Let’s give her hand…. (claps hands)

Rebecca: Smiles at Jake and shakes head (Waves to Proceed)

Ashley: I don’t think she wants you to talk about tacos Jake….(shrugs)

Rebecca: (Shaking head no)

Jake: I know what she wants me talk about…. Do you guys know? (Looks at Audience and Ashley)

Ashley: I bet she wants us to talk about Preventing Violence in School… Remember….? That’s why we came here today.

Rebecca (nodding head up and down)

Jake: OHHHH YEAHHHH! I remember! ..(shaking his head and getting back to it) Okay! Okay! We need a volunteer from the Audience Please. Do I have any volunteers?????? (screams out to the crowd)

HMMMMMMMM……(Looking around the audience) (Walks up and down the crowd,…. Really searching for the right one.)

Bentley: (Waving small American Flag furiously ) (Everytime Jake walks by… Bentley yells pick me! Pick me!)

Jake: Bentley, what are you doing in the crowd? You are supposed to be back stage.

Bentley: (Gets out of crowd and walks up to Jake) Come on Jake! I never get to have fun with you guys. I’m always stuck in the van carrying all your guys stuff. You and Ashley are always the special ones on stage. Everyone is always loving on you… (Mockingly) Oh, Jake …. You are my hero!... Can I have your autograph? (whiney girl’s voice) Can you sign my shirt? I love Tacos just as much as you do….. (rolling eyes)

Ashley: (laughing and agreeing with what Bentley is saying) He is right you know.

(Audience laughs)

Jake: Alright there buddy. Come on up here and you can be our volunteer for the day. But just today.

Ashley: (Ashley nodding head in agreement) Alright everyone, Let’s give Bentley a round of applause for volunteering. He has never seen this part of the show so this is gonna be fun for him and for us.

Script #3

**CHARACTER: Bentley (male or female)**

**Bentley is the lovable and slightly naive younger character that wants to be like Jake and Ashley and teach kids about school violence. He/She normally helps carry in all the stuff and gets things set up for Jake and Ashley but today he/she sneaks into the audience and becomes a character in their live show.**

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(Audience laughs)

Jake: Alright then. Come on up here and you can be our volunteer for the day. But just today.

Ashley: (Ashley nodding head in agreement) Alright everyone, Let’s give Bentley a round of applause for volunteering. He/she has never seen this part of the show so this is gonna be fun for him and for us.

Bentley: (jumps up on stage and takes several bows) Thank you! Thank you everyone! I will be available to sign autographs after the show.

Jake: Bentley! Focus!

Bentley: (stands at attention) Okay Jake I am all ears.

Jake: Bentley, as you know, WSA is dedicated to preventing violence in schools across this great country of ours and one of ways we do that is with a school violence prevention handbook just like this. (Jake holds up the manual).

Bentley (nodding head-taking it all in) Yep Yep. I have carried many of those manuals in and out of the van.

Ashley: That’s right Jake. In this manual there is lots of great information like the different types of school violence.

Bentley: I didn’t know there was different types of school violence. What are the different types?

Jake: Hmmm.. How about we show them to you?

Bentley: Ahhh okay… (looking scared) I’m a little scared… You’re not gonna hurt me Jake. I was just tired of sitting in the van while you guys have fun up here. Don’t hurt me.

Jake: I’m not gonna hurt you Bentley. This is violence prevention training, remember. We…Me and Ashley are gonna teach you. We are gonna teach you about the 5 types of school violence. (Jake puts ball cap on backwards)

Ashley: And I’m gonna teach you how to react to it. (Ashley gives Bentley some books to carry)

Bentley: (acts like the books are really heavy) Okay!

Jake: Okay Bentley, take the books over there (point to a place) and pretend like you are walking down the hallway at school.

Bentley: (takes the books) (struts down the hallway) (As Bentley is walking, Jake knocks books out of his arms)

Jake: (Knocks books out of Bentley’s hands) Nerd.

Bentley: What the heck? What is your problem, Jake?

Jake: Bentley, that is Physical Violence. The first type of school violence.