

PARENT FLYER LESSON 1

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On stage, your children were introduced to Rock Steadfast, a champion winter sports athlete, and Scooter O'Donnell, Rock's biggest fan. This year, at the Winter Extreme X-Factor games, it's a team competition. Unfortunately, Rock's usual teammate wasn't able to make it to the games this year. The only replacement available was Scooter O'Donnell, a bumbling fan with very little experience. The event we saw this week was the downhill skiing race. Rock took some time to teach Scooter how to ski. However, when it came time for the event, Scooter didn't follow any of Rock's instructions and they lost the race. Scooter showed us that it doesn't make sense to listen to teaching and not put it into practice.

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