



PARENT FLYER LESSON 4

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Main Point: Disciples of Jesus Respect Authority!

Memory Verse: *Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God.*

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During the skit, Scooter struggles with authority. After a bad call from a referee during Rock's ski jump, Scooter decides to start an organization against authority: the X.A.A.A. (X-Treme Athletes Against Authority Association). Scooter's dreams include an all-out rebellion followed by a revolution, resulting in a world without authority. Rock convinces Scooter to respect authority and submit a complaint through the proper channels. They do, and it works. The bad call is reversed and Rock and Scooter are able to enjoy their first win.

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