



WHERE ARE YOU GOING? DISASTER RELIEF

CHARACTERS:

BOUDREAUX — enthusiastic, a little clueless, heavy Louisiana accent

CHESTER — just a kind fellow from the church

[Both puppets pop up. BOUDREAUX is wearing a tiny hard hat with the Louisiana Baptist Disaster Relief logo.]

CHESTER: Boudreaux, why are you wearing a hard hat?

BOUDREAUX: I'm going on a mission, Chester! A very dangerous, very important mission.

CHESTER: *(hopeful)* Are you going to help with Disaster Relief in Louisiana?

BOUDREAUX: I'm going to the Piggly Wiggly. The cart corral is a mess out there. Somebody could get hurt.

CHESTER: That is — not what I meant.

BOUDREAUX: *(proudly)* I also brought a rope.

CHESTER: Boudreaux. Louisiana Baptists do actual disaster relief. After floods, storms, tornadoes — they show up with chainsaws, food, water, mud-out teams. Real help for real people on the worst days of their lives.

BOUDREAUX: *(going quiet)* Oh. Like after the storms we had?

CHESTER: Exactly like that. And it's Louisiana Baptists — our churches — who go. Because of the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering.

BOUDREAUX: So when people give to the offering...

CHESTER: Workers get trained. Equipment gets funded. And when the next storm hits — and in Louisiana, there's always a next storm — somebody shows up who knows how to help.

BOUDREAUX: *(genuinely moved, then brightening)* Chester. I think my rope might actually be useful.

CHESTER: *(beat)* Maybe leave the hard hat though.

BOUDREAUX: *(to the congregation)* Y'all — give to the Georgia Barnette Offering. Louisiana needs it. *(whispers)* And I need to return this hard hat before my wife notices.

[Both puppets duck down.]

SUGGESTED TRANSITION LINE FOR WORSHIP LEADER: "Boudreaux's got the right idea — even if his methods need work. Your gift to the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering funds real disaster relief right here in Louisiana. Let's give generously today."