

FOLLOW THE LEADER

[Beth and Scooter skip onto the stage; Scooter is following Beth.]

Beth: Now stop!

[Beth and Scooter stop and face forward.]

Beth: OK, Scooter, do three jumping jacks.

Scooter: [doing jumping jacks along with Beth] One, two, three ...

Beth: Now raise your hands in the air and wave them back and forth.

Scooter: [raises hands in the air and waves them back and forth]

Beth: Now hop in a circle on one foot!

Scooter: [hops in a circle on one foot] I'm getting dizzy!

Beth: Now sit down!

[Beth and Scooter plop down.]

Scooter: Wow, Beth. You sure are a good leader! Sorry I made you do seven somersaults when it was my turn.

Beth: That's OK. Follow the leader is fun.

Scooter: It is if you have the right leader.

Beth: It IS important to have a good leader. Not just for games, but in real life, too.

Scooter: A leader in real life? Like Mr. Anderson, my Scout leader? He teaches me to make knots and pitch tents and make bird calls. CAW-CAW, CAW-CAW!

Beth: That's one kind of leader. But we follow one big leader, too. God!

Scooter: Oh, yeah! I guess our guidebook is the Bible.

Beth: That's right! God tells us what to do in the Bible and our part is to follow him.

Scooter: Cool! I'll bet he is the BEST leader of all.

Beth: He is. But it's not always easy to follow him.

Scooter: Like when he says to be kind to people who are mean to us. I don't always want to do that.

Beth: But when you do, you'll be following God—your good leader.

Scooter: Wow! That's exciting. Is it my turn to be the leader now?

Beth: Yep!

Scooter: [stands up] OK, Beth. Hop on one foot all the way to the mailbox!

Beth: This isn't the Olympics, you know.

[Beth follows Scooter off, hopping on one foot.]