**Hypocrisy – Program Outline**

The purpose of this program is to address the issue of hypocrisy in the church.

Key Text – Luke 6:41-42 (NKJV) Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

Opening Prayer

Song Service/Praise and worship

Key Text

Welcome

Skit/Video

Panel Discussion

Closing Thoughts – (Ask you pastor or elder to give closing thoughts or recap key points you want the audience to remember)

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

**Promotion Idea**

You can promote your youth program at the main church service. Here is a short dramatization that can be done for the promotion:

*Azaria walks up to Pharez, while Pharez is fidgeting with a device in his hand.*
Azaria: Hi Pharez, how's it going?

Pharez: Hey Azaria. Everything's good, nice to see you.

*Azaria is looking at Pharez’s device curiously like she has never seen one before.*
Azaria: What is that you are playing with?

Pharez: It’s a hypocrisy meter.

*Azaria is annoyed, as if this is another one of Pharez’s shenanigans.*
Azaria: A hypocrisy meter what is that?

Pharez: Well you know, I  feel like there's too much hypocrites around me, so I bought a hypocrisy meter so that I can detect them in advance and just stay away from them.

Azaria: Oh wow,  that sounds really useful, I probably need to buy one of them, can you show me how it works?

*Azaria, and Pharez walk around church trying out the hypocrisy meter.*
Pharez: Sure, let's test it out. You just point scan and look at the hypocrisy meter reading. (*Points to the right side if congregation*) Hmmmm so I'm getting some low readings over here. (*Points to the left side of the church*) Ok and there's some moderate reading over here. Points to the pulpit Oh wow high levels, high levels, I gotta stay clear of this area.

Azaria: Can I see it? (*Grabs the hypocrisy meter Points and scans Pharez*) Gee, I’m getting some high levels from you, what is going on?

*Pharez in complete denial of the hypocrisy’s meter tries to avoid the situation.*

Pharez: No, no, no not me, that can't be right let me see. (*Takes meter from Azaria and looks at it*) Well this device is obviously malfunctioning. Let me take it to somebody to look.

*Azaria not believing Pharez one bit*

Azaria: Hmmm right, you do that. You know you should come to our youth program on [date and time] We’re talking about hypocrisy in the church.

Pharez: Maybe I will, but I’ll drop this hypocrisy meter, I need to get this fixed ASAP. (*Exits*)

**Skit or Video**

You can play the YouTube video of the skit, Sheep in wolfs clothing or you can have your youth act it out. You can briefly discuss the video or skit with the audience. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXF9ptavGg8>

**Panel Discussion Questions**

1) Who is a hypocrite?

2) Have you ever encountered a hypocritical Christian? Describe the encounter.

3) How does the hypocritical life affect those who are not Christians?

4) Why do unbelievers hold Christians to such high standards?

5) If I am a professed Christian but I am struggling with a particular sin, am I considered hypocritical? or What is the difference between a hypocrite and a struggling Christian?

6) Some people believe there are hypocrites in every church. Is it possible to work together with hypocritical people to finish God's work?

7) How would you approach a fellow church member in the church who you believe is being hypocritical?

8) How can we perform a self-assessment to determine whether I am a hypocrite?

9) What can we do to minimize Hypocrisy in our own lives and the church?