Award Concert Volume 27 (2014-15) *International Spy Academy*

Sailor 1 enters with a magnifying glass in his hand. He looks closely at a posterboard lying on the floor that has the word TROUBLES printed in bold, upper case letters. Sailors 2, 3, and 4 join Sailor 1 on stage and begin the dialog:

- Sailor 2: Hey, Sailor 1, that's a neat magnifying glass!
- Sailor 3: Yeah, it must be good at making small objects appear really large!
- Sailor 4: So what are you looking at, *Sailor 1*?
- Sailor 1: (*Picks up the posterboard and shows it to Sailors 2-4, as well as to the audience.*) I'm looking at all my troubles. It seems like I've had a lot of them lately.
- Sailor 4: Well, *Sailor 1*, I'm sorry to hear you've had a lot of troubles. Sometimes life does seem to be filled with difficulties.
- Sailor 3: Hey guys, this reminds me of something important we learned in Patch Club this year. Remember when we learned that instead of focusing on our problems, we should look up?
- Sailor 1: (*Taking his magnifying glass and looking upward*.) I remember now. When I'm busy looking at my troubles instead of looking up to God, my problems appear far bigger than they really are.
- Sailor 3: And when we look to *God*, He is really the *only* One who can *solve* our problems and give *us* the *times* we need. (*Emphasize the words in italics*.)
- Choir: (*Recites.*) Romans 11:33, 36—"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen."
- Choir: (Sings.) "Look Up"
- Sailor 1: (Still with magnifying glass in hand. Picks up a Bible and looks at it through the glass. Sailor 1 passes the magnifying glass to Sailors 2-4 and they look at the Bible that Sailor 1 is holding. Sailor 1 says:) Since the Bible holds the clues about God and His wisdom, then I guess I should be spending time every day reading it, heeding it, and meditating upon it!
- Sailor 2: (*Takes the Bible from Sailor 1 and holds it up to the audience*.) Hey, I memorized all of Psalm 1 this year in Patch Club. Remember verses 1 and 2 tell us, "Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."
- Sailor 3: (Also takes the Bible and hugs it to himself.) God's Word really is important for everyone! Remember we learned that Satan is out to keep people from believing that the Bible truly is the Word of God.

Sailor 1: Yes, and if Satan can cause us to doubt anything in the Bible, then he can keep us from knowing God and from growing spiritually. (*Taking the Bible from Sailor 3 and the magnifying glass*.) I do need the Bible!

Sailors 2-4: We need the Bible!

Choir: We all need the Bible! Proverbs 4:20-22, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are*

life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Choir: (Sings.) "I Need the Bible"

Sailor 1: (Holding the Bible in one hand and the magnifying glass in the other.) My problems don't seem so BIG when I remember that God is watching over me and is always available to help.

Sailor 4: (Looking at Sailors 1-3.) Hey, remember we also learned about God's ominipotence.

Sailor 2: Yes, that word was a Latin word meaning *all-powerful*. It means that God is able to do anything. He can work through our problems.

Sailor 3: Nothing is impossible with God! Nothing can stop His plans for His glory and our good!

Sailors 1-4: (*Recite*.) Matthew 19:26—"But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Choir: (Sings.) "Mission Possible"

Captain: (Hand out awards.)