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## “Methuselah Pops a Wheelie”

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- What** This scene is a humorous tale of finding joy in life, no matter how old you are. Methuselah is approaching 900 years old, but his encounter with a teenage skateboarder reminds us that it's never too late to try something new.  
**Themes:** Aging, Joy, Family, Life, Adventure, Relationships, Senior Adult
- Who** Methuselah- older character or someone acting as older person  
Leah- teenager or adult dressed to play the role
- When** Bible times
- Wear (Props)** Have fun with Methuselah's outfit- combine Biblical with current youth fashion accessories. Leah could dress in similar way with Biblical outfit combined with pigtails, skater's helmet, knee or elbow pads.
- Why** Genesis 5, Luke 3:36-38
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and upbeat.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Leah is playing around with skateboard. Methuselah walks by and is drawn to Leah's activity.*

**Methuselah:** Hey, what are you up to?

**Leah:** Just doing a little skateboarding.

**Methuselah:** That's pretty awesome, dude!

**Leah:** What?

**Methuselah:** I mean dudette!

**Leah:** *(ignores)*

**Methuselah:** Those are some sweet wheels!

**Leah:** *(looks up)* I don't know what you are talking about.

**Methuselah:** You know...that board is really dank.

**Leah:** Huh?

**Methuselah:** You know, legit!

**Leah:** I think I'd better go home. My mom will be looking for me. *(Starts to leave)* And I'm not supposed to talk to strangers.

**Methuselah:** No wait...I'm sorry...my name is Methuselah, and I didn't mean to bother you. You don't have to leave. I'd love to talk for a minute.

**Leah:** OK. Why are you asking about my skateboard? You seem kind of old to be interested in something like this.

**Methuselah:** That's just it! I'm feeling a little depressed lately. *(Pause)* I turned 900 years old a couple of weeks ago and that's kind of gotten me down a bit.

**Leah:** You shouldn't be down. You look good for 900.

**Methuselah:** I do?

**Leah:** Yeh. I thought you were only about 850 years old.

**Methuselah:** Well, I do feel pretty chipper for my age. *(Skips)* I can still get around. *(Does too much and rubs back)* It's just that everybody makes jokes about my age and calls me names like "old-timer" and "old goat."

**Leah:** Oh, I hate that.

**Methuselah:** Or they ask me "are those your real teeth" or "can you walk around the block without getting winded" or "can you hear me"?

**Leah:** That's terrible.

**Methuselah:** What?

**Leah:** *(louder)* I said that's terrible.

**Methuselah:** What?

**Leah:** *(louder)* That's terrible!!!

**Methuselah:** You don't have to yell. I was just teasing you. My hearing is fantastic, and my sense of humor is as good as ever.

**Leah:** *(laughs)* You are fire.

**Methuselah:** Where? *(Upset and looking around)* Throw some water on me.

**Leah:** *(laughing)* No, I mean you are really cool!

**Methuselah:** Oh, I get it. Yes, I'm all burnt up.

**Leah:** *(shaking head)* Well, I don't think you should worry about what people say about getting older. You should just enjoy each day of your life.

**Methuselah:** You are right! God has certainly blessed me with a lot of days!

**Leah:** Yeah! And I'm sure you are still experiencing a bunch of joy...no matter how old you are.

**Methuselah:** Yes. I still have my health! And I have a great family...8 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 75 great-great grandchildren and...oh, I can remember after that! And I get the senior discount at Joshua's Delicatessen down the road!

**Leah:** See. You shouldn't be depressed about age. You are having a great life!

**Methuselah:** *(looks sad again)* There's only one thing.

**Leah:** What?

**Methuselah:** Maybe I shouldn't worry about it.

**Leah:** Tell me.

**Methuselah:** Well, my kids took away my driver's license. They said it wasn't safe.

**Leah:** That's tough. I know you probably miss driving.

**Methuselah:** Yeah, and I get tired walking from place to place.

**Leah:** I wish there was some way I could help you.

**Methuselah:** Well, thanks...hey wait! *(Excited)* Maybe you can help!

**Leah:** How?

**Methuselah:** Let me take a spin on that skateboard of yours.

**Leah:** No way. You might hurt yourself.

**Methuselah:** Are you saying I'm too old to ride a skateboard?

**Leah:** Well...

**Methuselah:** I thought you told me to experience joy no matter how old I am.

**Leah:** I don't think...

**Methuselah:** Hey. Have you seen me? I'm swole! *(Flexing)* I am ready to go.  
*(Takes Leah's helmet and puts it on)*

**Leah:** Have you ever been on a skateboard before?

**Methuselah:** No. But I just watched you riding.

**Leah:** I have been skateboarding for years.

**Methuselah:** *(takes skateboard)*

**Leah:** *(sighs)* You're not going to give up, are you?

**Methuselah:** Nope. You're never too old to try something new!

**Leah:** Well, if you're going to do this, let's move to the next block, over there. *(Points in direction)*

**Methuselah:** Why?

**Leah:** Because that street is right beside the hospital, and we are going to be going there soon!

*Lights out.*