

# Make You, Not Break You (#2)

*James 1:1-18*

**Narrated Drama** - script by Sandy Galea.

**Main Point** - God wants to push you to do better, but not push you so hard that you fail. Whenever you do fail, it's never God's fault.

## Need:

- Narrator
- Sam
- Coach
- Hurdle jump that can be adjusted (e.g. a pool noodle that can be set at different heights on boxes, chairs and tables)

## Script

(Narrator)

Sam decided to become a hurdler.

But Sam needed help.

So Sam asked the best hurdling coach in Australian to help him train.

At first Sam was hopeless.

Even though the coach set the bar as low to ground as possible, Sam kept tripping.

The coach gave Sam a few tips.

(Coach)

Keep your eyes focused on the finish line.

Keep your head up and shoulder's back.

Stretch your right leg out and keep your toes pointed.

Tuck your left leg in under as

## Actions

Enter Sam, exercising.

Enter coach. Sam mimes asking coach.

Coach nods.

Sam jumps pool noodle that is at ground level and trips over.

Coach puts hand on Sam's shoulder.

Coach indicates looking at finish line.

Coach tilts Sam's head up and pushes shoulder's back.

Coach points right leg out straight.

Coach tucks left leg up.

tight as you can.

(Narrator)

So Sam practised.

Gradually Sam began to jump the hurdle.

Sam was pleased with himself.

But sometimes Sam got distracted and didn't stretch his leg out.

Sometimes Sam didn't look where he was going.

Sometimes Sam was tired and didn't tuck his leg up.

Sam's coach did not give up.

He never left Sam's side.

Sam began to improve.

And as Sam was beginning to feel comfortable his coach would raise the height of the hurdle.

Sometimes it seemed an impossible height!

But his coach was always there cheering on the sideline.

And the coach never raised it so high that it was impossible.

His coach always wanted Sam to jump the hurdle!

And with practise Sam did!

Sam nods.

Sam jumps pool noodle on ground level, is very excited. Coach smiles, raises noodle to just above ground level.

Sam shows off to the audience.

Sam jumps again, but doesn't stretch leg out and knocks noodle.

Sam jumps again but looks at audience as he jumps and knocks noodle again.

Sam jumps again and knocks pool noodle off with left leg.

Coach gives Sam a pat on the shoulders and a pep talk.

Sam jumps the noodle.

Coach raises noodle to height of a chair.

Sam wipes his forehead.

Sam jumps noodle.

Coach raises it one more time to a height the actor can jump.

Sam jumps noodle. Coach jumps around in excitement.

Sam gives coach a high five.

*(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)*

Sam's coach wanted Sam to improve.

But he never made it impossible for Sam.

When Sam failed, it was never the coaches fault.

Sam got distracted, he took his eye off the finish line or he stopped trying when he got tired.

The jumps weren't easy.

But Sam's coach was always there encouraging Sam to get better and better.

Children. Just like Sam's coach, God is always there wanting us to be more and more like Jesus.