

Leap into Personal Progress
New Beginnings Skit

Scene: A young woman sitting on the ground surrounded by books, sports equipment, music paraphernalia, etc, and doing homework. Faith Frog is in corner, sitting

Young Woman: *sigh*, I don't know how I'm going to manage to fit personal progress into my life. I've got school, seminary, music lessons, baby sitting, chores... I just don't know how to get motivated. (The yw goes back to schoolwork)

Faith Frog: Pssst!

YW: Huh? Who's there?

FF: It's me, Faith!

YW: My frog?

FF: Of course, silly! You seem to need help getting motivated to work on your personal progress.

YW: Well, yeah, I just can't seem to muster up the energy it takes.

FF: Well, lucky for you, I am a member of the Value Frogs Alliance!

YW: (pause) blank look (pause)

FF: Well, you have to see it to understand. I am not just "Faith the frog", I am... (stands up, put hand over heart, and look up...then look back at yw) Faith Frog! Personal Progress is not meant to be a pain in your life. It's a way to grow closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, and lots of times, things you are already doing can be part of the program. Come with me to meet the other members of the Value Frogs Alliance. Together we can leap over any obstacle!

Lights off - Scene change: remove books, etc - lay out "pond" and lily pads. Value frogs sit.

YW: This is amazing!

FF: Welcome to the home of the Value Frogs Alliance. We Value Frogs know what it means to leap, to hop, to jump, to rise up and do something special. (Frogs jump and leap with every word). It feels amazing, and we want you to feel that, too. Jump, girl, jump! Leap up! (Everyone leaping)

YW: Ookay, that was kind of fun, but I still don't get it.

FF: Oh, right - let me explain. I am Faith Frog (pause, put hand over heart, and look up...then look back at yw) and I made a leap (LEAP!) of faith. My life is busy too, but I wanted to know that Heavenly Father loves me, and that He has a plan for me. I leapt into personal progress, learning about faith, the atonement, and the plan of salvation. My faith grew!

YW: Wow - I want to know those things, too. What about the other Frogs in the Value Alliance? What kind of leaps did they make?

Faith sits and looks at the other frogs

I am Divine Nature Frog! I leapt into personal progress by developing my divine qualities. I have something of my Father inside me, I think that's why I'm blue like the heavens! There are wonderful qualities that I have been given - as a friend, as a daughter, as a sister. I can do so much good, because I know who I am, and what I've been given. It makes me want to LEAP for joy!

I am Individual Worth Frog. I think I am red, because as the color of love, red reminds me how much Heavenly Father loves me. Sometimes when I make mistakes or don't feel like I have many friends, knowing how important I am to Heavenly Father makes all the difference. It makes me want to LEAP into my scriptures, into prayer, into the blessings I've been given, so I can feel that love all the time! I love knowing what I am worth, because it's a lot.

I am Knowledge Frog. I love learning - from the scriptures, at school, out in nature, from parents and leaders - there is so much to learn. With every bit of knowledge I get, I understand more about who I am and how I can use that knowledge to help others! I feel like a green plant (crouch low to the ground), soaking up the sun and soil (stand up like a growing plant), and then giving back something beautiful to the world (burst upward in a leap!).

I am Choice and Accountability Frog. I understand that the things I do have consequences. Orange is the color of caution - I think carefully about my choices before I do something that might hurt me or someone around me. I love doing what's right, because I feel strong and happy (LEAP!) when I do!

I am Good Works Frog. I used to be a little shy about stepping up to help others. But I've learned that I have a lot to offer - that others need me. I have a light (fluff yellow skirt) inside of me - talents, energy, abilities - that shouldn't be hidden. I love to LEAP into action whenever and wherever I can.

I am Integrity Frog. I always try to do what I know is right. Sometimes it's really hard to avoid gossip, bad language, inappropriate music or movies. But as I leap away from those kinds of things, I am leaping closer to my Heavenly Father. I am leaping closer to who I really am - a royal princess.

I am Virtue Frog. Virtue is a pattern of behavior based on high moral standards. It includes chastity and purity. When I think of going to the temple someday, to be sealed to my hoppingly handsome husband, I want to leap over anything that would keep me from that goal! I want to be worthy to enter the temple, to make and keep sacred ordinances. As I live a virtuous life, I feel pure as gold.

Faith Frog: Thank you, my dear Value Frog Alliance. Leap a little closer, so we can have a group hug.

YW: Thank you all so much. I want to have all these values in my life, as well. How do I become more like you?

ALL FROGS: Line up and link arms and say together, "Leap into Personal Progress!"

Take a bow.