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Theme: Rob learns that the park is the perfect place to play in, and no game is more important than friends.

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EXT. SHOW OPENING - ROBOT GALAXY

Rob's rocket flies quickly between several exciting planets (e.g. POLKA DOT PLANET AND RUBBER DUCK PLANET). A glowing comet shoots by, and Rocket takes a curious spin around it before moving on. The rocket flies close enough to see ROB in the round window, waving to CAMERA.

ROB
Hi everyone! We just got our chores done and now we get to decide which game we'd like to play!

Rob waves us inside.

INT. ROB'S ROCKET - CONTINUOUS

Rob jumps away from the window tossing a ball into the air and catching it repeatedly.

ROB
So what should we play?

TK slides up, proudly ready to share her ideas.

TK
I know, how about we play catch!

Rob holds his ball high, as if it were a king's crown.

ROB
I was hoping you'd say that!

Suddenly, EMMA and ORBIT arrive.

ORBIT
How about a game of hide and go seek?

Orbit drops low and comically sneaks past Emma.

EMMA
What a great idea! Let's do that!

Rob and TK are a little shocked.

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ROB

Catch and hide and seek? We can't
play both?

EMMA

Why don't we try both and see
which one we'd rather play?

TK

That's a great idea, Emma! But
there isn't enough room in here to
play either game!

ROB

You're right TK! It looks like
we've got another mission, and you
know what that means? It's time
for us to pick a planet!

MISSION DANCE - <MUSICAL FANFARE> <ALARM BELL> the
friends dance, tumble and bounce into their designated
positions.

EVERYONE

Pick a planet!

The crew begins to dance...

EVERYONE

Pick a planet!

They spin and flip, doing acrobatic break-dance style
moves.

EVERYONE

Pick a planet!

Orbit spins across the dance floor as TK zooms by. The
group gathers together once again, dancing in unison.

EVERYONE

Pick a planet!

As the crew completes their Pick a Planet Dance, the PICK-
A-PLANET CONSOLE flips up from the floor

ROB

Mission Control?

MISSION CONTROL'S arm drops down from above.

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MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)

Hi everyone! How can I help you today?

ROB

We want to go somewhere we can play catch?

EMMA

And somewhere we can play hide and seek!

MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)

Hmmm. This sounds complicated, let's have a look at where you can go today!

The MINI-PLANETS pop out of the console and begin to spin.

MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)

Round and round the planets go!
Which one stops, nobody knows!

The FIELD PLANET pops into view, and begins to spin. The planet is covered in lush flowing grass.

ROB

Field Planet! That looks great!

TK

Yeah! There's plenty of space to throw a ball!

EMMA

Wait, we can't play hide and go seek there!

ORBIT

Emma's right. There's no where to hide!

The Mini-Planets spin again and stop on the FOREST PLANET, it is covered in pine trees that wave and wobble.

EMMA

That's looks perfect! The Forest Planet!

ORBIT

There's plenty of places to hide there! We'll have the best game ever!

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TK

But we can't play ball there!

ROB

You said it, TK. There isn't any room!

The Planets spin again and reveal the PARK PLANET, covered in green grass, a few trees, and colourful climbing structures.

ROB

Wait a minute! Park Planet!

EMMA

That's it!

ORBIT

(Giggles)

I bet we can play both games there!

TK

Why didn't we think of it before!
The park is the perfect place to play!

Rob and the gang stand around the orb console displaying the Park Planet, while Mission control's hangs overhead.

MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)

The Park Planet! An excellent choice! Get ready for... COUNT DOWN!

The COUNTDOWN SEQUENCE BEGINS. MUSIC BUILDING along with

EVERYONE (V.O.)

Ten... Nine... Eight...

The Pick-A-Planet flips out of sight. Rob's CAPTAIN CHAIR pops up. He pushes a button. The other CHAIRS pop out.

EVERYONE (V.O.; CONT'D)

... Seven... Six... Five...

Each of the three friends gets into place and gets buckled in. The Rocket engines fire dramatically. It blasts through space.

EVERYONE (V.O.; CONT'D)

... Four... Three... Two...

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EVERYONE

ONE!

EXT. STARS/SKY ABOVE PARK PLANET

Rocket darts past stars and planets until it reaches the full sized version of Park Planet. It gives the inviting place three orbits before diving into it's atmosphere.

EXT. PARK PLANET - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Rocket flies down from the blue sky. It weaves between a few trees before settling down in the middle of a huge sand-pile, flanked by two play structures.

The ramp drops, and the doors open. The crew step out of the craft, but Rob slides down the ramp, and immediately darts for the monkey bars opposite the rocket, and begins swinging, making MONKEY SOUNDS.

TK walks up to the structure and LAUGHS at Rob.

ROB

Hey, where is Emma and Orbit?

TK and Rob look back to the ship.

Beside the rocket lies another play structure, featuring a large orange slide. Emma and Orbit pop up from behind the top, and jump onto the slide, GIGGLING as they travel down to the sand pile below.

ORBIT

This place is the best!

Rob and TK walk up to Emma and Orbit.

ROB

You said it! I can't wait to play catch!

EMMA

Can't we play hide and seek first?

TK

That's not a bad idea! If we want to find the best place to play catch, we need to look around anyway!

Rob looks reluctant.

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ROB

Oh... Alright.

EMMA

I'm going first!

Emma enthusiastically runs behind the slide and begins to count.

EMMA

Ten... Nine... Eight...

The crew jumps to action and scatters in all directions.

Orbit zooms over to a nearby slide, and shoots up the ramp to hide inside the canopy structure.

EMMA (V.O.; CONT'D)

Seven... Six... Five...

Bouncing on her tracks, TK rides to a large mound in the sandbox and spins around, drilling herself into the sand.

EMMA (V.O.; CONT'D)

Four... Three...

Running out of time, Rob frantically rushes off to find a place behind a large tree.

EMMA

Two... ONE! Ready or not, here I come!

Emma pops her head up from behind the slide and looks around quickly. Not seeing anyone, she GIGGLES and runs off in search of her friends. The linguist approaches a large bush, covered in flowers.

EMMA

Is anyone hiding in these bushes?
If you are, look out!

Emma dives, parting the bushes, but finding no one.

EMMA

Hmmm... No one here. Well I'm not giving up that easy!

Emma runs to the same play structure Orbit hid in. She looks behind it, but not seeing anyone, she runs off. Orbit's head appears from under the canopy.

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ORBIT

Whew! That was close!

Sneaking as quietly as possible, Emma darts across the sandbox, where TK hid. When she disappears from view, TK's head pops up from under the sand, and she GIGGLES.

Emma stands near the monkey bars.

EMMA

Where is everyone? They sure are good at hiding!

Suddenly Emma is drawn to a large tree. She raises her hand in a eureka moment, and zips over to Rob's hiding spot. Diving behind, she finds Rob, and pokes him in the ribs.

EMMA

Aha! Got you!

Rob GIGGLES and stands up from his hiding place. Slightly disappointed that he was found so quickly.

ROB

Yeah, you got me.

EMMA

Your turn!

Emma runs off looking for a place to hide. Rob leans against the tree and covers his eyes.

ROB

Ten... Nine... Eight...

Orbit stands up from his hiding place under the canopy, and rides the slide, just as Emma runs past.

EMMA

Rob's it! Time to find a new hiding spot!

ORBIT

You got it!

Orbit drives off in the opposite direction to Emma.

ROB (V.O.)

Seven... Six... Five...

TK pops up from under the sand and shakes it off. She gives a short COUGH, and a small puff of sand comes out.

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Steeling herself, she speeds towards a clump of trees in the distance.

Orbit zooms up and down some rolling hills.

ORBIT

Where am I going to hide this time!

In a flash, he darts into a plastic tunnel. Orbit's head pops out of the small hole in the top to peak around and then disappears.

ORBIT (V.O.)

This is a great game!
(Giggles)

ROB (V.O.)

Four... Three...

TK sees a large tree looming before her, and goes faster, and shoots up the side of the tree, disappearing into the foliage above. A cloud of pine needles drop down, and her head slides out from behind the branches.

TK

(Giggles) That was fun!

Nearby, Emma runs across a playground. She runs onto a seesaw, lowering the other end as she crosses the midpoint. Without stopping, she dives into an upright standing tube. Emma takes a peak from one of the many holes on the ORANGE tube.

ROB

Two... One! Ready or not, here I come.

Rob looks around and seeing no one, starts off in search for his friends. He looks behind a tree, a bush, inside a toy house, but finds no one.

ROB

This game is lonely.

For a moment, Rob takes a ball out of his pocket, and looks at it. With a sigh, he puts it back. Rob walks over to a clump of trees, where TK is hiding. He gives a double-take when he sees the lush grass covered field.

ROB

Wow!

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At the SNAP of a tree branch, Rob looks up, and spots TK.

TK

Oh no! You found me!

ROB

Don't worry! Take a look at that!

TK looks at where Rob is pointing and is amazed.

TK

Wow is right!

ROB

That's a perfect place to play catch! What do you say TK?

TK

Did you bring the ball?

Rob produces a bright blue ball from his back pocket and tosses it into the air.

ROB

I sure did! Let's go!

Rob catches the ball, and rushes out into the field, with TK leaping down to follow. Rob throws the ball to TK when she is clear. TK jumps and catches the ball. They both GIGGLE.

ROB

Nice catch TK!

TK throws the ball hard, it goes wide and Rob has to run fast to catch it. With a valiant dive, he plucks the ball from the air.

TK

Woo hoo, ROB!

EXT. PLAYGROUND/ORANGE TUBE - DAY

Emma pops up from inside the orange tube and carefully peaks around, looking confused.

EMMA

Where is Rob?

ORBIT (V.O.)

I don't know!

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Emma looks to the left. Orbit's head peers from inside a hole in the tunnel he hides in.

ORBIT

We should have heard one of them by now.

EMMA

Yeah, I hope they aren't lost!

ORBIT

Should we go looking for them?

EMMA

I think so, they've been gone a while, and sitting here waiting is starting to get boring.

Orbit leaps from out of the tunnel and stretches his arms wide.

ORBIT

Operation rescue...

Emma jumps out of the tube and to the ground, coming to a stand with her finger held high above her head.

EMMA

...Engaged!

The two run off.

EXT. FIELD

Rob and TK each try to throw the ball farther, resulting in increasingly more acrobatic catches.

Suddenly Emma and Orbit emerge from behind a clump of trees and are surprised by what they see. TK notices them first and waves to them.

TK

Hey Emma, hi Orbit!

ROB

Hey, come and join us!

Looking forlorn, Emma steps closer.

EMMA

We thought you were lost!

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ROB

Oh, I'm sorry! I was looking for you and when I came across this field. It's perfect!

TK

Yes, you should join us, we're having a lot of fun here!

ORBIT

But we weren't done playing hide and seek!

ROB

Well, maybe now it's time to try playing catch!

EMMA

But I'd rather we finish playing hide and seek first!

TK

How long will that take!

ORBIT

Well, at least until everyone's had a chance to seek.

ROB

Why don't you finish up the game yourselves, and we'll wait for you.

TK

Yeah, it's the best compromise! It's not like we can play both games at once?

EMMA

I thought we agreed that we'd play our game first, and your's second.

Rob frowns, but then has a flash of brilliance.

ROB

Wait a minute? Why can't we play both at the same time?

EMMA/TK/ORBIT

What?

Rob jumps into the middle of the group and ushers them together, excitedly.

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ROB

We CAN play both games at the same time!

EMMA

How do we do that?

ROB

By using our CREATIVITY! We make up a new game! And I call it Hide and Catch!

ORBIT

But those games are so different, how do we combine them?

TK

Yeah?

Rob looks around and spots a stack of tires in the middle of a sandbox.

ROB

Well, how about this? Emma, you hide over there!

Emma runs over to the stack of tires, and dives inside. Rob runs up and pretends to be looking for her.

ROB (CONT'D)

So let's say I'm 'it,' and I find you!

Rob overacts when he spots Emma inside the tires.

ROB

That means you're 'it' now, and you have to catch the ball!

Taking a few leaps back, Rob lifts the ball, and throws it. Emma runs off to catch it.

ORBIT

Hey, that's a good idea!

TK

Yeah!

Emma comes back with the ball looking happy.

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EMMA

We should keep the boundaries of the game to the edge of this field! That way we have room to throw the ball!

ORBIT

And we never get such good hiding places that it takes forever to find each other!

ROB

What do you say friends! Is it a game?

EMMA

Sure is!

TK

Let's do it!

ORBIT

What are we waiting for? Let's play Hide and Catch!

<MUSICAL FANFARE>

MONTAGE - ROB AND THE GANG PLAY HIDE AND CATCH

Rob counts with his hands over his eyes, while the rest of the crew hide. Rob finds TK behind a tree, and throws the ball.

TK runs to catch the ball, and in the process, sees Orbit behind a bush. TK GIGGLES, catches the ball, and throws it to Orbit, who shoots off to catch it.

Orbit weaves between a row of trees, and catches Emma peeking out from the last one. Orbit, catches the ball, and throws wide causing Emma to run into a large sandbox.

END MONTAGE

Rob peaks up from behind the hill over Emma's shoulder, but she spots him.

EMMA

Gotcha!

Emma reels back and gives the ball a toss. Rob leaps up and catches the ball. Emma and Rob smile at each other.

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ROB
Great throw Emma!

EMMA
Great idea Rob!

Orbit and TK trot up to join their friends.

TK
This game is better than catch!

ORBIT
Yeah! Or Hide and Seek, too!

ROB
I'd say this is one BIG MISSION
ACCOMPLISHED!

EMMA/TK/ORBIT
Yeah!

The friends all do their MISSION ACCOMPLISHED DANCE, and

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ROB'S ROCKET

Rob, TK, Emma, and Orbit all hop onto the recap couch.

ROB
Mission Control?

MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)
Yes, Rob! You're back! So what
did you learn on your mission?

PUSH IN ON ROCKET COMPUTER SCREEN as --

SHOT (reuse) - Rob and the crew arrive on Park Planet and
begin to play hide and go seek.

ROB (V.O.)
Today we learned that the best
place to play is in the park!

SHOT (reuse) - Rob and TK discover the field and begin to
play catch.

ROB (V.O.)
But sometimes your friends want to
play different games!
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ROB (V.O.) (CONT'D)
TK and I wanted to play catch, but Emma and Orbit wanted to play hide and seek. We tried playing one game at a time, but when TK and I found the field, we got carried away and forgot about Emma and Orbit.

SHOT (reuse) - Emma, Orbit, TK and Rob try to work out a compromise, and create a new game called Hide and Catch.

ROB (V.O.)
I felt bad for Emma and decided the best way to make everyone happy was to create a new game, one that combines the best of both games! In the end, the new game was more fun than either game!

Rob leans back on the couch to look at his friends, with a big smile on his face.

ROB
The biggest lesson we learned, was that no game is more important than your friends!

MISSION CONTROL (V.O.)
Well done, everyone! It's time to head home. Better buckle up!

ROCKET COMPUTER
Five, four...

Everyone dashes for their seats and happily buckles up.

EXT. PARK PLANET - ROCKET SHIP

The rocket's engines glow and shudder, <SFX: RUMBLE>.

EVERYONE
Yay!

EXT. PARK PLANET - SPACE

The Rocket leaps into space, leaving trees jiggling in it's wake. Fleeting between meteor's, stars and satellites, Rocket heads straight for home, through the vastness of Robot Space.

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ROB (V.O.)
See you soon, Park Planet!

FADE OUT.