

## Day 1

[Astronauts gradually enter. Dave is singing a worship song and playing the guitar.]

Gloria: Hey there, what are you singing about?

Dave: I'm worshipping the Lord. He's blessed me with an incredible opportunity to go on a mission to space.

Gloria: I'm here for that mission too! My name is Gloria.

Dave: Pleasure to meet you, I'm Dave. The new commander called me here and told me it was really important.

Brad: It must be important if they asked for me. After all the discoveries I make on this mission, they'll probably put a statue of me in the city. I can see it now: Brad Stewart, world's greatest astronaut. I'll be famous!

Carly: Who cares about statues, as long as it pays well. I'm Carly, the owner of that big mansion you passed on your way here.

Jerry: And I'm Jerry, the coolest astronaut at the academy. I'll be even more popular once everyone hears I was on this rocket. The commander told me it's the fastest ever made.

Gloria: Speaking of which, have any of you met the commander?

Dave: No, I just got a message saying to be here right now.

[Captain enters]

Jerry: This must be him.

[Snowball enters.]

Snowball: Attention!

[Brad goes over to the Captain and shakes his hand.]

Brad: Pleasure to meet you, Commander Snowball.

Snowball: Ahem. He's not Commander Snowball. I am!

Carly: What? She can't be our commander. She's a cat!

Snowball: Excuse me, but this cat has flown over 12 successful space missions. Have any of you ever been to space? [They are all silent.] That's what I thought. Now I've called you all here for an important mission. Scientists have discovered a new planet, and we need you to go check it out. They say that there's more gold hidden on that planet than in all of our galaxy.

Carly: Gold? That sounds incredible, and I think I'm the perfect person for the job.

Snowball: We will certainly see. But there's more. On one of the planet's mountains, we believe there is a super-fuel more powerful than anything we have here on earth. A small cup

of it could keep your car running for weeks. A gallon of it could power a trip to Mars and back.

Brad: I bet whoever discovers it will be famous... and we all know who that will be [he poses].

Gloria: You wish!

Snowball: That's enough. Now for this mission, you'll be divided into two teams. Dave and Gloria!

Dave and Gloria: Yes, ma'am.

Snowball: You'll be Team 1. Brad, Carly, and Jerry!

Brad, Carly, and Jerry: Yes, ma'am!

Snowball: You'll be Team 2. I will direct the mission from the command center here. Captain Callahan will pilot your ship. Good luck, cadets!

[Astronauts salute as Snowball exits. Captain exits.]

Dave: Wow, can you believe they want us to go on this amazing mission? Praise God!

Brad: What's God got to do with it? It'll be more like, praise me, after I find that super-fuel. Kids will be reading about me in the history books once this is all over.

Gloria: Don't you mean *if* you find it?

Carly: Oh please, of course our team will be the one to find it. Look, this isn't space camp. You two are going up against the best of the best. Just try not to get in our way.

Jerry: You better keep praying to your God for help. You guys are going to need it. [Team 2 laughs.] Come on guys, let's get to the ship. [Team 2 exits.]

Gloria: Don't worry about them, I'm sure we'll do fine.

Dave: Lord willing. He's never let me down before, and I'm looking forward to what He's going to do.

Gloria: Wow, you are really into talking about your God.

Dave: Of course I am! After all He's done for me, I just have to praise Him.

Gloria: Whatever works for you, I guess. Although you won't be able to do the whole worship-thingy on the mission. I don't think they let you bring guitars to space.

Dave: Worship is about more than songs or guitars. The Bible says that real worship is done in Spirit and truth. I can praise God not just with music, but with my whole life. What about you? Who do you worship?

Gloria: Me? Worship? What do you mean?

Dave: Everyone is made to worship. We all have something or someone that's most important to us, something that we give our time, energy, attention, and love to. We might worship God, or other things, but everybody is a worshipper.

Gloria: I don't know, I gave up on all that Jesus-Bible-Church stuff a long time ago. I don't believe in any god. I guess I'm not really the worshipping type. But anyway, we should head down to the launch. We don't want to be late.

[Dave and Gloria run off. Scene of takeoff plays on screen.  
Astronauts re-enter.]

Captain: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to outer space.

Gloria: I can't believe we're here!

Jerry: I feel so light!

Brad: The earth looks so tiny!

Carly: Everything is so big and bright!

Dave: God truly is a God of wonders!

Captain: I'll be up in the cockpit if you need me. Why don't you all get settled in? You have a big day tomorrow.

Astronauts: [Saluting] Yes sir!

[Captain exits.]

Gloria: Do you think there really is a super-fuel on this planet?

Carly: Of course there is! Why would they waste my time and send me if there wasn't?

Dave: We should come up with a plan if we want to find it. I'm pretty good at reading maps, so I can be the one to direct us. Now can anyone...

Brad: [Interrupting] Woah, who put you in charge? You're not even on our team.

Dave: Yeah, but I thought if our two teams worked together, we could...

Jerry: Listen buddy, I'm glad you and your friend could come on this little adventure, but we don't need your help.

Carly: There's no way I'm splitting the reward money with you.

Brad: And besides, you guys would only slow us down.

Gloria: Hold on a second. If you guys think you're just going to...

[Warning siren goes off and lights flash.]

Carly: What was that?

[Captain enters]

Captain: Our navigation system crashed and now we don't know where we're going. If we don't get it up and running soon, we could get lost or crash into something. Team 1, contact mission control and see if they can help us figure out where to go. Team 2, see if you can repair the system. Understood?

Astronauts: Yes sir!

[Team 2 goes over to the control panel. Team 1 and the captain go to the other side of the stage. Gloria puts on a headset.]

Gloria: Mission control this is Majesty 1. Do you copy?

Snowball: [From offstage] Majesty 1 this is mission control, I read you loud and clear. What's wrong?

Gloria: Our navigation systems are down. We need your help guiding the ship.

Snowball: Turn the ship 5 degrees right.

Captain: Turning the ship.

Snowball: Now Dave, prepare to engage the engines in 3, 2, 1.

Dave: Got it.

Captain: Commander, there's an asteroid field ahead. What should we do?

Snowball: Hold on, I'm trying to...

Gloria: We're gonna crash!

Carly: Got it! [Team 2 high-fives.]

Captain: Navigation systems are back up! Well done, cadets!

Brad: That's right! We're the best! Team 2 just saved everyone's lives!

Gloria: Hey! We helped navigate the ship!

Jerry: And almost made us crash.

Captain: That's enough for today. Why doesn't everyone head back to their bunks and get some rest.

[All exit except Dave.]

Dave: Lord, thank you for protecting us and helping us to repair our ship. You are so good and faithful to us. I praise and worship You! Amen.

[Dave exits.]