

# Day 1

[Enter Moriah and Victoria from left, Chris, Kevin, and Jake from right. Campers begin setting up tents, getting out supplies, etc.]

Jake: [To everyone] Finally, it's time for Camp Calvary. I've been waiting for this day for a long time. As the world record holder in fire-making and tent-building, I can't wait to show these amateurs who's boss. [Struggles to do something camp related]

Victoria: [To Moriah] This guy's really full of himself. I bet he's never been camping before. He probably doesn't even know how to start a fire

Moriah: He doesn't know how to camp? That's rich. I better tell everybody.

Chris: [To Kevin] I can't believe my mom is making us go to this camp. My friend Billy said that his parents are sending him to a camp with a water slide!

Kevin: Yeah, I heard we have to follow 1,000 rules here. The camp guide says that we have an "informational meaning" in five minute, probably to tell us about all the fun things we aren't allowed to do.

Jake: Look, here come our counselors now!

[Enter Sandy and Pete]

Sandy: Welcome to the first-ever Camp Calvary! My name is Counselor Sandy...

Pete: ...And I'm counselor Pete. We are excited to spend the next week on a thrilling adventure with you all! Why don't you kids gather around as Sandy and I tell you guys a little bit about the camp.

Sandy: This week, we will be doing all kinds of fun activities. Our schedule includes a zip line, ropes course, and a fishing trip.

Chris: [Aside to Kevin] Zip line, huh? That doesn't sound too bad.

Pete: But, while these activities will be fun, they can also be dangerous, which is why you need to pay careful attention to our rules.

Kevin: [To Chris] See! These guys can't even do fun without rules!

Chris: You're right. BOOORRR-IIINNNG!

Sandy: This camp is filled with many dangers. There are some steep cliffs, quick rivers, and even wild animals!

Jake: Awesome, I love danger! I once fought a bear when I was six!

Moriah: [To Victoria] Yeah right.

Pete: But the biggest danger doesn't always come from the camp, but the campers. [Campers look at one another confused]

Sandy: Because we will all be living together, we will face the danger of using our tongues to hurt one another. The Bible says that the tongue is as dangerous as a small spark that causes a forest fire.

Pete: Therefore, our number one rule is to be careful how you use your tongue. Make sure you are always honest, encouraging, and thankful. Don't lie, gossip, or complain.

Sandy: We can't control the dangers we face from the outside, but we can make sure that our tongues are a blessing and don't get us into trouble.

Pete: As for our other rules, each of you will be given various chores and duties each day. It is important that you work hard and do all that we ask.

Sandy: The camp is a dangerous place, so make sure you don't go off alone. Take a buddy with you any time you leave the group.

Pete: Finally, make sure you pay careful attention to the fireplace. It might look fun and harmless right now, but if we don't take care of it, that small flame can become a huge forest fire!

Sandy: That concludes our information meeting. Great job, counselor Pete.

Pete: You did pretty well yourself, counselor Sandy.

Sandy: Counselor Pete and I have to go prepare dinner. Why don't you guys set up camp? [Pete and Sandy exit, campers begin setting up camp]

Kevin: Did you here all that? Rules, chores, safety! My parents might as well have sent me to boot camp!

Chris: Yeah, I'll be surprised if our fishing trip isn't just a long lecture on what a fishing pole is.

Moriah: Well aren't you guys a lot of fun! I'm so glad I am staying in the girl camp and not with the complainer twins.

Jake: Speaking of twins, my twin brother went to this camp last year and he said it would be fun! He said they got to wrestle crocodiles and build a fortress out of bamboo!

Victoria: Liar! Counselor Sandy said that this was the first time they ever had camp here. Your brother couldn't have gone here!

Moriah: Yeah, and there aren't any alligators around here. Do you ever tell the truth?

Jake: OK, so maybe I tend to exaggerate some of the details, but it's no big deal. A little white lie never hurt anyone. What's important is that I'm staying positive, unlike those two complainers [points to Chris and Kevin].

Kevin: Why I oughta... [moves in to fight, Chris holds him back]

Moriah: [To Victoria, pointing at the boys] All these boys do is fight. I heard a rumor that Chris once got in trouble for beating a kid up at recess.

Victoria: Really? Well I heard that Kevin just tries to act tough but he is actually really clumsy. He even scored a goal on his own team in soccer once. [Girls giggle]

Chris: What are those girls talking about? Are they gossiping about us? They're probably telling each other that we are fools!

Moriah: Nope, you guys are the ones acting like fools. Victoria and I are simply pointing it out.

Jake: That's it, we've had enough of you girls! [Campers angrily move toward each other. Pete and Sandy rush in.]

Sandy: Hold it right there!

Pete: What's the matter with you guys? We leave you alone for two minutes and you guys are at each others' throats!

Jake: Counselor Pete! I'm so glad you are here! I was just setting up everyone's tent for them, since I am a great tent maker, when out of nowhere the girls started attacking me!

Moriah: Not true! The boys were fighting, and then when Victoria and I pointed it out, they went after us.

Chris: I don't know what you expected to happen when you left Kevin and me alone with Mr. Lies-a-lot and the Gossip Girls.

Victoria: Well at least Moriah and I don't complain about every little thing that happens like complain-for-brains and his sidekick whiner boy.

Kevin: That's it! You're going down! [Campers move in to fight, Pete and Sandy move in to stop them]

Sandy: [Shouting] EVERYONE SIT DOWN! [Campers sit down frightened] So you mean to tell me that Jake has been lying, Moriah and Victoria were gossiping, and Chris and Kevin were complaining?

Kevin: Yeah, but it's not like it was a big deal or anything. They're just words [Campers agree]

Pete: Weren't you guys paying attention earlier? The Bible says that no man can tame the tongue! Our words are important. What we say matters. If we go around lying, gossiping, and complaining, everything will be a mess. Instead, it is

important to honor God by speaking truth, encouraging one another, and being thankful.

Sandy: This behavior is completely unacceptable. I think it's about time we give out our chores for today. Jake and Kevin, finish setting up the tents. Moriah and Victoria, you guys will finish preparing dinner. And Chris, make sure the fire gets started. Am I clear?

Campers: [Unenthusiastically] Yes ma'am. [Counselors, girls exit]

Kevin: Well this is just great! Can't wait for the rest of Camp Buzzkill.

Chris: Yeah, it'll be a lot of fun spending a week trapped with these losers. [To Jake] Come on Pinocchio, let's go to dinner.

[All exit]