

Day 2

[Enter Mark from right. He goes to the center and starts praying.]

Mark: Lord, I need Your help to keep these kids safe. You know that I can't do this on my own. Please guide me so that I can know how to take care of them. Thank You that You are always good to us. Amen. [He opens his Bible, reads for a minute] "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself." Lord, thank You for speaking to me! Thank You for showing me what to do.

[Enter Joy, Kelly, Lucas from right with various supplies in their hands]

Lucas: This is all we could salvage from the boat.

Kelly: This food will barely last us a day.

Joy: Dad, what are we going to do?

Mark: I've prayed and asked the Lord, and He has given me peace and showed me what to do in his Word. If you guys listen to me and do what I say, we should be alright. Now most importantly, we all need to...

Kelly: [Interrupting] Gather food.

Mark: Well, that's important too, but not as important as...

Lucas: Set up shelter?

Mark: Yes, but even more important than that is...

Joy: Build a fire?

Mark: We do need all of those things, but food, shelter, and fire won't be the most important tool we have. What we really need is God's help and one another. Now look, these are stressful times. We are probably going to do things that get on each other's nerves, and doing what's right won't always be easy. That's why it's especially important that we love, support, and forgive one another. Have each other's backs. Do what's best for others, not ourselves.

Kelly: Ok, but how is forgiveness going to keep us warm and dry and full?

Mark: I'm getting to all of that, but trust me, if we can't love one another, things are going to fall apart real quick. [Kids look at one another with confusion] Now as for jobs, Kelly, I need you to gather food for the whole team. Bring everything you find to camp and we'll split it four ways. Joy, can you grab some firewood? But make sure you don't grab poison ivy by mistake. Lucas, why don't you come with me and I'll explain how to build the shelter?

Joy, Kelly, and Lucas: You got it. [Lucas and Mark exit right, Joy exits left]

Kelly: [She moves around the stage looking for food as she's talking.] Well this is just great. Not only am I stuck on this island with no food and no way to get home, but I have to listen to Uncle Mark preaching about all this Jesus stuff. How is some made-up fairytale going to help us find something to eat? There's probably not enough food on this island for a hermit crab. Wait, what's that? [She finds two bananas] Ugh. Just 2? By the time we split this up, there will barely be anything. Unless... [She looks around] no one else needs to know that there were two of them. After all, better that one of us eats than all of us starve.

[Kelly starts eating the banana as she exits right. Joy enters left, searching the stage for firewood and picking it up.]

Joy: Thank the Lord that my dad is here with us! I don't know what we would do without him. He always seems to know what to do. Now I know that he told me something about the firewood I was supposed to be gathering. He said not to grab... I don't remember. Oh well. This seems good enough.

[She takes the wood and exits left. Enter Lucas right. He is trying to assemble the shelter.]

Lucas: This is all really confusing. Uncle Mark keeps saying that God can help us and take care of us, but how do I know that? I've never seen Him. He's never spoken to me. Meanwhile, Kelly thinks all this God stuff is nonsense, and she makes some good points. Still, Uncle Mark is so nice to us, and he really seems to believe in Jesus. I don't know.

[He fiddles with the shelter.] And this is confusing too. Uncle Mark showed me how to put this shelter together, but it's a lot tougher than it looks. Let's see... I put this here, and...

[The shelter collapses with a thud. A startled Joy enters left and Kelly right. They run over to the shelter.]

Joy: Lucas! Lucas! Are you alright?

Lucas: I think so, but the shelter...

Kelly: What did you do? This is terrible! Where are we supposed to sleep tonight?

Lucas: I'm sorry, I was trying my best, but I...

Joy: Oh come on Kelly, it's not his fault. He's never built anything like this before. At least the weather isn't too bad... [Thunder and rain sound.]

Kelly: This is just perfect. We have no shelter and now a storm is coming and we're going to be all wet. Joy, get a fire going. We'll need to stay warm at least.

Joy: Who made you boss? But yes, I'll get it started. [She starts working on it.] How about you, Kelly? Did you find any food?

Kelly: Yeah. One banana. [She pulls it out of her bag.]

Lucas: Just one banana? I'm starving!

Kelly: It's not like you did a fantastic job building the shelter. You should be grateful that I found anything here. Let's eat it quickly before we have to share any with Uncle Mark.

Joy: Seriously, Kelly? After all he's done for us?

Lucas: I guess you're right, Joy.

Kelly: After all he's done for us? You mean crash-landing us on an island and lecturing us about Jesus?

Lucas: Good point, Kelly. Maybe we should eat it. No point in us starving for his mistakes.

Joy: Not you too. Here, I'm going to hold onto it. No one touches it until my dad gets back. [She grabs for it.]

Kelly: Oh no you don't!

[They all start wrestling for the banana. The banana peel from the other banana falls out. Lucas notices and picks it up.]

Lucas: Wait, what's this?

Kelly: I can explain.

Joy: You *did* find more food, and you ate it by yourself!

Kelly: What? No! I would never...

Joy: You tried to make Uncle Mark seem like the bad guy when really you... [They start to move toward each other to fight again when Lucas interrupts, scratching his arms.]

Lucas: Does anyone else feel itchy?

Kelly: Ugh, yes! [They all start scratching] Especially when I stand near the fire. [She looks down] Is that poison ivy?

Lucas: Joy is trying to kill us!

Joy: I am not! How was I supposed to know?

[Enter Mark from right]

Mark: I heard you guys shouting from all the way across the island. What's going on?

Joy: Dad, you're here! You can fix everything! You see, Kelly ate all the food without us and...

Kelly: Hey wait, you're forgetting about the part where *you* burned poison ivy and Lucas ruined the shelter.

Lucas: It's not my fault. At least I didn't...

Mark: Guys! Guys! Didn't you listen to anything I said? How the Bible says that Jesus wants us to...

Kelly: Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Is that all you ever talk about?

Joy: Well if you hate my dad so much, why don't you just leave?

Kelly: I will. I don't need you guys anyway! It's not like you've been any help. I'll build my own shelter. [She storms off left]

Lucas: Wait! Kelly! Don't leave me here with these losers! [He runs off after her left]

Joy: Dad, how could this happen? This was supposed to be the best family vacation ever, and now it's turning into a disaster.

Mark: Did you guys listen to what I told you?

Joy: Well, I might have forgotten about the poison ivy part, but Lucas couldn't build the shelter right and Kelly kept all the food for herself!

Mark: I didn't mean that part. Did you listen to what I said about forgiving each other and loving one another?

Joy: Clearly not. Kelly and Lucas never forgave me even though I didn't know it was poison ivy, and they never said they were sorry about their mistakes.

Mark: What about you? Did you forgive them? Did you apologize?

Joy: Me? Whose side are you on? I can't believe you think it's my fault! They might be right about one thing: I'm better off on my own. [She exits right.]

Mark: Joy! Wait up! [Sigh] Lord, we all need your help. Please show me how to take care of these kids. Help them to forgive one another and love each other. Amen. [He exits right.]