

Day 2

[Enter Campers. Rachel and Leah are tending the fire; Caleb, Luke, and John are gathering firewood; Anna and Beth are tidying things ups.]

John: What a great night we had last night! I had so much fun!

Leah: Great night? Maybe if you didn't have a bunch of tree roots sticking into your back.

Luke: I can't wait for today. I heard it's zip line day!

Rachel: Don't get too excited. I bet they make us use the kiddie zip line that only goes 3 feet off the ground.

Caleb: [Overhearing] Zip line day? That's great! Did you know I have a zip line in my back yard that is a mile long and 1000 feet high! [Campers roll their eyes.]

[Counselors enter.]

Hope: Oh my, look at these eager campers getting ready for the day. I'm so proud of you all.

Snowball: If you keep this up, we might be able to go to the zip line early. [Campers cheer, high five, etc.] But first, we each have to do some jobs to make sure that we can all use the zip line safely.

Rachel: [Sarcastically] Fantastic.

Joy: I'm thrilled that Rachel is this enthusiastic about safety! Why don't you and Leah carry the ladders to the starting platform? And Luke and John can take one to the end.

Leah: Sounds great. [To Leah] It's probably just a kiddie ladder. This will be easy. [They start to exit.]

Hope: But before you go, I want to remind all our campers about an important biblical truth we will be looking at today: honesty. The Bible says in Proverbs 12:22, "The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth."

Snowball: It's important that all of you guys do your jobs honestly. If you tell the truth, we will all have a good time. However, lying about your jobs could have big consequences. OK ladder team, you can go now. [Rachel, Leah, Luke, and John exit.]

Joy: Beth and Anna, can you check out the line and make sure that it's nice and sturdy?

Beth: You can count on us!

Anna: Come on Beth, we have so much to talk about! Did you hear that... [Anna and Beth exit.]

Snowball: And Caleb, I'm giving you the most important job since you say you are the most experienced camper. I need you to

check all the hooks and harnesses to make sure they are sturdy and secure.

Hope: If any of them are loose, this zip line trip could be over quickly.

Caleb: You can trust me. I will do the best job you've ever seen.

Joy: We certainly hope so. Now here are the harnesses and clips.
[Dumps out bag] We need to go now to check the others' work to make sure we are set.

Snowball: I don't know if we'll have time to check your work. Can we trust you to do your job?

Caleb: For sure, Director Snowball! You can count on me!

Hope: Great! See you in a little bit! [Counselors exit]

Caleb: I'm so glad they trusted me with such an important job! They must recognize that I'm the camping expert here. [He starts checking out clips, then yawns.] Man, I'm tired. I hardly slept at all last night. I'm sure if I just lie down for a second...it wouldn't...hurt [Goes into full snooze. A few moments later, the campers return.]

Luke: Caleb! Caleb! Are you ready?

John: We are all done our jobs. Hurry up, we might get extra time on the zip line!

Caleb: [Waking up, speaks to audience.] What? Oh no, I must have slept too long! I didn't do any of the safety checks. But I don't want to let these guys down and take away from their

time on the zip line. Maybe I'll lie about it. It's no big deal. It's not like anyone will know. [Counselors arrive.]

Hope: It looks like we are all ready to go zip lining. Caleb, were you able to check all the clips and harnesses?

Caleb: Uh, yeah. Yeah I did.

Snowball: Great job, Caleb. I knew we could count on you. It's really important that those clips and harnesses are secure. Otherwise, someone could really get hurt.

Joy: Alright campers, let's grab those harnesses and go zip lining! [Campers take harnesses, exit.]

Snowball: Luke, you're up first. Ready? Three, two, one...

Luke: [Running from right exit to left exit] Yaaaahhhh! That was awesome!

Hope: OK John, you're next. Three, two, one...

John: [Running from right exit to left exit] Oohhh Yeeaahhh!!!

Joy: Your turn Rachel. Three, two, one...

Rachel: [Starts to exit] Oh boy...uh-oh... [Midway across stage, she falls to the side] Oh no! Ouch! Ow ow ow ow ow ow!

Hope: Oh no, what happened? [Everyone enters, stands around Rachel.]

Rachel: I was doing fine, when all of a sudden my clip got loose and I fell off the line.

Snowball: But that's impossible! Caleb checked all the clips and harnesses. Didn't you Caleb?

Caleb: Well here's the thing. I mean, I was going to, but... I might have, sort of... exaggerated?

Joy: You lied! You lied to us, and now Rachel is hurt. Come on Rachel, we're going to get you to the camp nurse. [Joy and campers help Rachel up, lead her off stage.]

Hope: Remember yesterday when we were talking about the power of the tongue? We weren't making that up.

Snowball: It's just like what we learned this morning in Proverbs 12:22. Now you see that truth and lies have real consequences.

Caleb: Yeah, I know I lie a lot. I guess I never thought it was a big deal. So what if I say something that isn't true? They're just words. But now, I see that words are important. They can hurt people if I'm not careful.

Hope: They certainly can. Now let's go. We should pray for Rachel. [Snowball and Hope exit.]

Caleb: I can't believe it! What I said actually hurt someone. Because I lied, Rachel is in pain. Maybe it is important for me to tell the truth. Maybe if I had told the truth in the first place, none of this would have happened.

[Caleb exits. Everyone except Caleb, Joy, and Rachel enters.]

Luke: I sure hope Rachel is okay.

Beth: I don't know, that fall looked pretty bad.

Leah: Our mom is going to be so upset!

John: Here she comes now with Counselor Joy!

[Joy helps Rachel in.]

Joy: Rachel is OK, but she did break her arm. Luckily, she doesn't have a concussion or any worse injury.

John: That's great news!

Luke: Glad to hear you're alright, we were praying for you.

Rachel: Thanks guys, I don't feel too bad. Now I wish this cast was a different color, but...

Leah: She sounds fine to me.

[Caleb rushes in.]

Caleb: Rachel, I'm so sorry! I lied about checking the clips. I ignored my job and because of it, you got hurt. It was selfish of me. I'm so sorry!

Rachel: I'm glad you were able to be honest with me. The nurse says I'll be OK. Thanks for coming. I forgive you.

Joy: I'm proud of you, Caleb, for admitting what you did. Just like how lying got you into big trouble, telling the truth was good. It helped to heal your friendship with Rachel.

Hope: We've all learned a lot today, but now I think Rachel needs some rest, and it's time for the rest of you to do your camp chores.

Snowball: Great idea, Counselor Hope. Leah and Anna, could you please help Rachel get back to camp?

Anna: Sure thing! [Leah, Anna, and Rachel exit.]

Joy: John, you can help with dinner. Caleb and Luke can gather some firewood. And Beth, why don't you take care of the fire? We wouldn't want to have another emergency today. [Everyone exits except Caleb and Snowball.]

Snowball: Is everything alright, Caleb?

Caleb: Director Snowball, I'm tired of all the lying. I know that I used to lie all the time, but I'm sick of it. Can you help me to remember always to tell the truth and not lie?

Snowball: Of course, Caleb. Let's pray together and ask the Lord to help you control your tongue and tell the truth. Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching Caleb a valuable lesson today. Please help him to tell the truth and do what's right. Amen.

Caleb: Thanks, Director Snowball!

Snowball: You're welcome. Now come on, it's time to get started on your chores. [They exit.]