

Day 3

[Captain, Astronauts enter. Captain shakes Team 1's hands.]

Captain: Congratulations, cadets. Well done on discovering that gold mine. I've analyzed the gold and it is purer than any we have on earth. You've made an incredible discovery.

Brad: More like a lucky discovery.

Carly: Yeah, what about us? Don't we get congratulations too?

Captain: Of course! If you hadn't discovered that new species of space bees, they might have stung somebody else. Thank you for your bravery!

Jerry: Ugh, don't mention it.

Captain: Well now it's time for today's mission. I believe Commander Snowball is on the line.

[Snowball appears.]

Snowball: Good morning, cadets. Today we begin our search for the super-fuel. We believe it is located in the mines of a mountain on the northern side of the planet.

Jerry: Sounds great! I've been exploring mountains my whole life. We should be able to find this fuel and be back in time for lunch. Let's get going.

Snowball: Not so fast! You will have to be careful. The mountain is dangerous. It has steep, narrow cliffs, and there are often sandstorms and rockslides.

Brad: That shouldn't be a problem for the world's greatest astronauts.

Snowball: We'll see. Captain Callahan will get you the equipment you need. Good luck, cadets!

[Snowball disappears.]

Captain: Alright, for this mission, both teams will receive a drone to help them survey the land. And here is a distress signal. If you get into trouble and need a rescue, use this to call me and I'll bring the ship around to pick you up.

Carly: You can give our signal to Team 1. We won't be needing it.

Captain: This is no joking matter. Now our ship is approaching the mountain. Prepare yourself for landing.

[Captain exits to one side, astronauts to the other. Crew sets up mountain scene. Team 1 reenters with drone.]

Gloria: Do you see anything? [Drone footage plays on screen.]

Dave: Not yet. The commander said that they think the fuel is in a mine. Let's look for any openings.

Gloria: What would you do if we're the ones to find it?

Dave: First I would praise God for leading us to it.

Gloria: Oh come on, you're always stuck on all that God stuff. There has to be a part of you that would want to take the credit for yourself.

Dave: Of course there is. I have sin in my heart that wants glory, just like everyone else. But I have learned that every good thing I have comes from God, not me, and so when something good happens, I always try to worship Him first.

Gloria: Suit yourself. You know what I'm going to do? Take a long vacation to a private island and celebrate with my friends on a nice, sandy beach.

Dave: Be careful what you wish for, it looks like that beach might be coming to you. There's a sandstorm heading this way. We'll have to be careful.

Gloria: I think I see a cave over there. We'll have to make it over these rocks though.

Dave: Okay, I'll lead the way.

[Dave climbs up on the rock structure, followed by Gloria. They gingerly try walking across.]

Dave: This is getting pretty narrow.

Gloria: Dave, watch your step!

[Dave loses his balance. Gloria tries to help, but he pulls her down with her.]

Dave: I'm stuck! Can you help me out?

Gloria: I'm trying, but my leg is caught in the rocks and I'm getting dragged down.

Dave: Uh oh, I think we're caught in quicksand. Grab on to the rocks. [They both grab the rocks.] Hopefully this will slow us down.

Gloria: We need to call for help. Do you have the distress signal?

Dave: [Pulls out the broken distress signal.] That's not good. I think it smashed against the rocks.

Gloria: What are we going to do? We're trapped!

Dave: I'll pray. [He starts praying. Team 2's voices heard from offstage.]

Gloria: Wait, do you hear that? [Team 2 enters.] It's the others! We're saved!

Dave: Praise the Lord that you guys are here. Could you give us a hand?

Carly: Well, well, well. Look what we have here. Seems like you guys are in a pickle.

Gloria: Dave and I are trapped in these rocks and sinking in quicksand. Maybe if two of you throw us a rope and the other...

Jerry: We could do that...

Brad: But if you guys are stuck, that means there's only one team left to find the super-fuel.

Dave: But we're in trouble!

Carly: Well we'd love to stop and help, but we're on a mission.

Jerry: Besides. I'm sure a couple of rocks are no match for the astronauts who found the space gold yesterday.

Gloria: You guys can't be serious!

Brad: Don't worry, after we find the fuel, we'll try to let the captain know about you guys when we get back to the ship.

Carly: Come on, I think the drone found something. That super-fuel will be ours!

[Team 2 exits.]

Gloria: We're doomed! We're going to be trapped out here forever. Hey, what are you doing?

Dave: [Singing] Yes I will, lift You high, in the lowest valley. Yes I will, bless Your Name. Yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy.

Gloria: You can't be serious! You're singing? Now? In this situation? Don't you see that we're trapped and in danger? I don't know if this is really the right time for your little worship concert.

Dave: [Singing] Yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy. For all my days, yes I will.

Gloria: I don't get you. I can understand yesterday, how you praised Jesus when things were good, but in case you haven't noticed, things are not good right now. They are very, very bad. And your God is clearly not helping us. What do you have to praise Him for in this situation?

Dave: God is so good, and He's always been faithful to me. He is worthy of my worship, not just when things are good, but even in the bad times. Especially in the bad times.

Gloria: Especially in the bad times? Really?

Dave: When I worship, I think about how great God is and all that He's done for me. That's an important thing to remember when things aren't going my way. I know that things are

scary right now, and this situation doesn't look good. But God has always taken care of me before, and I trust that He can do it again. It gives me hope.

Gloria: That's all well and good, but hope isn't going to get us out of here. We need a plan.

[They hear a loud noise.]

Dave: What was that?

[They start shaking.]

Gloria: Oh no! We're shaking. The mountain must be collapsing.

Dave: Wait, I don't think it's the mountain. Is that?

[Captain enters]

Captain: Gloria! Dave! What happened?

Gloria: We're stuck!

Captain: Hold on, I'll get you out of there. Hold on to this rope. [He throws them a rope and pulls them out.]

Dave: Boy am I glad to see you!

Gloria: How did you know we were here?

Captain: I got a signal from Team 2 and was coming to find them.
Luckily, I saw the two of you and came to check things out.

Gloria: Team 2? Why did they send a signal?

Dave: Maybe they wanted to help us after all.

[Team 2 enters.]

Brad: Fame and fortune, here we come!

Carly: We're going to be rich!

Jerry: Captain, Team 1, glad you could join us. Wait til you hear
what we found!

Team 2: The super-fuel!

Carly: Now that you two are done playing around in the rocks,
maybe you can help us load it into the ship.

[All exit, with Team 2 high-fiving, bragging, etc.]