

Day 1

[Enter Joy from right with suitcase. She begins pacing, looking at watch, etc. Picture of a boat is on PP.]

Joy: Where are they? They were supposed to be here ten minutes ago! I told them we're leaving right at ten! [The doorbell rings. Joy goes to the entrance stage left and leads Lucas and Kelly inside with their suitcases.] Kelly! Lucas! You made it!

Kelly: Of course we did, Joy! You didn't think we were going to miss a once-in-a-lifetime boat trip with our favorite cousin, did you?

Lucas: This is going to be awesome! It'll be even better than Camp Calvary last summer! I can't wait to lay on the beach, go snorkeling, hit the waves with Uncle Mark... speaking of which, where is Uncle Mark?

Joy: He said he'd be ready in just a second. Let me call him. [Turns toward right exit] Dad! If you don't get down here in one minute we're leaving without you!

[Enter Mark right with suitcase]

Mark: Well then good luck finding someone to drive the boat.

Kelly and Lucas: Uncle Mark! [They run over and give Mark a group hug.]

Mark: Kelly! Lucas! So good to see you, glad you could make it.

Lucas: We wouldn't miss this trip for the world.

Kelly: Yeah, I can't wait to see all the islands

Mark: I'm excited for that too, but do you know what the best part of our trip will be?

Joy: The waterfalls?

Lucas: Snorkeling?

Kelly: Boogieboarding?

Mark: No. Those things are great, but what I'm looking forward to is hearing from God.

Lucas: Hearing from God?

Mark: Yeah. Out on the open sea, with none of the distractions of everyday life, it's a great opportunity to listen to what God wants to say to me.

Kelly: Umm, okay. I guess that's cool. I'm still excited to ride my boogieboard.

Mark: There will be time for that too. We're going to have a lot of fun this week, but no matter what happens, don't forget to listen for God's voice. No matter where you are or what

you're doing, God wants to and can speak to you. Now is everyone all packed?

Joy: Yep, I'm all ready to go.

Lucas: Me too!

Kelly: Well then what are we waiting for? Let's get going!

Mark: Alright! Oh, Joy, don't forget this [Mark pulls phone out from pocket and hands it to Joy]. Mom said she wants you to call her when we get to our first island tonight. Kelly and Lucas, you can call Aunt Grace with Joy's phone tonight as well.

[They all exit left. PP shows boat leaving on a journey. Joy, Kelly, and Lucas re-enter right.]

Joy: What a beautiful day for a boat ride!

Lucas: [From one side of stage] Look at this! [Joy and Kelly come over. Whale coming out of water appears on PP.]

Kelly: That's amazing!

Joy: [Moving toward the other side of the stage] And look over there! [Dolphins jumping appear on PP.]

Kelly: This is beautiful. I'm so glad we came!

Lucas: [Starts to sway] I think I might be getting seasick.

Joy: Then let's sit down. [They all sit on benches.] Isn't God's creation amazing!

Kelly: I mean nature's pretty cool. Not sure about all this "God stuff." Speaking of which, what was your dad talking about with all of that "hearing from God" speech back at the dock? Sounds pretty ridiculous if you ask me.

Lucas: I thought it sounded pretty cool, but maybe you're right. I mean, can God really talk to people? I've never heard Him talk to me.

Joy: Don't you guys remember in Sunday School? We learned all those stories about God speaking to His people. Like when He used a burning bush to speak to Moses?

Kelly: Yeah, and that's all those are. Stories. Look, that Bible stuff was fine when we were younger, but we're not little kids anymore. I can't just believe that some God I've never heard or seen before. Made-up people can't talk to you.

Lucas: I don't know. I like your dad and all, but Kelly makes some good points. Have *you* ever heard God speak to you, Joy?

Joy: Well no, but... I trust my dad. He knows what he's talking about. He's not a little kid either. Maybe we can ask him once we get to the first island.

Lucas: That sounds like a good idea. Hey by the way, is anyone else hungry?

Kelly: I sure am! Hey Joy, where does your dad keep the snacks on this thing?

Joy: I think he has them on that shelf. [Joy points to puppet stage. Lucas walks over to puppet stage. He starts to wobble back and forth.] Uh oh. Feeling seasick again?

Lucas: No, I think it was the boat that time. [He reaches over the puppet stage. Something hits him in the head.] Ouch!

[It thunders. PP shows boat in storm. All characters have trouble keeping their balance. Debris begins to fly from behind puppet stage.]

Kelly: What's going on?

Joy: I don't know. I think we might have hit a storm.

Mark: [Coming from right entrance] Kids! Get your life vests on! [They all run behind puppet stage. PP shows boat sinking. Everyone launches out from behind puppet stage.]

Joy: Where are we?

Mark: It looks like we landed on some sort of island. We must have shipwrecked.

Kelly: Shipwrecked! You mean we're stuck out here in the middle of nowhere?

Lucas: This is terrible! What are we going to do?

Mark: Stay calm, guys. My ship has a radio. We can use that to call ashore for help!

Lucas: I think I found it. [Picks up radio and speaks into it] Help! Help! Please send help! [He waits for a response] It's not working.

Kelly: Give me that! [She rips it from his hands and talks into it] Hello? Can anybody hear me? [Silence] It's busted!

Joy: Don't worry guys, I have my cell phone. [Takes out phone, tries to use it] Uh oh, no service here.

Lucas: This is terrible? What are we going to do?

Kelly: We're out here in the middle of nowhere! No one knows we're here, no one can hear us, and no one can talk to us!

Mark: I know you guys are worried, and I'm worried too. I don't know what's going to happen, but I do know one thing. Even out here in the middle of nowhere, there's Someone who knows we're here and can still speak to us.

Joy: Who is it? The police?

Lucas: The Coast Guard?

Kelly: The Navy?

Mark: God. [Kelly rolls eyes.] Psalm 139:9-10 says, “If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” Even in the middle of the ocean, He is with us, He hears us, and He can talk to us.

Lucas: But how? How can He talk to us? I’ve never heard Him talk to me before.

Mark: There’s all sorts of ways He can talk to us, Lucas. Through other people, through His Word, through the Holy Spirit, and even through His Son. [The kids all give him confused looks.] I know you guys don’t understand it now, but I hope soon you’ll see that no matter where we are, no matter what we’re doing, God can talk to us. I think we should pray now, and then let’s gather whatever we can from the boat before it washes to sea. Heavenly Father, we know that You see us and that You are with us. Please speak to us and show us what to do. Thank You for keeping us alive through the storm. Please take care of us now. Amen.

Joy and Lucas: Amen.

Mark: Alright guys, let’s see what we can salvage from the boat.

[They all exit right.]