

Day 2

[Enter Campers. Jake is tending to the fire, Chris and Kevin are gathering firewood, Victoria and Moriah are tidying things ups.]

Kevin: [To Chris] Boy was it miserable last night! I've never had to camp with such awful people! All the lying and the gossip!

Chris: Yeah, well today is zip line day. I bet they make us use the kiddie zip line that only goes 3 feet off the ground.

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

[Pete and Sandy enter]

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

Pete: If you guys 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.

Kevin: Fantastic.

Sandy: I'm thrilled that Kevin is this enthusiastic about safety! Why don't you and Chris carry the ladders to the starting and ending platform.

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

Pete: But before you guys 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, "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight."

Sandy: 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 boys, you can go now. [Chris and Kevin exit]

Pete: Moriah, Victoria, can you guys check out the line and make sure that it's nice and sturdy.

Victoria: We can do that! Come on Moriah, we have so much to talk about!

Moriah: Yeah Victoria, did you hear that... [They exit]

Sandy: And Jake, 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.

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

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

Pete: We certainly hope so, Jake. Now here are all the harnesses and clips. [Dumps out bag] Well, see you later. Counselor

Sandy and I need to check the others' work to make sure we are set.

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

Jake: For sure, Counselor Sandy! You can trust me.

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

Jake: I'm so glad they trusted me with such an important job! [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, campers return.]

Moriah: Jake! Jake! Are you ready?

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

Jake: [Waking up, speaks aside 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. [Pete and Sandy arrive]

Pete: Well, it looks like we are all ready to go zip lining. Jake, were you able to check all the clips and harnesses?

Jake: Uh, yeah. Yeah I did.

Sandy: Great job Jake. I knew we could count on you. It's really important that those clips and harnesses are secure. Otherwise, the campers could really hurt themselves.

Pete: Alright campers, let's put on those harnesses and go zip lining! [Campers put on harnesses, all exit stage right]

[From offstage]

Sandy: Moriah, you're up first. Ready? Three, two, one...

Moriah: [Running from right exit to left exit] Yeeaaahhhh! That was awesome!

Pete: OK Kevin, you're next. Three, two, one...

Kevin: [Running from right exit to left exit] Ooohhh Yeeaaahhh!!! That was actually fun!

Sandy: Your turn Chris. Three, two, one...

Chris: [Starts to exit] Oh boy...uh-oh... [Midway across stage, starts to sputter out of control, goes off side of stage] Oh no! Ouch! Ow ow ow ow ow ow!

Pete: Oh no, what happened? [Everyone enters, runs around spot where Chris is]

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

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

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

Pete: You lied to us! You lied, and now Chris is hurt. Come on Chris, we are going to get you to the camp nurse. [Campers help Chris up, Pete helps Chris hobble off, they exit]

Sandy: Remember yesterday when counselor Pete and I were talking about the power of the tongue? We weren't making that up. Remember Proverbs 12:22? Now you guys see that what we say has real consequences.

Jake: 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.

Sandy: They certainly can. Now let's go guys. We should go and pray for Chris. [All exit except Jake]

Jake: I can't believe it! What I said actually hurt someone. Because I lied, Chris 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. [Jake exits]

[All except Jake re-enter]

Pete: Chris is OK, but he did break his arm. Luckily, he doesn't have a concussion or any worse injury.

[Jake rushes in]

Jake: Chris, 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!

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

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

Jake: Counselor Pete, 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?

Pete: Sure thing Jake. Now I think it's time for all of you to do your chores. Kevin, please help Chris get back to camp. Jake, why don't you help Victoria with dinner? And Moriah, why don't you take care of the fire. We wouldn't want to have another emergency today. [Campers exit]

Sandy: Wow, these kids sure have a lot to learn about the power of the tongue. I hope Jake really takes this lesson about telling the truth to heart.

Pete: I sure hope so. We should go pray for them and ask God to help them tame their tongues. [They exit]