

Day 5

[Enter Campers]

Jake: Good morning guys. Have any of you seen Pete or Sandy?

Kevin: I think they said they were making a special breakfast for us this morning.

Moriah: Well, I guess we should start to pack everything away. It's already Friday!

Victoria: That's so sad. I feel like we were just starting to get to know one another.

Chris: I know. We've all come a long way since Monday. I thought we were never going to get along.

Kevin: Well, I guess we should get to work.

Jake: Sounds good. By the way, does anyone smell something funny?

Moriah: Yeah, it smells familiar. Like bacon maybe?

Chris: Yeah, and my eyes are really starting to water. Is it getting foggy here or is it just me?

Victoria: Uh oh... I don't think that's fog. I think it's smoke.

Jake: Well if there's smoke, that must mean... [Everyone looks at one another suddenly realizing what has happened.]

Campers: FIRE! [Smoke comes from exits]

Victoria: We need to hurry and get out of here!

Jake: This way, guys. Let's go! [Campers follow Jake to stage left exit, stop and cough]

Moriah: There's too much smoke over here, we can't get through.

Chris: How about this way? [Campers follow Chris to stage right exit, stop]

Kevin: The flames are too high over there.

Moriah: I heard that Jake was supposed to take care of the fire last night.

Victoria: Yeah, Jake must be the reason this is happening.

Jake: I didn't take care of the fire last night... it must have been someone else!

Chris: Great! We're in danger and I'm trapped with these guys!

Kevin: Just when camp was starting to get good, your fellow campers try to burn you to the ground. [Campers begin to argue]

Victoria: Wait guys. All our lying, gossip, and complaining has only gotten us into trouble so far this week. I bet if we use the things we've learned this week, we might be able to fix it.

Jake: You're right. It was my fault. I was supposed to take care of the fire, but I forgot. But I know if we work together, we can stop it!

Kevin: I'm in. Thanks for your honesty Jake.

Chris: And thank you Victoria for your encouraging words. Now let's do this. I'm sure we can beat this fire together!

[They go to grab buckets and throw them at the fire]

Moriah: Great job Jake! Way to go Kevin! Nice work Chris! Let's go Victoria!

Jake: It's working, but the flames are too high!

Victoria: Wait, who's that?

[Enter Pete and Sandy in fire outfits]

Sandy: Come on guys! Follow me this way!

Victoria: Counselor Sandy!

Jake: Counselor Pete!

Pete: Hurry up, we need to get out of here! [All exit stage right, re-enter stage left]

Kevin: Thank you so much for coming to rescue us!

Chris: You saved our lives! Thank you!

Sandy: You guys know we would do anything for you.

Pete: We're thrilled that you guys are all OK.

Jake: You know, counselor Pete, being in that fire made me think about things, and I don't know if I'm OK after all.

Sandy: What do you mean, Jake?

Jake: I know that before this camp, I had a huge problem with lying. I've been living a life of dishonesty and deceit, and I was thinking, that's not how I want to be remembered. You taught me about telling the truth and showed me what the Bible has to say about that.

Victoria: I agree. Moriah and I used to love to gossip about everything and everyone. It nearly tore our friendship apart. But when the Bible showed us that what we were doing was wrong, we learned about the power of encouragement.

Kevin: Chris and I were bad complainers before this week. All we did was talk about the things we didn't like. But then the

Bible showed us the importance of thankfulness. Now, instead of complaining, we have learned to be thankful.

Moriah: We all saw all of this improvement, but then as soon as the fire started, we all slipped back into our old ways with lying, gossiping, and complaining. I don't want to live this way. I want to use the power of the tongue for good.

Chris: Does the Bible say anything about that? How can we live lives that matter and not fall into these same problems? I don't want to live a life of sin. I want to live for Jesus.

Pete: As a matter of fact, the Bible does talk about that. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Sandy: As you guys have seen this week, without Jesus, it is impossible to tame the tongue. We can try hard to do the right thing, but ultimately we will keep failing.

Pete: I'm sure you know that you've heard that when you get saved, you get to spend eternity in Heaven with God and are no longer separated from Him. But the Bible also teaches us that when we are saved and Jesus becomes Lord of our life, we become new creations. Getting saved affects our life on earth as well as in Heaven.

Sandy: Our old selves, who used to lie, gossip, and complain, are gone. Jesus fills us with His Holy Spirit so that we can live

for Him. We can live in truth, in encouragement, in thankfulness.

Moriah: Well what are we waiting for? Let's confess Jesus as Lord now! [Everyone nods in agreement, then prays.]

Jake: Jesus, I know we've all sinned a lot, whether it was lying...

Victoria: ...or gossip...

Chris: ...Or complaining. Please forgive us of our sins.

Kevin: We confess that You are Lord.

Moriah: We believe that you rose from the dead.

Victoria: Please be our Lord and Savior.

Jake: Help us to live lives of truth.

Victoria: Help us to encourage one another.

Kevin: Help us to be thankful

Moriah: In Your Name we pray,

Chris: Amen!

Pete: This is wonderful! Sandy and I have been praying for this to happen all week!

Sandy: We are so proud of you all! Counselor Pete and I have seen you go from liars, gossips, and complainers to followers of Jesus in one week.

Pete: You have learned the power of the tongue for both good and evil. You saw how when we use our tongue to do the wrong thing, people get hurt, friendships break, and we face consequences.

Sandy: But when we use our mouths for good, we honor God and good things happen. Today, you learned about the most important thing you can do with your mouth: confess Jesus as Lord! Congratulations campers!

Pete: Now that you've learned all that we have to teach you here, it is time for you to go back home and tell your friends and family about what happened this week so that they too can learn to use their mouths for good instead of evil.

Jake: Thanks Counselor Pete and Sandy! You guys are the best!
[Group hug]

Sandy: Well, we don't want you guys to miss the bus! See you guys!

Campers: Bye! [Campers exit]

Pete: What an awesome week! I'm so glad our campers know Jesus now.

Sandy: I can't wait to see what happens next year! [They exit]