

# Day 1

- Theme:** Faith – knowing something is true before you get proof
- Verse:** Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is being sure of what you hope for. It is being certain of what you do not see”
- Focus:** Salvation
- Key Point:** Faith in Jesus is the only way into heaven
- Bible Story:** A Night Encounter (John 3:1-15)
- Bible Byte:** “You must all be born again.” John 3:7

## Supplies:

- Song CDs
- Light bulb
- Chair
- Flashlight
- Gather the following for each cabin/small group
  - ⇒ Inexpensive combination lock
  - ⇒ Sheet with pictures of different people (can be found in Reproducibles section)

## Engage

Have upbeat music playing as children enter the chapel. Have non-counseling staff greet kids as they come in help them to find a place to sit. You might have the Host and/or Worship Leader talking to the kids from the stage as they settle in. Use this time to create a rapport with the kids.

## Energize

Open up with the “Camp Song.” This song should be the camp theme song and sung at the beginning of every morning. (An example would be “So Good To Me” from the *Shout to the Lord Kids* CD put out by Integrity Music.) Be sure the song is energetic and has some motions.

After the song, go over the rules. Examples of some good chapel rules are the REAL Rules:

- R** espect the leaders and each other
- E** xpect to learn something and have fun doing it
- A** ctively participate
- L** isten to what God has to say to you

Close out the energize time in prayer asking God to help the children follow the rules and asking that the Holy Spirit help the children understand and apply what is taught.

## **Equip**

### **1. Get Ready**

HOST: We're so glad you're at camp! Here's something I want you to think about. You're walking to school with your friend. You know this friend does not go to church and has never asked Jesus in her heart. You should tell her about Jesus, but she might make fun of you or get mad at you. You have a choice to make. When you have a choice to make, we want you to remember **to ask yourself, "What would God want me to do?"**. I want you to say that with me.

HOST AND CHILDREN: **What would God want me to do?**

HOST: Great! Do you know where we look to find out what God wants? That's right...the Bible. **The Bible is like... (pull out light object) a light. It helps us see where to go and what to do.**

For the next few days we are going to be talking about things that require faith. Does anyone know what faith means? *(Allow for responses. You could make us some silly answers as well.)* Those are all good definitions. Here's the definition we are going to use: **Faith is knowing something is true before you get proof.** Can you say that with me?

HOST AND CHILDREN: **Faith is knowing something is true before you get proof.**

HOST: One more time and louder!

HOST AND CHILDREN: **Faith is knowing something is true before you get proof.**

HOST: So that means when we have faith in something we don't need proof before we believe in it. (*Bring a chair to center stage.*) Take this chair, for example. Would I have faith in the chair if I had to have one of you sit in it before I did so that I would have proof that it could hold me? Of course not! I know that this chair will hold me without anyone proving it to me first. (*Sit on chair.*) I have faith in this chair. When I turn on a light switch, I have faith that the lights will turn on. (*Have lights go out.*) Whoa! What happened?

## 2. Bible Story

STORYTELLER: (*in with a flashlight.*) It's OK! I have a flashlight. Nobody move!

HOST: What happened? The lights were on, and now they're off. We can't go on without lights.

STORYTELLER: It's OK. I'm used to being in the dark... Why don't you go find out what happened, and I'll stay here with the kids.

HOST: Alright. I'll be right back.

STORYTELLER: You know what? This reminds me of a Bible story about faith. It is found in John 3. It happened when Jesus was on earth. Jesus had gained a lot of popularity and was known as a great teacher. Some people were even saying that he was the Messiah... the Savior of the world.

One night a Pharisee named Nicodemus decided to approach Jesus and find out for himself if Jesus was the Messiah. Why do you think Nicodemus waited until it was dark for him to talk to Jesus? (*Allow for response.*) He did not want anyone to know he was talking to Jesus. You see, the Pharisees were a group of Jewish leaders who were experts in the law of God...like the 10 Commandments. Most Pharisees did not like Jesus. So, Nicodemus did not want any of his other Pharisee friends to know he was going

to talk to Jesus.

As Nicodemus was talking to Jesus, Jesus told him, “There is only one way for anyone to get to heaven. **You must all be born again.**”

Now this made no sense to Nicodemus. “Born again? How can someone be born again? I can’t go back inside my mom’s womb and be born again? That’s just not possible!”

*(Turn attention to the children.)* Does that make any sense to you? What did Jesus mean when he said, “**You must all be born again?**” *(Allow for response.)* If we look in the Bible at 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, “Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!” In other words, when a person asks Jesus into his heart, he becomes a totally new person. It’s as if he is born a second time.

When Jesus said, “**You must all be born again,**” he was saying that we need to believe in him and be made a new person. When Jesus said, “**You must all be born again,**” he was saying that there is only one way to get to heaven...believing that he was the Son of God and that he came to make a way for us to go to heaven. So, when you hear Jesus saying, “**You must all be born again,**” we want you to know that **faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven.** Say that with me.

STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN: **Faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven.**

STORYTELLER: So can we get to heaven by just being a good person? Why not?

STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN: **Faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven!**

STORYTELLER: We can believe that without proof because of faith. **Faith is knowing something is true before you get proof.** So when someone says that it doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you believe in something in order to get to heaven, what are you going to remember?

STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN: **Faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven!**

STORYTELLER: We don't need proof to believe this because **faith...**

STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN: **...is knowing something is true before you get proof.**

### **3. Prayer**

STORYTELLER: That's right! Let's take some time to thank God for sending Jesus to die for us so that we can all be born again and spend eternity with him in heaven. God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus, your only son to die for us so that we can go to heaven. Help us to always remember that faith in Jesus is the only way for us to get to heaven. There is no other way. If there is anyone here who has not put their faith in Jesus, God help them to do that today. Help all of us to tell other people about Jesus so that they can put their faith in him so they can go to heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **4. Wrap Up**

HOST: (*Lights come back on.*) Well, I think I got the lights fixed. Thank you for that important Bible story and lesson. Who do we have to have faith in to get to heaven?

CHILDREN: Jesus!

HOST: Who?

CHILDREN: Jesus!

HOST: Faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven. When we put our faith in him, we become new creations...we're born again. That means we act differently than we did before. One of the things we should do as a "new creation" is to **love others as much as you love yourself**. Say that with me.

HOST AND CHILDREN: **I should love others as much as I love myself.**

HOST: Great! Now, as you separate into smaller groups, remember to **love others as much as you love yourself**. After your small group is done with your activities, I want you to turn your attention back up here.

## **Employ**

During this time, the children will separate into their cabin groups and work on a couple of activities that will reinforce the key point. Counselors will be the primary facilitator during this segment. Make sure counselors have this section of material prior to camp so they will be prepared for this segment.

### **1. Opening a Lock**

Pass around the combination lock. Encourage each child to open the lock by putting in a combination. Ask the kids how a combination lock works. Why won't any combination of numbers work to open the lock? Keep the discussion going as the lock is being passed around. (Note: If one of the children happens to open the lock, congratulate them, relock the lock and keep passing the lock around.)

SMALL GROUP LEADER: Combination locks have a number of gears in them that spin around in different directions. The gears are made so that they have to be spun a specific number of times so that the lock will open. How many combinations are there that will open this lock? (*Allow for response.*) That's right...only one. (*Put the combination in and unlock the lock.*) Just like there is only one combination that opens this lock, there is only one way to get to heaven. **Faith in Jesus is the only way into heaven.** There are a lot of people that will tell you that all you have to do to get to heaven is be good, or they will tell you that it doesn't matter what you believe in...you can be a Buddhist or a Muslim or a Mormon and get to heaven. It's not true. The only way into heaven is faith in Jesus. None of those religions put their faith in Jesus. Just like there is only one combination to open this lock, there is only one way into heaven.

## 2. Who Can Have Faith?

Show children the pictures of different types of people. See if they can guess what country some of them come from or what kind of job they are in. Have them point or tell you which of these people can have faith in Jesus.

SMALL GROUP LEADER: Jesus said, **“You must all be born again.”**

He didn't say that only Jewish people or American people had to be born again. Jesus said **all** had to be born again. Does anyone know John 3:16? (*Have a child recite or read it.*) This verse tells us that **whoever** believes in Jesus can go to heaven. **Share a time or story when someone you thought would never be a Christian put their faith in Jesus.** It doesn't matter who a person is, where he's born, or what he's done, he can put his faith in Jesus and go to heaven.

## Empower

### 1. Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: Isn't it great that we can put our faith in Jesus and spend eternity with God? Psalm 62:6 says, “He alone is my rock. He is the One who saves me. He is like a fort to me. I will always be secure.” Jesus is the one who saves us. That is one reason I know that **God will always take care of me.** Can you say that with me?

WORSHIP LEADER AND CHILDREN: **God will always take care of me.**

WORSHIP LEADER: Louder!

WORSHIP LEADER AND CHILDREN: **God will always take care of me.**

WORSHIP LEADER: We can definitely have faith that we can trust God. Let's sing some songs in worship to Him.

Lead children in two upbeat praise-type songs and two slower worship-type songs. Some suggestions are:

“Every Move I Make” from *Shout to the Lord Kids*

“All About You” from *Shout Praises Kids 3*

“Here I Am To Worship” from *Shout Praises Kids 3*

“You Are My All In All” from *Shout to the Lord Kids 2*

## **2. Altar Call**

STORYTELLER: Great singing! God loves it when we sing praises to him. We sing praises to him because he provided a way for us to get to heaven. That way is to have faith in Jesus. Maybe you are here today and you haven't put your faith in Jesus. You haven't asked Jesus to take away the bad things in your life and take control of your life. You haven't been made into a new creation. You haven't been born again.

This morning I want to give you the opportunity to put your faith in Jesus. It's easy to do. There is no secret formula. There are no magic words. You only have to do three things. One, admit that you have sin in your life. That means you admit that you were born wanting to do bad things. All of us were born that way. Because of that sin, the Bible tells us we deserve death...or hell. That brings us to number two. You must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and took the death you deserve and was punished for you by dying on the cross. And three, you must confess, or tell, God the bad things you've done and stop doing those things...that is called repentance. If you want to put your faith in Jesus, then I invite you to come up to the stage.

Lead those children who come forward in a sinner's prayer. You can have another call for those who want to recommit their lives to God as well. Encourage the counselors to pray with those children from their cabin who come forward. Once it seems appropriate, close in prayer and dismiss the children and counselors to their cabins for cabin devotion time.



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## Faith Factor Challenge Course

### Supplies:

- 2 thick plastic tarps (to use as “Slip and Slide”)
- Water hose
- Liquid dishwashing soap
- 6 jump ropes
- 4 6-ft or 8-ft tables
- cans shaving cream (you need enough to put a layer of shaving cream on a balloon for each camper)
- 1 package of balloons
- 2 plastic toy razors
- 2 bowls of water
- 1 set of JBQ question cards
- 2 kiddie pools
- 1 container of Yuk! (available from [www.recfx.com](http://www.recfx.com))
- 1 bag of marbles (at least 30 marbles, preferably clear)
- 6 small playground “bouncy-type” balls
- 2 garbage cans
- 2 squirt guns
- 2 “Choose-A-Curtain” setups (see station #8)
- 3 Card tables

### Object of the game

Two teams will be competing against each other at a time. The campers will be going through an obstacle course that tests speed, agility, and Bible knowledge. If there are more than two teams competing during this rotation, then the team with the fastest time wins. Otherwise, the team who completes the course first wins.

Faith Seeds are awarded as follows:

First place	50 Faith Seeds
Second place	30 Faith Seeds
Third place	20 Faith Seeds
Fourth place	10 Faith Seeds

### How to play

There will be eight stations that each camper must pass through before the next camper on their team is allowed to go. You can set up the stations in a straight line,

circle, or however best accommodates the area you are using. To make setup easier, have only two teams competing at one time. Be sure to have the stations about ten feet apart. The stations are as follows

#### *Station 1 – Slip and Slide*

This station would be best setup on a grassy area with a minimal amount of rocks. Lay out a tarp for each team so they can slide across it when it is wet. Allow space before the tarps for the campers to get a running start. Put a small amount of soap on the tarps before each camper slides on it. Also, keep water running on the tarps. The soap and water make the tarps slippery enough for the campers to slide across on their stomachs, which is what they are supposed to do at this station before continuing to the next one.

#### *Station 2 – Jump Rope*

Each camper must successfully jump rope ten times without messing up. If a camper messes up he must start jumping rope over again.

#### *Station 3 – Over and Under*

This station needs to be set up so each camper will have to jump across an area marked by two jump ropes, crawl under a table, jump across another area marked by jump ropes and crawl under another table before heading to the next station.

#### *Station 4 – Balloon Shaving*

Each camper must successfully shave a balloon before heading to the next station. This station needs to be manned by at least one counselor. When a child has finished shaving their balloon, it is the counselor's job to recoat the balloons with shaving cream. Have enough shaving cream for all of the campers a bowls of water to rinse off the razors.

#### *Station 5 – JBQ*

This station needs to be manned by at least one counselor (preferably two). When a camper reaches this station, she must answer one JBQ question (drawn randomly) correctly before continuing to the next station. Campers are allowed to pass on a question if they don't know the answer.

#### *Station 6 – Toe Bobbing*

At this station, campers will use their toes to find five marbles in a pool of Yuk! before proceeding to the next station. Follow the directions to prepare Yuk! in the kiddie pools at least 6-8 hours (preferably 24 hours) before this activity. Divide the whole bag of marbles between the two pools.

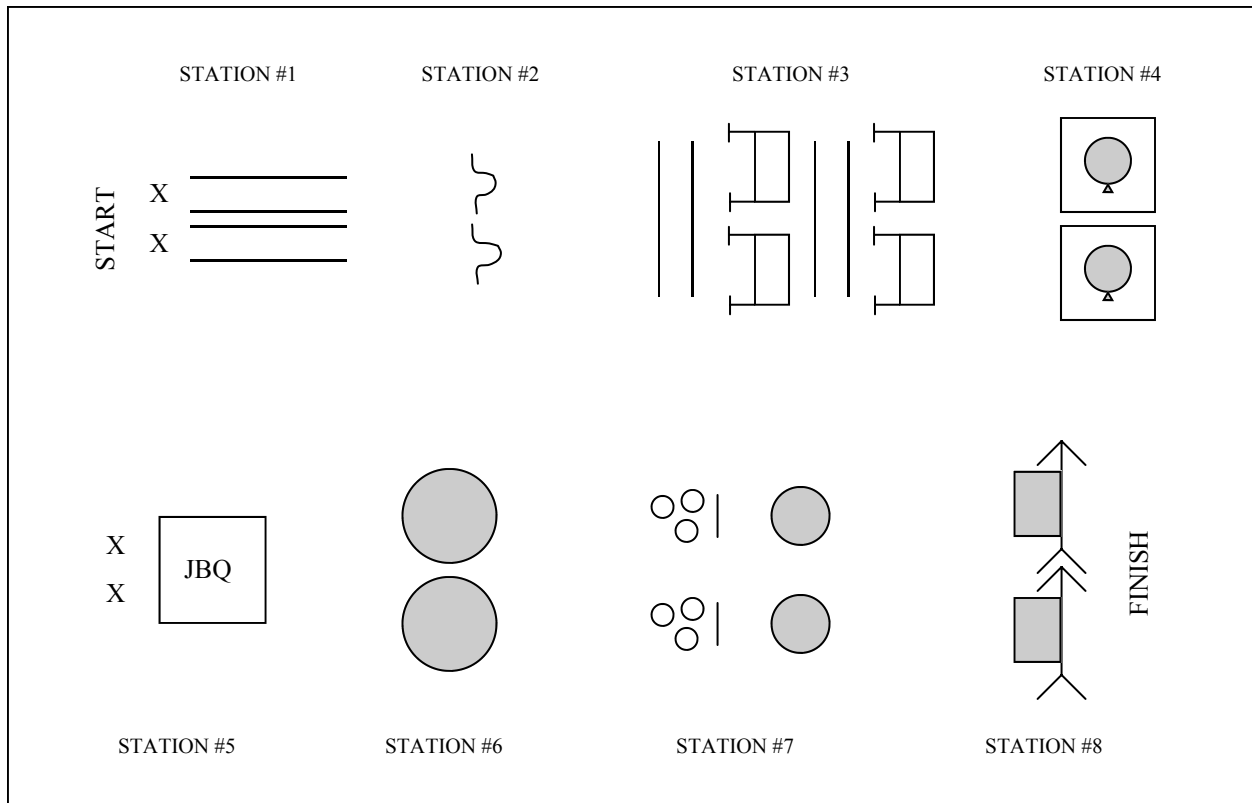
#### *Station 7 – Shoot and Score*

At this station each camper must make at least 2 baskets. Set up a throw line about eight feet away from a couple of empty garbage cans. Have 3 team set up at the throw line. When a camper has made his shots, he must put all three balls back at the throw line before going on.

**Station 8 – Choose a Curtain**

This station needs to be manned by two counselors with water guns (one counselor for each team). Each camper will pick either curtain #1 or curtain #2. A counselor with a water gun will be behind one of those curtains. If the camper picks the curtain with the counselor behind it, she will get squirt. If the camper picks the curtain without the counselor behind it, she will be spared. When a camper has completed this station, the next person on their team may go. In order to have this station, you need to have a way to hang two separate curtains or sheets. Each curtain or sheet will have a “#1” on one side and a “#2” on the other side. The counselor will stand towards one of the sides of the curtain. Counselors can switch which sides they stand on for each camper. If you don’t have a way to hang two curtains or sheets, you could just have counselors sitting on a chair, and the camper call out either “One!” or “Two!” The counselor will then squirt or not squirt depending on which number they had chosen to be the “squirted number.”

Below is a diagram of what the Faith Factor Challenge Course might look like.



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## Supplies

### *Praise Time*

- Music CDs

### *Intro Sketch*

- Sleeping bag, pillow, and bag for each camper character
- Extra bags for Heather
- 2 keys
- Clipboard

### *Audience Interaction*

- Top 10 list (see service segment)

### *Bible Snapshot*

- Puppet for Rusty character (if you choose puppet option)
- Costume for Rusty character (if you choose performer option)

### *Media Segment*

- Faith Factor video clip tape cued to first clip (see service segment)

### *Resolution Sketch*

- Key wrapped with duct tape
- Regular key

## Warm-Up

As the children are entering chapel, have some cool, upbeat music playing (i.e., Jump5). The reliable host should be interacting with the kids as well: asking how their day was, what they did, etc.

## Praise Time

Once everyone has entered the chapel and found a seat, open up in the Camp Song you have chosen. A suggestion would be “So Good To Me” on the *Shout to the Lord Kids* CD, track 2. Then sing a couple more upbeat songs. Here are some suggestions:

“Every Move I Make” from *Shout to the Lord Kids*

“Undignified” from *Shout to the Lord Kids 2*

## Welcome

The reliable host comes in and welcomes all the children to camp. After talking a little about the fun activities that everyone is going to do at camp, he looks at his watch worried. He mentions that the comic host is supposed to be helping him...the comic host is usually on time for things. So, the reliable host starts to ask where everyone is from. While he is doing that, the comic host comes running in from outside out of breath oblivious that chapel has already started.

COMIC HOST: Am I late? Has chapel started? I am sooo sorry. I was... (*sees the campers and realizes chapel has started*) Oh no! Chapel has started! This is so embarrassing.

RELIABLE HOST: That's OK. Where were you? Why are you late?

COMIC HOST: You see, I went into town to buy some underwear. I left all of mine at home. I decided to take a shortcut to get back to camp.

RELIABLE HOST: Shortcut? There are no shortcuts back to camp from the nearest town.

COMIC HOST: I know. There are just a bunch of trees... (*rubbing bottom*) ...and porcupines.

RELIABLE HOST: Didn't you have a map? Why didn't you just follow the map? I told you there was only one way to get back here from town.

COMIC HOST: I did have the map. I thought I'd try my own way back. (*Rubbing bottom again*) It was a mistake.

RELIABLE HOST: Well, I glad you got back safely. You could have been lost for a LONG time. You know, what happened to you is sort of what it is like to get to heaven.

COMIC HOST: You mean heaven has a lot of trees and porcupines?

RELIABLE HOST: No. There is only one way into heaven, just like there is only one way to get to camp from town. Having faith in Jesus is the only way into heaven.

COMIC HOST: Well, next time, I'll remember to just use the map.

RELIABLE HOST: Let's go see if the nurse has anything for porcupine wounds.

The hosts walk off stage.

### **Intro Sketch**

All characters enter stage. Campers are carrying their luggage and sleeping bags. Kip or Kelly is carrying a clipboard.

HEATHER: (*disgusted*) This is it? This is the camp? Where are the bellhops to help me with my stuff?

(*The other campers start chuckling.*)

KIP OR KELLY: (*stopping the laughter before someone has a chance to make a "smart" remark*) Alright you guys... Is this your first time to camp Heather?

HEATHER: *(a little bit of attitude)* Like, yeah. My mom and dad made me come. They think it'll be good for me. I couldn't even bring my cell phone. *(more chuckling from other campers)*

KYLE: Whoa Dude! Whatcha gonna do with a cell phone? There's no reception out here anyway.

VIC: *(pretending to be as prissy as she can be with a cell phone to her ear)* Mom you've got to come get me. There is, like, actual dirt on the ground. I might break a nail out here.

KIP OR KELLY: OK, Vic and Kyle, that's enough. Heather, I'm sure you'll have fun here. *(looking at the clipboard)* Let's see who's else is in your cabin, Heather. Victoria...

Vic: It's Vic! Just Vic!

*(Josh and Kyle are snickering)*

JOSH: *(sarcastic)* Oh Victoria, dear!

*(Vic lunges at the two boys with her fists at the ready. The two boys laugh even harder.)*

KIP OR KELLY: *(gentle but firm)* Guys! *(turning attention to Vic)* Sorry... Vic... you and Heather are in the same cabin. Here is the key. *(hands key to Vic, while Vic sighs and rolls her eyes at the prospect of spending all of camp in the same cabin with Heather)*

*(The girls exit)*

KIP OR KELLY: Kyle and Josh... it looks like you guys are in the same cabin again this year. *(Kyle and Josh high five each other)* Here's your key *(hands key to one of the boys and exits)*

KYLE: Dude! We're in the same cabin again. Coolrageous!

JOSH: Great. I brought my JBQ question pack with me. We can work on those for that one game...

KYLE: Dude, you've got to loosen up, man! This is camp. We're here to catch some waves!

JOSH: Kyle, there are no waves here. This is camp, not the beach.

KYLE: *(disappointed)* Bummer, man! I forgot. What're we going to do?

*(Josh and Kyle look at each other, smile and say the next line together)*

KYLE AND JOSH: Pillow fight!

*(They pull out their pillows and attack each other. Heather comes running in after a short while. The boys notice her and stop their full-on attack of each other.)*

HEATHER: Have you guys seen Counselor Kip (or Kelly)?

JOSH: Um, he left a while ago. *(Kyle hits him in the back of the head with a pillow and they start pillow fighting again)*

HEATHER: Just great! Can anything else go wrong? *(The boys stop in mid-fight.)*

KYLE: Why? What's wrong man? *(Josh hits him in the back of the head and the fight is on)*

HEATHER: Our key won't open the cabin door. I think it's, like, defective or something. *(The fighting stops again)*

KYLE: Dude, I've got the answer. Here give me that key. We'll just make a few adjustment, and it'll open that door faster than you can say, "Whoa!"

HEATHER: I don't know.

KYLE: Trust me, man. Unless you want to sleep outside on the dirt. *(She quickly hands him the key)* Josh, dude, let me use your pocket knife.

JOSH: But you don't have a Cut and Chop card yet!

KYLE: Dude! I know what I'm doing man. *(Josh gives the pocket knife to him and Kyle proceeds to make a huge deal of modifying the key with exaggerated motions, etc. After a while, he hands the knife back to Josh and hold up the key)* It is finished! *(Maniacal laughter)*

JOSH: Kyle, you're scaring me.

HEATHER: Yeah, just a little freaky.

KYLE: Sorry, dudes. I watched Frankenstein before coming to camp. Let's go open that cabin door!

HEATHER: What if it doesn't work?

KYLE: There's more than one way to open a door!

*They all exit.*

### **Audience Interaction**

The comic host comes in to read off this year's camp top ten list from the headquarters in Springfield, Illinois. It is, "Top 10 Ways To Get Into Heaven." (You could prepare an overhead or Power Point slide with them to show the children.)

10. Paint symbols of the sun and moon on your body and jump into a pool of chocolate pudding.
9. Watch only Barney for the rest of your life.
8. Say sorry to your brother for hitting him and clean his room from a month.
7. Buy a ticket to heaven.
6. Go to church every Sunday and Wednesday.
5. Sing all the verses to "Father Abraham" without getting dizzy.
4. Memorize the entire Bible.
3. Shave your head and sell flowers at the airport.
2. Be a good person.
1. Give \$100 to [name of camp coordinator].

As the comic host finishes reading the list, the reliable host enters and asks her what she is doing. The comic host explains the top ten list, and the reliable host lets everyone know that none of those things will get you to heaven. Only faith in Jesus will get you to heaven. The comic host is disappointed that her top ten list is now only a top one list. The reliable host encourages her to think of a different top ten list. As the comic host walks disappointed offstage, she gets an idea, "Top Ten Ways To Annoy Your Camp Counselor!" She runs out.

### **Bible Snapshot**

RELIABLE HOST: For the sake of the counselors, I hope that she keeps that list to herself. Well, it's time check out how we know that our key point, "Faith in Jesus is the only way into heaven," is true. We do that by going to our book of truth... the Bible. The Bible tells us of a man, in John, chapter 3... *(he is interrupted by Rusty coming on stage humming)* Excuse me. Can I help you?

RUSTY: Um... I was just out for a stroll.

RELIABLE HOST: That's nice... I don't think we've met. My name is [name of reliable host]. What's yours?

RUSTY: Um... Um...



RELIABLE HOST: You do have a name, don't you?

RUSTY: Yup, yup. Give me a second. *(he strains real hard to think)* Oh, I know! Let me check my shirt tag. My momma always writes my name on my shirt tag so it doesn't get lost. *(tries real hard to get at shirt tag and can't quite get it)*

RELIABLE HOST: *(reaching for Rusty's shirt tag)* Here let me help you. It says, "Rusty."

RUSTY: Oh my momma won't be too happy about that.

RELIABLE HOST: *(taken aback)* What?

RUSTY: She doesn't like rust spots on my clothes.

RELIABLE HOST: No, that's the name on your shirt tag.

RUSTY: You mean, I've got one of those cool Rusty Brand shirts on?

RELIABLE HOST: No, that's your name.

RUSTY: It is? How do you know?

RELIABLE HOST: It's written on your shirt tag.

RUSTY: Yup, yup... that's where my momma writes my name so...

RELIABLE HOST: We know, we know... so you don't lose your shirt.

RUSTY: Oh, your momma does that for you too?

RELIABLE HOST: *(wanting to get back on the subject)* Anyway, Rusty, I was about to tell the campers a story from the Bible. Would you like to help?

RUSTY: Can I really? I love to help.

RELIABLE HOST: Good. As I was saying, the Bible tells us about a man named Nicodemus...

RUSTY: I've got an Uncle Nicodemus. I didn't know he was in the Bible, though.

RELIABLE HOST: This isn't your Uncle Nicodemus. It's another Nicodemus who lived a long time ago. In fact, he lived at the same time Jesus did.

Rusty: Wasn't Jesus God? He came and died for our sins.

RELIABLE HOST: (*impressed*) That's right! You must pay attention in Sunday school. Well, Nicodemus wanted to know how to get to heaven, so he asked Jesus.

RUSTY: What did Jesus say?

RELIABLE HOST: Jesus said, "You must be born again."

RUSTY: (*puzzled and confused*) What if you aren't born at ten? I was born at two in the morning. That means I don't get to go to heaven?

RELIABLE HOST: Not "born at ten." He said, "Born again." In other words, you need to be born a second time.

RUSTY: (*even more confused*) Born a second time? You mean I have to go back into my momma's tummy and come out again. Won't that hurt?

RELIABLE HOST: (*chuckling*) That's exactly what Nicodemus said.

RUSTY: Wow, I must be smart.

RELIABLE HOST: (*a little sarcastically*) Uh huh. Anyway, Jesus told Nicodemus that what he meant was that to get to heaven Nicodemus had to make Jesus the boss of his life and become like a different person. So that would be like being born a second time.

RUSTY: I get it! Jesus wants us to put on different clothes, get new job and act like a little baby. Right?

RELIABLE HOST: (*shaking head in discouragement*) No... Jesus wants us to ask him to take the bad things we do away, so that we don't want to do them anymore. That way we act like a totally different person. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "You must be born again." Get it?

RUSTY: I think so. Jesus wants to be the boss of my life, so that I can be a different and better person.

RELIABLE HOST: Close enough. C'mon Rusty, let me take you home.

RUSTY: (*as they are walking offstage*) So, I don't have to wear a diaper again?

### **Media Segment**

Video preview: D-O-G, a dog puppet has some candid interviews with people to find out their ideas of what someone has to do to get to heaven.

## **Resolution Sketch**

*Everyone comes onstage with Kip or Kelly in the lead. All the campers have guilty looks on their faces.*

KIP OR KELLY: Now, how did the door to Heather and Vic's cabin get broken again?

KYLE: Well, man, Heather said the key wouldn't work, so we tried to fix her key so that it would open the door.

KIP OR KELLY: *(holding up a key wrapped with a lot of duct tape)* What made you think this was going to open her door or any door for that matter.

KYLE: Well, I had seen these two dudes on the locksmith channel making keys, so I thought to myself, "Dude, if those old dudes could do it, so can I." So, I borrowed Josh's pocket knife and recarved the key.

KIP OR KELLY: Pocket knife? What were you doing with a pocket knife?

JOSH: I tried to tell him he didn't have his Cut and Chop card, but...

KIP OR KELLY: You can't have a pocket knife at camp even IF you have a Chop and Carve...whatever... *(Josh hands pocket knife to him/her)* You'll get it back after camp. Anyway, that still doesn't explain this *(referring to all the tape)*.

VIC: Well, Kyle's key carving didn't work, so I thought we should try something else. I saw this TV show once where this guy was kidnapped and locked in a prison. He escaped by using his skate key and some duct tape. I figured any key and duct tape would do.

KIP OR KELLY: OK, that explains the key. What about the door?

JOSH: Since the keys didn't work, I thought that if we just pushed on the door hard enough, it would open. We used Heather's make-up bag as our battering ram. I guess it worked.

KIP OR KELLY: Well, just be glad that [name of camp coordinator] didn't decide to call your parents to pick you up. Didn't you think that maybe I had just given you the wrong key? *(Campers look at each other blankly.)* That's exactly what happened. This key is for the snack shack *(holding up taped up key)*.

KYLE: Bummer, man. We had the Golden Ticket in our hands.

KIP OR KELLY: This key (*holding up a different key*) is the right key. You can't change any old key to make it work in a different door. Doors are made so that only one key design will open a door. You know, that reminds me of something... ("*mood music*" plays)

(*Everyone is looking around puzzled, wondering where the music is coming from except for Kip or Kelly.*)

VIC: Where is that music coming from?

KIP OR KELLY: What music? Like I was saying... a door having only one key that can open it is like it is to get to heaven. There is only one way to get to heaven, and that is faith in Jesus. Lots of people think there are different ways to get into heaven, just like you guys thought there were lots of ways to open that door. The Bible tells us, though, that faith in Jesus is the only way to get to heaven.

HEATHER: I've never thought of it that way. I guess that's why my parents started going to church and stuff. I thought they were just being weird and trying to ruin my life or something.

KYLE: Dude! How can being a Christian ruin your life, man? It's the coolest thing!

HEATHER: We'll see.

(*They all walk offstage.*)

### **Wrap-Up**

The co-hosts come up and remind everyone that the theme for camp is Faith Factor, based on Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is being sure of what you hope for. It is being certain of what you do not see." They let everyone know that based on that verse the definition of faith is "knowing something is true before you get proof." They have everyone repeat that with them. They then ask, "Who do we need faith in, in order to get to heaven?" After response, the hosts congratulate the campers on the right answer and remind them that just like Nicodemus had to learn that, we too have to learn it and never forget it.

Take care of any special announcements at this time. Play upbeat music as you dismiss the children.