

DAY 1 DRAMA

Characters: Wade, Jen, Cara, Zoey, Stephen

(Theme Music)

(Scene begins with ZOEY standing behind her contestant desk engrossed in a book. Then STEPHEN enters from backstage with a small rolling suitcase and a large academic achievement medal around his neck. He doesn't notice ZOEY at first because he's awe-struck with the game show set and TV studio.)

STEPHEN: Wow! This . . . is . . . AWESOME! *(as he walks to the front of the stage)* Haha! What a dream come true! I finally get to put my vast knowledge on display for everyone to see! *(turns and sees ZOEY, his opponent, reading her book)* Ha . . . poor girl. Just look at her . . . frantically studying. She hasn't got a chance. *(clears his throat to get her attention)* Ahem!

ZOEY: *(looks up from her book)* Oh, sorry. I was engrossed in my book.

STEPHEN: No worries. I'm Stephen.

ZOEY: Nice to meet you, Stephen. I'm Zoey. What's that you're wearing? It looks like a medal or something.

STEPHEN: *(proudly)* Oh, this? It's just my latest academic achievement award, that's all.

ZOEY: So, you have others?

STEPHEN: Oh, yes. In fact, I brought my entire collection with me. Wanna see them? *(as he starts to open his rolling suitcase)*

ZOEY: Uh, no, that's okay . . . the show will probably be starting soon. But that's impressive . . . I guess I'm going to have to be at the top of my game to beat you.

STEPHEN: Beat me? Yeah, well . . . I wouldn't get your hopes up.

ZOEY: Oh . . . okay.

(ZOEY smiles and then resumes her reading.)

STEPHEN: I can't believe we're going to be on a real live game show. Can you?

ZOEY: You mean you've never been on a quiz show before?

STEPHEN: *(smugly)* Ha! And you have?

ZOEY: Sure . . . lots of times.

STEPHEN: *(to himself)* Yeah, right.

ZOEY: No really . . . I'm the captain of my high school quiz team. Not meaning to brag, of course. Doesn't your school have a team?

STEPHEN: Uh . . . I'm sure they're working on it. *(quickly changes the subject)* So . . . what are you reading?

ZOEY: Oh, this? It's just the *The Odyssey* by Homer.

STEPHEN: *(attempting to regain his pride)* Ha! We read that last year!

ZOEY: Really? That's great! I've read it every year since I was 6. But, this time I'm reading it in the original Greek.

STEPHEN: Greek? As in the language?

ZOEY: Yeah, you should try it sometime. It's so interesting.

STEPHEN: Really? Got any other tips?

ZOEY: Actually, I do. It looks like you've got something green stuck in your teeth. You might want to remove it before the show starts. I mean . . . I would if I were you.

(Embarrassed, STEPHEN makes a quick exit.)

ZOEY: *(laughing to herself)* That should bring him down a notch.

(JEN enters.)

JEN: Okay, contestants, time to . . . where's Stephen?

ZOEY: In the restroom. He should be back soon.

(CARA enters while talking on her phone and holding a coffee drink.)

CARA: *(loud and upbeat)* Haha! I know, right! So crazy! Hey . . . I have to get off now. It's my first day at work, and I'm supposed to make a good impression. *(pause)* I know, can you believe it? *(pause)* Okay, bye. *(then to JEN, as she puts her phone away)* All right, I'm here. Where do I start?

(JEN grabs CARA by the arm and pulls her aside.)

JEN: *(frustrated)* Well, you can start by telling me where you've been! This is your first day on the job and you're two hours late! *(as she looks at her watch)*

CARA: *(calm)* Yeah, sorry about that . . . I was at Crocodile Coffee and some guy had a flat tire right in front of the drive-through lane! Can you believe that? What are the odds?

JEN: And . . .

CARA: And . . . so it was a REEEEEALLY long wait?

JEN: Hmm . . . and it didn't occur to you that you could have gone inside?

CARA: Are you serious? It's like 50 degrees outside! I didn't feel like getting out of my car.

JEN: And you couldn't have gone to a different Crocodile Coffee?

CARA: A different Crocodile Coffee?

JEN: I'm just trying to help you problem-solve, sweetheart.

CARA: But, Aunt Jen, you don't understand. Tommy is the only barista that knows how to make my half caramel, half vanilla latte, decaf espresso heated only to 100 degrees with nonfat milk and caramel drizzle on top. I just wouldn't feel comfortable with anyone else.

JEN: *(sarcastic)* Oh . . . well, then of course you had to wait for Tommy.

CARA: *(surprised)* Are you mad at me?

JEN: No . . . I'm just . . . *(pause)* yes, I'm mad at you. This is not a good start for you, Cara. And it makes me look really bad.

CARA: I said I was sorry. What else can I do?

JEN: *(irritated)* How 'bout read the notes from the New Employee Orientation that you missed? *(as she pulls them out of her portfolio and gives them to CARA)* I'd start there.

CARA: *(with sarcasm)* Woohoo . . . that sounds like fun!

JEN: *(glares at CARA)* Follow me.

(JEN exits with CARA following, then CARA suddenly stops.)

CARA: Wait a minute . . . I should've gotten you a coffee, too! Is that what this is about? That's it, isn't it!

(CARA exits as STEPHEN returns.)

STEPHEN: *(loudly)* You think you're funny, don't you!

ZOEY: What??

STEPHEN: There was nothing green stuck in my teeth and you know it!

ZOEY: *(laughs)* Sorry . . . I couldn't help myself.

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah . . . well, you're going to regret it. I was going to go easy on you, but not now! No way!

(JEN enters.)

JEN: *(to STEPHEN)* Good . . . you're back. *(goes down her checklist checking mics, make-up, buzzers, etc.)* So . . . you both ready for this?

STEPHEN AND ZOEY: Yep!

JEN: Any last minute questions?

STEPHEN: *(staring at ZOEY)* Yeah . . . what's the worst someone has ever lost on this show?

JEN: Oh, Stephen . . . don't worry! I'm sure you'll do fine!

(ZOEY laughs.)

STEPHEN: What? No! Not me! Her!

ZOEY: He thinks he's got this.

JEN: *(looking at STEPHEN)* Oh, I see. Well . . . just remember what Proverbs says, "Pride goes before destruction." Okay, is everyone ready? Sound booth? *(pause)* Wade? *(pause)* Contestants? *(pause)* Good . . . here we go!

(JEN turns and walks to the front of the stage to address the studio audience.)

JEN: Welcome, everyone, to Zoomerang Studios! We're so glad you're here! And that's because you provide a lot of the energy for our show when you clap and cheer. So, let's take a moment and practice, shall we? When I raise the "Applause" sign, you clap and cheer, okay? Here we go . . .

(JEN holds up an "APPLAUSE" sign and the audience claps and cheers. She holds it up a couple more times for different lengths of time, including for a split second, to see if they can follow with applause.)

JEN: Perfect! Good job everyone! I can tell already you're going to be a great audience! Now, let's get this show on the road! It's time to play Zoomerang in 3-2-1!

(JEN holds up the "APPLAUSE" sign as the Game Show Music plays. Then WADE enters from backstage.)

WADE: Hello and welcome to ZOOMERANG! The show that tests your knowledge. I'm your host, Wade Martin, and today we welcome two new contestants who will be with us all week. Here's how it'll go: In Round 1, the contestants will answer a series of questions for points. In Round 2, additional players will be selected from our studio audience to answer more questions for points. And then we'll finish with our Double Bonus Question, which could determine the winner. So, it's going to be a lot of fun! But first, let's meet our players. Zoey Henderson . . . tell us where you're from and what school you go to.

ZOEY: Sure. My family moved to Sydney a few months ago, but I'm originally from Ohio in the U.S.

WADE: Oh, so you're a Buckeye? I hear they have a pretty good football team there.

ZOEY: They sure do! Go Bucks!

WADE: And where do you go to school?

ZOEY: Danbury Heights Senior High School.

WADE: Very good . . . *(then to STEPHEN)* And over here we have Stephen Cunningham. Tell us where you're from and where you go to school.

STEPHEN: *(suddenly freezes as he's overcome by stage fright.)* Uh . . .

WADE: Stephen? Are you okay?

STEPHEN: Uh . . .

WADE: Is this your first time on television?

STEPHEN: *(just nods)* Hmhhh . . .

WADE: Okay . . . just take a deep breath and relax.

STEPHEN: *(takes a deep breath, then lets it out)* Ahhhhh . . .

WADE: Good. *(pause)* Now . . . can you tell us where you're from?

STEPHEN: Canada?

WADE: That's great, but . . . can you be a little more specific?

STEPHEN: Sorry . . . Prince Edward Island.

WADE: Oh . . . I visited Prince Edward Island recently. It's a beautiful place. And . . . your school?

STEPHEN: Oh . . . uh . . . North Bay . . . High School.

WADE: So, what brings you to the Land Down Under?

STEPHEN: My family's vacationing here for a few weeks.

WADE: Wonderful! Welcome to Australia. Ready to play Zoomerang? All right, Round 1 will be a series of Australia questions. So, here we go! First question, for 1,000 points . . .

ROUND 1

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: *(startled)* Uh . . . Zoey?

ZOEY: The Great Barrier Reef?

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That is . . . correct. And the question was . . .

(Question 1 slide goes up.)

Q1. This place is about the size of 70 million football fields and can even be seen from outer space. Very good, Zoey. Next Question . . . also for 1,000 points . . .

(Not wanting to be outdone by Zoey, STEPHEN hits his buzzer— Buzz In [sfx].)

WADE: *(startled again, and a bit annoyed)* Stephen?

STEPHEN: *(gives a wild guess)* Uh . . . Sydney Opera House?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Let me read the question.

(Question 2 slide goes up.)

Q2. Name the Aboriginal invention that you throw and then it comes back to you. You said . . . Sydney Opera House. And that, of course, is incorrect. Zoey, it's all yours if you can answer it.

ZOEY: A boomerang?

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Correct. But, from now on, contestants, please let me read the question before you buzz in . . . all right? Okay, next question . . .

(Question 3 slide goes up. NOTE: From here on out, question slides should appear on screen just before each question is read by WADE.)

Q3. What's another name for the people who settled in Australia shortly after the event at the tower of Babel?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Aboriginal people.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Correct! Next question . . .

Q4. Of the 25 most venomous snakes in the world, how many are found in Australia?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: I don't like snakes or anything about them, but I'm going to say . . . 8?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: I agree with you about not liking snakes, but I'm sorry, that is incorrect. Stephen?

STEPHEN: Hmm . . . I know it's a lot. Is it 17?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: That's also incorrect. It's actually 21. Can you believe that? 21 out of 25 of the most venomous snakes in the world are found right here in our beloved Australia!

STEPHEN: That's so cool!

ZOEY: What? You think that's cool?

STEPHEN: Absolutely. I wonder if any of them can fly! You know there are flying snakes, don't you?

ZOEY: *(rolls her eyes)* Boys.

WADE: Ahem . . . next question.

Q5. Who is the queen of Australia?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey?

ZOEY: Queen Elizabeth of England.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep! Which will surprise many people. And she's been the queen for almost 70 years! Next question . . .

Q6. Australia is similar in size to what other country?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Canada?

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yes, or the United States. Both are just a little bigger than Australia.

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And with that we complete Round 1! Let's check our score. So far Zoey is leading with 3,000 points and Stephen has 2,000, but the game is far from over!

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

ROUND 2 Multiple Choice

(NOTE: ZOEY and STEPHEN will not be participating in Round 2, but will stand nearby.)

WADE: Now it's time for Round 2, so contestants, come on up and take your places. *(Pause as kid contestants come forward.)* This round will be a little different. I'll read a question and give you three possible answers. Then, on my signal, you answer by raising one of the paddles—1, 2, or 3. And the scoring will go like this. For one right answer, your team will get 1,000 points; for two right answers, 2,000 points; and if all three team members get it right, you'll receive 5,000 points! Now, you in the studio audience can help by putting up 1, 2, or 3 fingers, but just don't shout out the answer. So, is everyone ready? All right, let's go! First question . . .

Q1. In what book of the Bible is this sentence found? Then God said, "Let us make man in our image."

1. Genesis
2. Hezekiah
3. Revelation

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) Genesis. Genesis 1:26 to be exact. Next question . . .

Q2. Finish the verse: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him . . .

1. And it was good.
2. Male and female he created them.
3. Neither of these

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) Male and female he created them. The Bible says God created the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground but the first woman, Eve, he made from one of Adam's ribs. Next question . . .

Q3. The Bible tells us we're made in God's image. Which of these is *not* a way a person reflects God's image?

1. People can have a relationship with God.
2. People can lie and be mean to others.
3. People can be creative.

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) People can lie and be mean to others. But not God. He never lies, and although he punishes sin, he's never "mean." Next question . . .

Q4. The first job God gave to the first man, Adam, was:

1. Naming the animals
2. Taking care of the garden of Eden

3. Making a campfire

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) Taking care of the garden of Eden. Now, God did give Adam the job of naming the animals, but it wasn't his first job. Next question . . .

Q5. Which supposed missing link was drawn in great detail even though only one tooth was found?

1. Java Man
2. Nebraska Man
3. Lucy

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) Nebraska Man. Using a single tooth and a vivid imagination, an artist created an ape-man. But later, that tooth was determined to belong to an extinct pig instead. Oops!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. At the end of Round 2, Team Zoey has ___ points and Team Stephen has ___ points.

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION

WADE: Now, on to our Double Bonus Question which will be worth 10,000 points, but only if all three team members choose the right answer. If not, then your team gets no additional points. And there's no audience participation this time. All right, are you ready?

This question has to do with "missing links." When you hear of a fossil find that's supposedly a missing link, just remember it's either a fake or a mistake! And here's the question . . .

DBQ. Which supposed missing link was a complete fake?

1. Piltdown Man
2. Cro-Magnon Man
3. Neanderthal

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids to raise their paddles.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) Piltdown Man.

(WADE announces the winner then signs off for the day.)

WADE: *(to the audience)* And that's our show for today! Just remember . . . we didn't evolve; we were created in God's image! See you tomorrow, everyone!

(Game Show Theme Music)

DAY 2 DRAMA

Characters: Wade, Jen, Cara, Zoey, Stephen

(Theme music)

(Scene begins with JEN on stage checking things over. Then she puts her headset on.)

JEN: *(to the sound booth)* Hey, guys . . . that storm last night fried one of our computers. Could we do a quick run-through of the sound effects? I just want to make sure everything's working properly. *(pause)* Great . . . let me know when you're ready. *(pause)* All right, let's start with "Right Answer."

(Sound booth plays Right Answer [sfx].)

JEN: Good. "Wrong Answer."

(Sound booth plays Wrong Answer [sfx].)

JEN: And . . . "Round Over."

(Sound booth plays Round Over [sfx].)

JEN: Excellent. Did I miss anything?

(Sound booth plays a Rooster Crow [sfx] and Burp [sfx] to be funny.)

JEN: Very funny!

(Sound booth plays Laugh Track [sfx].)

JEN: Okay, guys, back to work. *(takes off her headset)*

(CARA enters from the rear of the auditorium with 2 coffee drinks, holding one of them behind her back as a surprise.)

CARA: Good morning!

JEN: You're late again.

CARA: Yes, but not as late as yesterday . . . and this time . . . *(as she reveals what was behind her back)* Tah dah!! . . . I brought you a vanilla latte with a dash of cinnamon! Your favorite, right?

(CARA hands the latte to JEN while JEN gives her a "look.")

CARA: What's wrong? You don't like it anymore?

JEN: Cara, we need to talk. *(as she sets the vanilla latte down)*

CARA: My name's not Cara.

JEN: What?

CARA: I said, my name's not Cara. It's Winter.

JEN: Okay, stop. This isn't the time or the place. You've got a job now. You're an employee. You have responsibilities.

CARA: Don't remind me.

JEN: Listen . . . all I'm saying is, you need to start taking work more seriously, okay? You can joke around all you want on your own time.

CARA: But, I'm not joking. I went down to the courthouse and changed my name.

JEN: What? You did not.

CARA: Did too. The certificate arrived yesterday. See? *(as she pulls out her certificate as proof)*

JEN: *(stunned)* I can't believe it. Why on earth did you do this?!

CARA: I don't know. I just felt like it.

JEN: That's it? You "just felt like it"?

CARA: Yep. It seemed like a fun idea.

JEN: So, what'd your parents say? I'm sure they weren't very happy. They loved your name.

CARA: *(with a smile)* I haven't told 'em yet. *(as her attention turns to the game show set and TV studio)*

JEN: *(cynical)* Of course, you haven't. Why am I not surprised?

CARA: So, this is it, huh? Where it all happens. *(as she looks at the game show set)* My friends would be so jealous right now.

JEN: *(looks at her watch)* C'mon . . . we've got work to do.

CARA: Wait, let's get a picture!

JEN: We don't have time.

CARA: It'll only take a second. *(as she grabs her phone to take a selfie with JEN.)* All right, smile!

JEN: I don't think I can right now.

CARA: Oh, c'mon. Don't be a party pooper. *(as she elbows JEN)*
(JEN manages to crack a smile.)

CARA: That's better *(as she takes the picture, then types a caption)* "On-the-set . . . with-the-director . . . of-the . . . number-one . . . game-show . . . in . . . the-world . . . Zoomer-ang!" Done. *(as she posts it on social media)* But you know what's funny? I've never seen it. I can't believe I just told you that.

JEN: Never seen what?

CARA: Your show . . . Zoomerang! Can you believe that? My aunt works for this big time show and I've never even watched it!

JEN: Oh, yeah? Well, you're about to see it. *(looks at her watch)*
Let's go!

CARA: Wow! You sure know how to spoil the moment, don't you! *(sees the vanilla latte)* Hey, don't forget your latte! *(as she grabs it)*

(As JEN leads CARA offstage in one direction, ZOEY and STEPHEN enter from the other side.)

ZOEY: So, what'd you think about yesterday? Was it as amazing as you expected?

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah. It was awesome!

ZOEY: Even with that little rough spot you had at the beginning?

STEPHEN: Oh, that . . . it was just part of my strategy.

ZOEY: Is THAT what it was? Well, you certainly have an interesting game plan.

STEPHEN: So, tell me more about this quiz team you're on. What's your record?

ZOEY: 59 and 0.

STEPHEN: 59 and 0? Whoa! That's . . . uh . . .

ZOEY: Incredible. I know. We have a really good coach.

STEPHEN: Hmm . . . so does that mean you've never known the agony of defeat?

ZOEY: Oh, no . . . I have. I lost to my dad once in a game of chess when I was two.

STEPHEN: Two? You were playing chess at two years old?

ZOEY: Yes . . . and I was so upset, I didn't watch Elmo for an entire month! At least, that's what my parents told me. I don't really remember it.

STEPHEN: So, you don't remember what it feels like to lose?

ZOEY: Hmm . . . no, not really.

STEPHEN: Well, guess what? I'm about to remind you!

(Then JEN enters holding the "APPLAUSE" sign.)

JEN: *(to ZOEY and STEPHEN)* All right, guys. Great job yesterday. You ready to do it again?

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah!

ZOEY: Can't wait!

JEN: Good! Then let's get this show on the road! Okay, is everyone ready? Sound booth? *(pause)* Wade? *(pause)* Contestants? *(pause)* All right . . . here we go!

(JEN turns and walks to the front of the stage to address the studio audience.)

JEN: Welcome, everyone, to Zoomerang Studios! So, how many of you saw yesterday's show?

(Audience response)

JEN: Wow! That's wonderful! We're so glad you came back. It really means a lot to us. So, you remember the drill, right? When I raise the "Applause" sign, you clap and cheer. Okay, here we go! Zoomerang in—

(CARA bursts onto the stage wearing a big wig and sunglasses and riding a tricycle.)

CARA: *(riding by)* Beep! Beep! Coming through!

(JEN freezes, stunned and speechless by the audacious CARA.)

CARA: I saw this backstage and couldn't resist! You know, you've got some REALLY cool stuff back there! *(lowers her sunglasses and sees the look on JEN'S face)* Aw, c'mon, Aunt J! Lighten up! *(turns her head and sees the studio audience staring at her)* Well, this is awkward. I didn't know you had company. *(quickly decides to exit)* Pay no attention to the girl on the tricycle!

(As soon as CARA disappears, a Loud Crash [sfx] is heard backstage.)

CARA: *(from backstage)* Ouch!

JEN: *(takes a deep breath)* You know what? I'm just going to pretend I didn't see that. *(pauses for a moment)* All right . . . let's try this again . . . Zoomerang in 3-2-1!

(JEN holds up the "APPLAUSE" sign as the Game Show Music plays. But then WADE doesn't appear. JEN waits a couple seconds.)

JEN: *(trying to be discreet)* Uh . . . Wade? You're on.

(A very disheveled WADE emerges from backstage, crawling onto the set.)

JEN: Oh, no . . . *(runs over to help him up)* Are you okay?

WADE: *(flustered from the collision backstage)* I don't know. I was just standing there waiting for my cue, and then, BAM!! Something hit me! *(continues to brush himself off and straighten his tie)* Thanks, I'll be all right.

(JEN returns to her position.)

WADE: Hello and welcome to Wade Martin! I'm your host, Zoomerang! *(short pause)* . . . Wait . . . I didn't say that right, did I? Oh well, you know what I mean. So, today we continue with our two contestants, Zoey and Stephen. In Round 1, they'll answer questions. In Round 2, we'll be choosing players from our studio audience to answer more questions. And then we'll finish with our bonus question. But . . . before we get started, let's get to know our contestants a little better. Buckeye Zoey, why don't you tell us something you like and something you dislike.

ZOEY: Oh, that's easy . . . I love to read.

WADE: That's good because you know what they say, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Any category in particular?

ZOEY: Not really. I like pretty much anything . . . classics, biographies, novels, textbooks . . . even dictionaries.

WADE: Dictionaries . . . wow. And something you dislike?

ZOEY: Hmm . . . how about over-dressed, egotistical, know-it-alls. *(as she glances at STEPHEN)*

WADE: *(not sure how to respond)* Hmm . . . Is that how we're supposed to talk about our fellow image-bearers? *(looks at Zoey, who shakes her head "no" and looks down)* Moving on, then . . . Stephen from Canada . . . how 'bout you? Something you like and something you dislike.

STEPHEN: Reading's okay, but what I REALLY love is winning.

WADE: Winning?

STEPHEN: Yes! I absolutely love to win!

WADE: Hmm . . . then something you dislike would have to be losing?

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah. I hate to lose.

WADE: Zoey, what do you think about that?

ZOEY: Well . . . I think he's not going to be very happy.

WADE: Haha! So . . . are you ready to play Zoomerang?

ZOEY AND STEPHEN: Yes, sir!

WADE: All right, Round 1 . . . here we go! First question, for 1,000 points . . .

ROUND 1

Q1. Australia is home to the world's most venomous ocean animal. What is it?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: The box jellyfish.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep! It may not look dangerous, but its venom can kill you in a matter of minutes!

Q2. What's the name of the doctor service that takes care of people in remote areas of Australia?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep. They outfit planes like little emergency rooms, where they can do surgeries and other procedures, then they fly to people in faraway places.

Q3. What's the largest organ in the human body?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: The liver?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: I'm sorry, that is incorrect. Stephen?

STEPHEN: The brain?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Those were both good guesses, but actually, it's our skin. Yep . . . it's our largest organ by far and really important. It protects our insides, helps regulate our body temperature, and much more.

Q4. What's the name of the flap in your throat that God designed to keep food out of your windpipe and lungs when you swallow?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Epiglottis.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That is correct. And you can imagine how important it is for your food to go into your stomach and not your lungs!

Q5. If you break a bone, what substance in your body helps fix the break?

(Neither ZOEY nor STEPHEN buzz in right away.)

WADE: This is a hard one.

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: Is it . . . callus?

(Right answer [sfx])

WADE: Very good. Callus is a type of soft bone tissue that forms around the break and eventually hardens. Our bones are really amazing, so next time you pray, thank God for your bones!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And that's the end of Round 1! Let's check our score. And we have a tie! Zoey has 2,000 and Stephen has 2,000!

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

ROUND 2 Multiple Choice

(NOTE: ZOEY and STEPHEN will not be participating in Round 2, but will stand nearby.)

WADE: Now it's time for Round 2, so contestants, come on up and take your places. *(pause as kid contestants come forward)* Remember, this round will be a little different. I'll read a question and give you three possible answers. Then, on my signal, you'll answer by raising one of the paddles—1, 2, or 3. And the scoring will go like this. For one right answer, your team will get 1,000 points; for two right answers, 2,000 points; and if all three team members get it right, you'll receive 5,000 points. And, you in the studio audience can help by putting up 1, 2, or 3 fingers, but just don't shout out the answer. So, is everyone ready? All right, let's go . . . first question . . .

Q1. What does it mean to be "fearfully and wonderfully" made?

1. You're a special, one-of-a-kind creation by God.
2. God was scared when he made you.
3. Neither of these

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 1) You're a special, one-of-a-kind creation by God. God took great care in creating each of us.

Q2. Did God created people who live with disabilities with great care and purpose?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Maybe

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 1) Yes. God is perfect and he does all things well. He doesn't make mistakes. Each person, including anyone living with a disability, is fearfully and wonderfully made.

Q3. To what building could we compare our DNA?

1. A restaurant
2. A library
3. A stadium

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 2) A library ... Your DNA is like a library with so much information that it would take a typist working all day every day for 50 years to type it out!

Q4. How many different smells can your nose detect?

1. About 1,000
2. About 10,000
3. About 1 trillion

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 3) About 1 trillion. Wow! Let's not forget to thank God for our sense of smell ... and our other senses too!

Q5. God made different teeth for different purposes. Which ones are bumpy and large, making them good for grinding up food?

1. Incisors
2. Canines
3. Molars

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 3) Molars. Different teeth have different purposes, and God made every tooth unique—just like our fingerprints!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. At the end of Round 2, Team Zoey has ___ points and Team Stephen has ___ points.

DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION

WADE: Now, on to our Double Bonus Question which will be worth 10,000 points, but only if all three team members choose the right answer. If not, then your team gets no additional points. And there's no audience participation this time. All right, are you ready?

DBQ. In what part of your body is the smallest bone that God made?

1. In your ear
2. In your pinky finger
3. In your nose

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids to raise their paddles.)*

And the answer is ... 1) In your ear.

(WADE announces the winner then signs off for the day.)

WADE: *(to the audience)* And that's our show for today! Remember ... we're all fearfully and wonderfully made by God! See you tomorrow everyone!

(Game Show Theme Music)

DAY 3 DRAMA

Characters: Wade, Jen, Cara, Zoey, Stephen

(Theme music)

(Scene begins with JEN on stage looking at her clipboard. Soon, WADE, wearing street clothes, enters with a stack of host cards and walks to his podium.)

WADE: Good morning, Jen. *(as he places the cards on the podium)*

JEN: Oh, I'm so glad you walked in because I wanted to apologize for what happened yesterday.

WADE: You mean the big smackdown? Thanks for reminding me of how sore I am.

JEN: Sorry.

WADE: No, it's okay. I'm just messing with you. But why should you apologize? You didn't do anything.

JEN: Exactly. Cara is my responsibility, and I wasn't watching her closely enough.

WADE: *(joking)* That was Cara? I thought it was a freight train! But, hey, no blood, no broken bones, no concussion. It's all good.

JEN: Well . . . thanks for being so kind.

WADE: No, you're the one that's being kind.

JEN: Me?

WADE: Let me guess. Cara's been hanging around the wrong crowd and making some poor choices. But she's your niece and you love her, so you bring her here to give her some responsibility and surround her with some positive influence. Am I right?

JEN: Yeah.

WADE: Now that's what I call being kind.

JEN: *(discouraged)* But it's not working.

WADE: You don't know that.

JEN: Yes, I do. The whole thing's been a mess from the start.

WADE: And did you think it was going to be easy?

JEN: I don't know what I thought.

WADE: Well . . . whatever you do, don't give up. She needs you—whether she realizes it or not.

JEN: Thanks. I really needed to hear that.

WADE: Well, I gotta get dressed. I'll be praying for you.

JEN: Thanks!

(WADE exits backstage as JEN returns to her clipboard. Then CARA enters.)

CARA: *(sarcastic)* Okay . . . I finished my chores. Now, can I go out and play?

JEN: Very funny. So, you did everything on the list?

CARA: More or less. So, now what?

JEN: Well . . . why don't you just stay put. I'm going to send Zoey and Stephen in and you can keep them company.

CARA: *(sarcastic)* The brainiacs? Oh, boy, can't wait! Maybe we'll break out the chess board . . . or better yet, read the dictionary together. Whoo-hoo!

JEN: Just be nice and make them feel welcome. I'll be back when it's showtime.

(JEN gives her a side hug and then exits.)

CARA: *(bored, types into her cell phone)* "How to entertain Albert Einstein." *(pause)* Hmm . . . nothing. *(wanders over to the podium and sees the stack of host cards)* And what do we have here? The questions for the show? Seems a bit careless leaving them out in the open . . . unprotected. *(gets a devious idea)* Hmm . . . I wonder what would happen if I removed a couple cards . . . or . . . just mixed them all up. Should I or shouldn't I? That is the question. *(as she laughs to herself)*

(She's about to shuffle the deck of cards but stops as ZOEY and STEPHEN enter.)

STEPHEN: That's too easy! You're insulting my intelligence!

ZOEY: *(annoyed)* Just spell it!

STEPHEN: All right . . . "CONCEITED" . . . C-O-N-C-E-I-T-E-D.

ZOEY: Figures you'd know how to spell that one!

CARA: *(sarcastic)* A spelling bee! Of course! Why didn't I think of that?

ZOEY: What?

CARA: Oh, nothing. Just pretend I'm not here.

STEPHEN: No really, give me a hard one this time. Like . . . "chrysanthemum."

ZOEY: I don't feel like spelling anymore.

STEPHEN: Okay, how 'bout . . . US Presidents?

ZOEY: Not interested.

STEPHEN: States and capitals?

ZOEY: Nope. I'd rather read. *(as she pulls out a book to read)*

STEPHEN: Okay, fine. *(to CARA)* How 'bout you, then?

CARA: Me? You must be joking.

STEPHEN: No really . . . let's test your knowledge. What are two things you can never eat for breakfast?

CARA: Hmm . . . I don't know. What ARE two things I can never eat for breakfast?

STEPHEN: Lunch and dinner! *(then laughs)*

CARA: *(sarcastic)* Wow . . . You. Are. Hilarious.

STEPHEN: Here's another one. What word is spelled incorrectly in every single dictionary?

CARA: I give up.

STEPHEN: Incorrectly!! Get it? It's not spelled incorrectly, it's the word, "incorrectly"!

CARA: Yeah, I get it. *(to ZOELY)* Is he always this annoying?

ZOELY: Only when he's awake.

STEPHEN: Okay, one more . . .

CARA: No, no . . . it's my turn.

STEPHEN: Really?

CARA: *(scheming)* Yeah, but this isn't gonna be a question or a riddle. It's more like . . . an experiment. I'll be right back!

(CARA quickly ducks backstage to get her Prank Supplies.)

STEPHEN: This should be fun. I love science!

(CARA returns. Now CARA and STEPHEN are standing next to each other, center stage, facing the audience.)

CARA: All right, first, you need to stand like this with your hands together, chest high, and palms up. *(as she demonstrates the proper position)* There are three steps to this experiment.

(STEPHEN follows her directions.)

CARA: Okay, Step 1 . . . we add these weights to your hands like so *(lays the string with the weights across Stephen's open hands and adjusts the position of his hands as necessary)* Very good. Now, Step 2 . . . we put whipped cream on this plate *(as she does so)* . . . then we carefully place it on your open hands *(as she does so)*. You're doing great, by the way.

STEPHEN: *(proudly)* Well, of course . . . what'd you expect?

CARA: All right . . . now, for Step 3. Are you ready?

STEPHEN: Yep!

CARA: Are you sure? *(reveals her scissors to the audience—but NOT to STEPHEN)*

STEPHEN: Bring it on, sister!

CARA: Okay, here we go! *(takes the scissors and snips the string so that the weights fall to the ground, propelling his hands and the plate of whipped cream directly into his face)*

ZOELY: *(looks suprised)* Yikes!

(JEN enters.)

JEN: Okay, it's time to take your places. *(sees STEPHEN with his face covered in whipped cream and suspects CARA had*

something to do with it) Oh no! What did you do this time?! C'mon, Cara—every person is made in God's image and we need to treat each person kindly. Is what you did kind? Please take him backstage and clean him up.

CARA: *(feeling scolded)* C'mon, Einstein. Let's go.

JEN: And hurry! You've only got 2 minutes!

STEPHEN: This whipped cream is really good!

(CARA and STEPHEN quickly exit backstage.)

JEN: *(to herself as she watches them leave)* What am I going to do with her? *(turns to ZOELY)* Zoey, I apologize for whatever just happened there.

ZOELY: *(looks down)* You know, it's easy to be annoyed by other people. But I know I need to keep in mind that every person is made by God and that I need to treat them as fellow image-bearers with kindness and respect.

JEN: *(looks at her watch, reluctant to start without Stephen)* Well . . . I can't wait any longer. It's time to greet the audience. I'll just have to improvise. Sound booth, you ready? *(pause)* Wade? *(pause)* All right . . . here we go. *(takes a deep breath and puts on a smile)* Welcome, everyone, to Zoomerang Studios! Are you having a good time so far?

(Audience responds.)

JEN: Great! That's what we like to hear! Can you believe it's Wednesday already? Wow! It's amazing how fast time goes! *(glances back, wondering what's taking Stephen so long)* Anyway . . . as you can see, Zoey is in place and ready to go, but Stephen, our other contestant, is still backstage. Let's see if we can get him out here. Ready? *(motions for audience to join her in chanting Stephen's name)* STE-PHEN! STE-PHEN! STE-PHEN!

(STEPHEN emerges from backstage.)

JEN: And here he comes!

(STEPHEN waves to the crowd, clearly enjoying the attention.)

JEN: All right . . . is everybody ready now? 'Cause here we go! Time to play Zoomerang in 3-2-1!

(JEN holds up the "APPLAUSE" sign as the Game Show Music plays. Then WADE enters from backstage.)

WADE: Hello and welcome to Zoomerang! The show that tests your knowledge. I'm your host, Wade Martin, and today we're at the halfway point of our week-long challenge. You know how it goes . . . in Round 1, our 2 contestants will answer questions. In Round 2, we'll be choosing players from our studio audience to answer more questions. And then we'll finish with our Double Bonus Question. But . . . before we get started, let's check in with our players. Stephen, let's start with you this time. So, you've got two days under your belt, what do you think so far?

STEPHEN: Well, to be honest, it's easier than I thought.

WADE: Is that so? Well, we'll have to give you some harder questions, then.

STEPHEN: *(smugly)* Good luck with that.

WADE: Ooooooh! That sounds like a challenge! *(then turns to ZOEY)* And how 'bout you, Zoey? Are you having a good time?

ZOEY: I'm having a fabulous time . . . and learning a lot, too!

WADE: Do you think the questions are too easy?

ZOEY: No, I think they're just right.

WADE: Good answer! And with that, let's begin. Round 1, first question, for 1,000 points . . .

ROUND 1

Q1. About how many beaches are there in Australia?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: Hmm . . . I know there are a lot. I'm going to say about . . . 5,000?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: I'm sorry, that is incorrect. Stephen?

STEPHEN: Well, I'd say it has to be less than 5,000. How 'bout 2,500?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Nope. There are over 10,000 beaches in Australia. Which is more than any other country in the world! In fact, if you went to a different beach every single day, it would take you more than 27 years to see them all!

Q2. What do Australians call candy—brekky, lollies, or sunnies?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: Lollies.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Correct! And do you know the other two?

ZOEY: Sure! "Brekky" is breakfast, and "sunnies" are sunglasses.

WADE: That's right! There's nothing like Aussie slang!

Q3. In what book of the Bible is the account of Jesus' birth found?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Luke?

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That's correct. And it's also found in Matthew.

Q4. Which person in the account about Jesus' birth didn't value human life?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Wicked King Herod!

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Right again. King Herod wanted to destroy Jesus at all costs, but, of course, he didn't succeed. God values human life and so should we!

Q5. How did the wise men know not to return to King Herod and tell him where baby Jesus was?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: God warned them in a dream.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That's right. And it's always wise to obey God!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And with that we complete Round 1! Let's check our score. And it looks like we've got another tie! Zoey has 2,000 and Stephen has 2,000!

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

ROUND 2 Multiple Choice

(NOTE: ZOEY and STEPHEN will not be participating in Round 2, but will stand nearby.)

WADE: Now it's time for Round 2, so contestants, come on up and take your places. *(pause as the kid contestants come forward)* This round will be a little different. I'll read a question and give you three possible answers. Then, on my signal, you answer by raising one of the paddles—1, 2, or 3. Now, you in the studio audience can help by putting up 1, 2, or 3 fingers, but just don't shout out the answer. So, is everyone ready? All right, let's go . . . first question . . .

Q1. Who was the slave trader who didn't value life?

1. John Wesley
2. John Newton
3. John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) John Newton. John was a slave trader until he became a Christian and his life radically changed. He recognized that slavery was wicked because each person is made in God's image and should be treated with kindness and respect.

Q2. James 1:27 tells us that God wants us to care for widows and _____.

1. Sick people
2. Orphans
3. Poor people

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 2) Orphans. James 1:27 specifically mentions caring for widows and orphans, but other verses in the Bible remind us that God wants us to care for those who are sick and poor, as well.

Q3. Who is more valuable to God?

1. A healthy 20-year-old
2. A sick 90-year-old
3. Both are valuable.

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 3) Both are valuable. Our value has nothing to do with how young or healthy we are, what shade of skin we have, or how talented or smart we may be. People have value because they're created by God.

Q4. Which of these is NOT an example of valuing others?

1. Buying someone a meal
2. Bullying someone
3. Saying hello to a sales clerk

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 2) Bullying someone. Being mean to people is the opposite of how we should treat those around us.

Q5. Who was the prisoner in WWII who forgave the prison guard where she was horribly mistreated?

1. Corrie ten Boom
2. Susan B. Anthony
3. Lucy van Pelt

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is ... 1) Corrie ten Boom. At first she couldn't do it, but then she was reminded of her own sins and how much God had forgiven her. God enabled her to forgive the guard who was so mean to her.

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. At the end of Round 2, Team Zoey has ___ points and Team Stephen has ___ points.

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION

WADE: Now, on to our Double Bonus Question which will be worth 10,000 points, but only if all three team members choose the right answer. If not, then your team gets no additional points. And there's no audience participation this time. All right, are you ready?

DBQ. "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." What is this called?

1. The Greatest Commandment
2. The Perfect Proverb
3. The Golden Rule

WADE: Ready ... show! *(Wait for the kids to raise their paddles.)*

And the answer is ... 3) The Golden Rule.

(WADE announces the winner then signs off for the day.)

WADE: *(to the audience)* And that's our show for today! Just remember ... we all have value in God's sight! See you tomorrow everyone!

(Game Show Theme Music)

DAY 4 DRAMA

Characters: Wade, Jen, Cara, Zoey, Stephen

(Theme music)

(Scene begins with ZOEY and STEPHEN at their contestant desks. ZOEY is engrossed in her book, while STEPHEN is bored. After a bit, he decides to strike up a conversation.)

STEPHEN: Hey, you wanna hear a “dad joke”?

ZOEY: Do I have a choice?

STEPHEN: Not really.

ZOEY: I didn’t think so. *(closes her book)*

STEPHEN: Who was the fastest guy in the Bible?

ZOEY: Hmm . . . I don’t know, Elijah?

STEPHEN: Nope. Adam.

ZOEY: Adam?

STEPHEN: Yep. He was first in the human race.

ZOEY: That was bad . . . even for a “dad joke.”

STEPHEN: I’ve got more.

ZOEY: No thanks. Let’s talk about something else.

STEPHEN: Like what?

ZOEY: So, how long have you been a Christian?

STEPHEN: Um . . . I don’t know. Is that what I am?

ZOEY: *(surprised)* Oh . . . well . . . I just assumed you were. I mean . . . you seem to know a lot about the Bible.

STEPHEN: That’s because I go to a Christian high school where they teach the Bible in every class . . . even trigonometry! *(as he rolls his eyes)*

ZOEY: Wow. I wish my school did that.

STEPHEN: *(surprised)* Really?

ZOEY: Yeah, no one talks about God or the Bible at my school. It’s crazy.

STEPHEN: What’s so crazy about it?

ZOEY: Really? Just look around. We’re literally surrounded by evidence that there’s a God who made everything, and yet they want us to believe he doesn’t exist . . . that everything just happened by chance somehow. It’s just . . . crazy.

STEPHEN: Hmm . . . interesting. I’ve never really thought about it. *(not wanting to appear ignorant)* I mean . . . of course, I’ve thought about it. Just . . . not quite in that way.

ZOEY: Well, you should be thankful you go to a school like that.

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah. I’m thankful. And so are they.

ZOEY: “So are they”? What do you mean?

STEPHEN: *(with pride)* They’re thankful to have me . . . as a student.

ZOEY: Unbelievable. *(starts to return to her book)*

STEPHEN: So, back to your question . . . if knowing a lot about the Bible makes me a Christian, I’ve been one for . . . I don’t know . . . 2 or 3 years. How ’bout you?

ZOEY: Actually, Stephen, that’s not at all what makes you a Christian. Not even close.

(CARA enters eating a donut.)

CARA: Morning, braniacs.

STEPHEN: Is that a donut?!

CARA: No, it’s a glob of dough, fried in scalding hot oil, then drenched in sugary goo and topped with sprinkles. *(takes a bite)*

ZOEY: Mmm. That sounds amazing.

CARA: *(talking with her mouth full)* Oh, it is. Trust me.

STEPHEN: I can’t believe you’re still working here.

CARA: I know, right?

ZOEY: Don’t listen to him. He’s so rude.

CARA: No, really. After everything I’ve done? I mean, seriously. What does it take to get fired from this place?

STEPHEN: Are there any left?

CARA: Donuts? Oh, yeah! And coffee, too!

STEPHEN: That’s all I needed to hear! *(as he starts to leave)*
(STEPHEN runs backstage as ZOEY turns to follow him.)

CARA: *(yells)* They’re in the breakroom! *(then to ZOEY)* You know where that is?

ZOEY: I think so.

CARA: Bon appetit!

(ZOEY exits backstage while JEN enters from the rear of the auditorium and proceeds toward the stage.)

CARA: *(finishing her donut)* Mmm! Mmm! Mmm! So good! *(looks around wondering what to do next)* Now what? *(sees a broom nearby)* Hmm . . . a broom. That’ll have to go or they’ll put me to work.

(CARA picks up the broom and throws it backstage. Breaking glass [sfx] is immediately heard.)

CARA: Oops!

(CARA sees JEN standing at the base of the stage.)

CARA: *(looking guilty)* Oh, hi.

JEN: *(flat)* Hello, Cara.

CARA: It's "Winter" now, remember?

JEN: *(irritated)* I'm sorry, but I refuse to call you that.

CARA: *(a bit offended)* Okay, fine.

JEN: *(holds up her "APPLAUSE" sign that was vandalized to say "BOOOO!!!"—knowing it was CARA who did it)* Any idea who might have done this?

CARA: *(refusing to confess)* Uh . . . hmm . . . I can't imagine.

JEN: C'mon, let's get to work.

CARA: Nope, I'm done working.

JEN: What?

CARA: I said, I'm done working. I quit.

JEN: *(irritated)* Just like that? You quit?

CARA: That's right.

JEN: Well, I'm very sorry to hear that. But, I have to say, I'm not at all surprised. You've gotten very good lately at making poor choices.

CARA: So? What does it matter? My school teaches that there's no God and that we're all here by some big cosmic mistake.

JEN: That's garbage! You don't believe that!

CARA: *(becomes defensive)* Oh, yeah? Well, maybe I do. And don't forget . . . working here was your idea, not mine. I never wanted to do it in the first place!

JEN: *(angry)* I know! And you've made that abundantly clear ever since you got here!

CARA: Then why didn't you just fire me?!

JEN: Because I care about you! That's why!

CARA: *(sarcastic)* Well, thanks. I appreciate the concern, but guess what! I can do just fine all by myself!

JEN: No, you can't. We all need each other. And we need God most of all. And the sooner you realize that the better!

CARA: Whatever . . . I'm gonna go now.

(CARA proceeds toward the rear of the auditorium.)

JEN: *(watches CARA leave, walks toward the edge of the stage, sighs, then prays)* Lord, please help her. If ever she needed you, she needs you right now!

(Then ZOEY and STEPHEN enter and walk to their desks.)

STEPHEN: *(to JEN)* We're back!

ZOEY: Sorry, we heard there were donuts in the break room.

STEPHEN: And we couldn't resist.

JEN: No worries. *(tries to muster some enthusiasm)* So . . . uh . . . who's going to win today? *(as she checks their mics, etc.)*

STEPHEN: I am, of course.

ZOEY: No comment.

JEN: Okay, is everyone ready? Sound booth? *(pause)* Wade? *(pause)* Contestants? *(pause)* All right . . . here we go! *(takes a deep breath and puts on a smile)* Hey, everyone, welcome to Zoomerang Studios! So, how many of you have been here all week? Raise your hands.

(Audience responds.)

JEN: Wow! That's exciting. We hope you've enjoyed it as much as we have. And for those of you who are just joining us . . . welcome! We're so glad you're here! All right . . . I've got my "Applause" sign ready, so you know what that means. Time to play Zoomerang in 3-2-1!

(JEN holds up the "APPLAUSE" sign as the Game Show Music plays. Then WADE enters from backstage.)

WADE: Hello and welcome to Zoomerang! The show that tests your knowledge. I'm your host, Wade Martin, and today we're in the midst of a week-long challenge. You know how we play . . . in Round 1, our 2 contestants will answer questions. In Round 2, we'll be choosing additional players from our studio audience to answer more questions. And then we'll finish with our Double Bonus Question. But before we get started, I've got to ask Stephen, who's visiting Australia for the first time . . . *(to STEPHEN)* So how do you like it here?

STEPHEN: Love it! The beaches, the animals, the food, the people . . . not necessarily in that order, of course. Anyway, it's fantastic.

WADE: Great! And have you tried Vegemite yet?

STEPHEN: Not yet, but I want to . . . I think.

WADE: Yeah, well . . . you can't leave until you do . . . just remember that. All right, let's play Zoomerang, shall we? Round 1, first question . . . for 1,000 points . . .

ROUND 1

Q1. What does someone from Australia mean when they use the word "barbie"?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: Barbecue.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That's right. And it's making me hungry just thinking about it!

Q2. Which mountain range gets more snow—the Alps in Australia or the Alps in Switzerland?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: I'm going to guess Australia.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep, believe it or not, the Snowy Mountains, or “Snowies” as they’re also called, get more snow than their European counterpart! Very good, Stephen.

Q3. How many miles of blood vessels does an adult have running through his body?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: I think it’s like . . . 40,000.

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: That is incorrect. Stephen?

STEPHEN: Hmm . . . I thought everyone knew this, but I guess not *(as he looks at ZOEY)*. It’s 60,000.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That is correct. And if you’re wondering how far 60,000 miles is, it’s about a fourth of the way to the moon!

Q4. Recite the Bible verse, John 3:16.

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Let’s see . . . “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep! One of the most loved verses of the Bible, and the gospel in a nutshell.

Q5. What is a person called who believes in Jesus and commits his life to him?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: A Christian.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That’s right. Now someone might be called a Christian if they simply go to church or vote a certain way, but doing those things won’t get you into heaven. The Bible is very clear on what a true Christian is.

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And that’s the end of Round 1, so let’s check our score. And Stephen is in the lead today with 3,000 points while Zoey has 2,000. But the game is far from over!

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

ROUND 2 Multiple Choice

(NOTE: ZOEY and STEPHEN will not be participating in Round 2, but will stand nearby.)

WADE: Now it’s time for Round 2, so contestants, come on up and take your places. *(pause as kid contestants come*

forward) This round will be a little different. I’ll read a question and give you 3 possible answers. Then, on my signal, you answer by raising one of the paddles—1, 2, or 3. And you in the studio audience can help by putting up 1, 2, or 3 fingers, but just don’t shout out the answer. So, is everyone ready? All right, let’s go . . . first question . . .

Q1. What is sin?

1. Disobeying God’s commands
2. Anything that’s fun
3. A mistake

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) Disobeying God’s commands. This can be anything we say, do, or think that displeases God. Notice that sin is not only things we say or do to disobey God. It can also be things we think.

Q2. What is the Fall of Man?

1. When Adam tripped and fell.
2. God created man during the autumn season.
3. When Adam sinned for the first time.

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) When Adam sinned for the first time. An event that happened about 6,000 years ago in the garden of Eden and changed everything!

Q3. Since Adam, how many people have sinned?

1. Some
2. Most
3. All

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) All. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. So, if you’re alive, you’ve sinned! And that’s a problem that needs a solution!

Q4. What does the L in the SMYLE! acronym stand for?

1. Live
2. Love
3. Life

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) Love. Because we sinned, God sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross for us. He loves us that much.

Q5. Jesus said he is the resurrection and the life. What does the word “resurrection” mean?

1. Ascend into heaven
2. Live forever
3. Come back to life

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) Come back to life. Jesus died on the cross, but he didn't stay that way. On the third day, he rose from the dead. And so will we someday if we're part of God's family.

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. At the end of Round 2, Team Zoey has ___ points and Team Stephen has ___ points.

(JEN raises the Applause sign.)

DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION

WADE: Now, on to our Double Bonus Question which will be worth 10,000 points, but only if all three team members

choose the right answer. If not, then your team gets no additional points. And remember, there's no audience participation this time. All right, are you ready?

DBQ. How many ways to get to heaven are there?

1. One 2. None 3. Many

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids to raise their paddles.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) One.

(WADE announces the winner then signs off for the day.)

WADE: *(to the audience)* And that's our show for today! Just remember . . . there's only one way to heaven and that's through repentance and faith in Jesus! See you tomorrow everyone!

(Game Show Theme Music)

DAY 5 DRAMA

Characters: Wade, Jen, Cara, Zoey, Stephen

(Theme music)

(Scene begins with JEN entering from the rear of the auditorium. As she walks toward the stage, it's obvious that she's discouraged. After a few moments, she calls her sister, Cara's mother.)

JEN: *(makes sure no one is around then dials the number)* Please don't go to voicemail. *(Voicemail Greeting [sfx])* Hey, Sis, it's me. I was just thinking about Cara and wanted to check in. I'm so sorry it didn't work out. I guess her working here wasn't such a good idea after all. Anyway, I just . . . I don't know . . . wanted to talk. Love you.

(WADE enters from backstage.)

WADE: *(upbeat)* Good morning!

JEN: *(flat)* Oh, hi.

WADE: You okay?

JEN: Yeah, why?

WADE: Because, you don't look okay.

JEN: Is it that obvious? I never was very good at hiding my feelings. *(pause)* I'm just discouraged, that's all.

WADE: I'm sorry. Is there anything I can do?

JEN: No, it's Cara. She quit yesterday.

WADE: *(confused)* She did?

JEN: Yeah . . . not that I was totally surprised. I just didn't expect it to happen so soon. I mean, it was only her fourth day.

WADE: Hmm . . . that's strange.

JEN: I know. I hardly slept last night. I feel like a colossal failure.

WADE: No, I mean . . . it's strange that . . .

JEN: What?

WADE: Well . . . I could be wrong . . . or maybe she has a twin sister.

JEN: *(becoming impatient)* What are you trying to say?

WADE: Well . . . someone who looks identical to Cara got here early this morning and has been working hard ever since.

JEN: That's not funny, Wade.

WADE: I'm not joking.

(CARA enters from backstage.)

JEN: Cara?

(CARA gives JEN a big hug.)

JEN: I don't understand. What are you doing here?

CARA: *(emotional)* I'm so sorry . . . will you please forgive me?

JEN: Of course, I forgive you, sweetheart.

WADE: *(softly)* I've gotta get dressed.

(WADE exits backstage.)

CARA: *(tears of joy)* Aunt Jen, were you praying for me?

JEN: Yes, Cara, like I've never prayed before. Why?

CARA: Because something wonderful happened.

JEN: *(hopeful)* Really? What?

CARA: Well . . . yesterday, when I was leaving, I don't know why, but something made me want to stay and watch the show. So I did. And I ended up sitting next to this kind old lady. Then, after the show, we talked about it and the conversation turned to God.

JEN: *(excited)* Really?!

CARA: Usually, I'm not interested in talking about religion, but this time it was different. I really wanted to hear what she had to say!

JEN: So, what did she say?

CARA: Well, she started at the beginning, in Genesis, and explained the basic message of the Bible. It was amazing!

JEN: Wow, that must have taken awhile!

CARA: Yeah, and I didn't want it to end. Of course, I can't remember everything she said. All I know is it made perfect sense. Basically, that God created everything and it was good, but then man disobeyed which brought sin and death into the world . . . and separation from God. *(gets excited)* But, the good news is that God had a plan all along to send Jesus on a rescue mission! He came to die for our sins and make a way for us to be with him!

JEN: Yes! For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16.

CARA: Yeah, Stephen said that verse!

JEN: Wow! I'm amazed you took all that in!

CARA: It wasn't me, Aunt Jen. God helped me understand. And now I believe it with all my heart!

JEN: Oh, Cara . . . I've been praying for this moment for so long. I can't tell you how thankful I am right now!

CARA: I know. Me too.

(STEPHEN bursts onto the stage awkwardly shadow boxing.)

JEN: Stephen?

STEPHEN: Yeah?

(ZOEY enters and walks to her station.)

JEN: What are you doing?

STEPHEN: Shadow boxing.

ZOEY: He's getting ready for the show.

STEPHEN: I need to focus, so I can win today.

CARA: And . . . shadow boxing helps you focus?

STEPHEN: Oh, yeah. Like nothing else! *(as he continues to punch the air)* You should try it!

ZOEY: He's been going at it for at least 15 minutes.

JEN: Yeah, well, Stephen . . . I hate to step in and end the round, but it's time to go to your station.

STEPHEN: Okay. *(to himself)* "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!"

CARA: *(to JEN)* I'll be backstage.

JEN: No, I want you to stay with me.

CARA: Really?

JEN: Here . . . *(as she grabs the "APPLAUSE" sign and hands it to CARA)*

CARA: The Applause sign?

JEN: *(warmly)* Make me proud.

CARA: *(smiling)* I will.

JEN: It's time to greet the audience. Is everyone ready? Sound booth? *(pause)* Wade? *(pause)* Zoey and Stephen? By the way, it's been great having you on Zoomerang. I wish this wasn't your last episode. *(pause)* All right . . . here we go!

(JEN turns and walks to the front of the stage to address the studio audience.)

JEN: Welcome, everyone, to Zoomerang Studios! This has been a great week, hasn't it? And you've been a fantastic audience! In fact, why don't you give yourself a round of applause!

(Audience responds.)

JEN: All right . . . is everybody ready now? 'Cause here we go! One last time to play Zoomerang in 3-2-1!

(CARA holds up the "APPLAUSE" sign as the Game Show Music plays. Then WADE enters from backstage.)

WADE: Hello and welcome to ZOOMERANG! The show that tests your knowledge. I'm your host, Wade Martin, and today is the last day of our week-long challenge. You know how it goes . . . in Round 1, our 2 contestants will answer questions. In Round 2, we'll be choosing players from our studio audience to answer more questions. And then we'll finish with our Double Bonus Question. But . . . before we get started, I just want to thank our players for a fun week. Zoey . . . Stephen . . . great job! Is there anything you'd like to say?

STEPHEN: Yeah, I just want to apologize in advance for beating Team Zoey so badly today.

WADE: Wow! You're pretty confident! Zoey? What do you say to that?

ZOEY: *(thinking)* Well . . . I just want to say that I've really enjoyed competing against Team Stephen, and I'd like to thank him for being such a . . . worthy opponent.

WADE: So . . . she decides to take the high road! Good for you, Zoey. All right . . . for one last time, let's play Zoomerang! Round 1 . . . here we go! First question, for 1,000 points . . .

ROUND 1

Q1. Christmas takes place in what season in Australia?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: *(confident)* Duh . . . winter, of course! Who doesn't know that?!

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

STEPHEN: Whaaat??

WADE: Sorry, Stephen, that is incorrect. Zoey?

ZOEY: It happens in the summer.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep. And that's because Australia is located in the southern hemisphere where the seasons are opposite. It's summer in December in Australia.

Q2. Which of these animals doesn't live in Australia—penguins, pandas, rabbits, or flies?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: Penguins!

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Sorry, that is incorrect. Zoey?

ZOEY: Pandas.

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: That's right. Pandas are only found in China. There are penguins in Australia . . . along with 30,000 species of flies and over 200 million rabbits!

Q3. What bird, native to Australia, has a loud call that sounds like laughing?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: That would be the kookaburra. I know that one for sure!

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yep. And for those unfamiliar with it, here's a sample . . .

(Kookaburra [sfx])

Q4. How long was Jesus on earth after he was raised from the dead?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Zoey.

ZOEY: Was it 10 days?

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Sorry, that is incorrect. Stephen?

STEPHEN: Hmm . . . I think it was a week.

(Wrong Answer [sfx])

WADE: Nope. It was 40 days, and during that time he appeared to many people, proving that he was alive.

Q5. How did Jesus leave this earth and go back to heaven?

(Buzz In [sfx])

WADE: Stephen.

STEPHEN: He went up in a cloud, didn't he?

(Right Answer [sfx])

WADE: Yeah, close enough. The Bible says, "... he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." And later it says, that he'll return someday in the same way that he left! Won't that be an amazing sight!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. Wow! At the end of Round 1, we have yet another tie! Zoey has 2,000 and Stephen has 2,000.

(CARA raises the Applause sign.)

ROUND 2 Multiple Choice

(NOTE: ZOEY and STEPHEN will not be participating in Round 2, but will stand nearby.)

WADE: Now it's time for Round Two, so contestants, come on up and take your places. *(pause as kid contestants come forward)* This round will be a little different. I'll read a question and give you 3 possible answers. Then, on my signal, you answer by raising one of the paddles – 1, 2, or 3. Now, you in the studio audience can help by putting up 1, 2, or 3 fingers, but just don't shout out the answer. So, is everyone ready? All right, let's go . . . first question . . .

Q1. The Dingo Fence in Australia, at almost 3,500 miles long, is the longest fence in the world. What is its purpose?

1. To keep dingoes away from rabbits
2. To keep dingoes away from sheep
3. To keep dingoes away from people

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 2) To keep dingoes away from sheep. Dingoes are beautiful animals, but they can be a real threat to livestock.

Q2. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians that whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, we're to do it all for what?

1. For the glory of God
2. For others
3. For our health

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) For the glory of God. In other words, God wants us to live for him and not for ourselves.

Q3. Finish this phrase from Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for ____ . . ."

1. God's glory
2. The Body of Christ
3. Good works

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) Good works. Basically, God works in us so we can work for him!

Q4. Which statement is true?

1. Our good works should be done so God will love us more.
2. Our good works should be done to help us get to heaven.
3. Our good works should be done because we love God.

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) Our good works should be done because we love God. Sadly, though, most people think that our good works help get us to heaven, but that's not true.

Q5. 1 Corinthians 12 compares Christians to what?

1. a house
2. a church
3. a body

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids on stage to raise their paddles and the kids in the audience to raise 1, 2, or 3 fingers for their answers.)*

And the answer is . . . 3) A body. That body is called the body of Christ. And just like every part of your body is important, every Christian is important in the body of Christ!

(Round Over [sfx])

WADE: And there's the signal. At the end of Round 2, Team Zoey has ___ points and Team Stephen has ___ points.

(CARA raises the Applause sign.)

DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION

WADE: Now, on to our Double Bonus Question which will be worth 10,000 points, but only if all three team members choose the right answer. If not, then your team gets no additional points. And there's no audience participation this time. All right, are you ready?

DBQ. Today's animal pal, Ringo the dingo, reminds us of what?

1. We were created on purpose for a purpose.
2. We are fearfully and wonderfully made.
3. We're created in God's image.

WADE: Ready . . . show! *(Wait for the kids to raise their paddles.)*

And the answer is . . . 1) We were created on purpose for a purpose.

(WADE announces the winner then signs off for the day.)

WADE: *(to the audience)* And that's our show! We hope you enjoyed it! I'm your host, Wade Martin! See you next time on Zoomerang!

(The game show ends as Game Show Theme Music plays and kid contestants return to their seats.)

JEN: Okay! That's a wrap! Good job, everyone!

(Then as WADE, ZOEY, and STEPHEN shake hands and talk [softly and with mics off], CARA walks over to JEN and hands her the Applause sign.)

JEN: So, what'd you think?

CARA: I LOVED it!! I really did.

JEN: Good, 'cause you did a great job.

CARA: *(meekly)* Really? So . . . does that mean I can have my job back?

JEN: Well . . . I don't know. *(as she pretends to be conflicted with the idea)*

CARA: Please?

JEN: Of course, you can have your job back! *(gives CARA a side hug)*

CARA: *(relieved)* Oh, good. I thought you were serious. I know I've been such a pill all week.

JEN: *(with a smile)* Honey, you've been a pill much longer than a week!

CARA: *(laughs)* I know, and I'm so sorry . . . but . . . things are different now. I'm different now.

JEN: That's because God has changed you from the inside out!

CARA: Yeah, that's exactly what it feels like! I don't feel so empty and hopeless anymore. I really believe God loves me and has a purpose for my life.

JEN: He does Cara. He really does . . . and don't ever forget that.

WADE: Hey! We're going for ice cream. You guys wanna come?

JEN: Uh . . . I don't know. *(looks back at CARA)*

ZOEY: Stephen's paying!

STEPHEN: I am??

JEN: Well, in that case, count us in! *(to CARA)* C'mon, let's go have some fun!

(CARA and JEN join the others as they all exit backstage.)

(Theme Music)