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Club VBS

DAY 1 - Short "blog" intro

1 INT. RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D, PROPS, D1) 1

Madison is in the backseat of the RV. Luggage is stacked to the ceiling behind her. She is blogging, talking into her camera.

MADISON

Hey, guys. It's Madison! I know it's been a little while since you heard from me, but this weekend was crazy.

2 INT. BOY'S BEDROOM (M,W, PROPS, D2) 2

Madison is standing over an open suitcase and the lid is up, hiding what is in the suitcase.

WHITT

Just do it, Madison! I can totally breathe.

Reveal Whitt sitting in the suitcase with a mask and snorkel. Closing lid is transition.

BACK TO:

MADISON

Anyway, I mentioned that we were taking our family road trip this week, right?

She turns camera to reveal Mom and Dad in front seat. Dad uses back-scratcher. Camera turns back. Whitt pokes his head into shot. He's dressed as Secret Service Agent w/dark suit, tie and sunglasses- speaking into sleeve.

WHITT

I have the subject under surveillance. Over and out.

MADISON

(pushing him out)
Excuse me- I'm blogging.

WHITT

Subject is blogging. I repeat.
Subject is blogging.

MADISON

Let me guess- you're a Secret
Service Agent.

She pulls his sunglasses from his face.

WHITT

Abort! Abort! I've been identified!

He ducks down.

MADISON

Like I was saying . . . I'm with my
family and my pestiferous brother.

(to Whitt)

Yeah, that's right. I bet you don't
even know what that means.

She gives back glasses.

WHITT

*(matter of factly as he
puts on glasses)*

Actually, I do know what it means.
We make it our business to know.

DAD

Using a big word doesn't make it
any less rude, Madison.

MADISON

(whispering to the camera)

It means annoying.

GRAPHIC MAP OF U.S. SHOWS DESTINATIONS

So . . . I'm with my family and we
are off to see the United States
from top to bottom. Well, I guess
technically it would be from right
to left, but that isn't important.

Whitt burps loud.

MADISON (CONT'D)

I'm missing Vacation Bible School
at my church.

(MORE)

MADISON (CONT'D)

Mom and Dad have agreed to take us to the same places that you guys are going to visit during VBS so that I don't miss anything. They also promised that I can stop in to video-chat with my friend Abby to catch up on what I'll miss. So, first stop, Washington, D.C.

CUT TO:

3 EXT. CAPITOL REFLECTING POOL - (M,W,M,D PROPS,D1) 3

Group walking along the stairs

MADISON

This is the Mall - no, not a shopping mall- it's like this ginormous park that stretches all the way from the U.S. Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

WHITT

(into sleeve)

Family unit on the move.

MADISON

Mission One is to meet the president!

WHITT

No way. Mission One is to find a bathroom. I have to . . .

MADISON

--not finish that sentence.

(to camera)

For those of you who don't know, this is my brother, Whitt. You might remember him from the time he had to fill in for Beth Nelson as Mary in the church musical.

CUT TO:

4 INT. OFFSTAGE OF A CHURCH AUDITORIUM (W, COSTUME, PROP) 4

Whitt stands in the wings, side stage, swinging a baby doll from side to side trying to get himself pumped up.

WHITT

Come on. You can do this! This means you have lines. You can do this!

BACK TO:

5 EXT. CAPITOL REFLECTING POOL -MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D PROPS, D1) 5

WHITT

We agreed to never speak of that again, Madison.
(into sleeve)
Security breach. Level Alpha!
I might need backup.

MADISON

Like I was saying. I'm so excited to be in Washington D.C. because I'm going to meet the president.

Madison turns off her camera.

CUT TO:

6 EXT. LAFAYETTE PARK/WHITE HOUSE (M,W,M,D PROPS, D1) 6

MOM

Madison, we talked about this. We probably will not see the president. He doesn't just walk around like normal people. I just don't want you to be disappointed.

MADISON

I know, but seriously, how cool would it be to see him and just walk up and shake his hand?

WHITT

(into sleeve)
On lookout for port-a-potty.

DAD

I think if you just walked up to the president you would get tackled by one of the Secret Service agents.

WHITT

You mean I get to tackle people?

They all look at him.
What?

DAD

No, you don't get to tackle anyone.
But, Secret Service agents have to
do everything in their power to
protect the president. So if that
means they tackle someone, then
they tackle someone.

WHITT

(into his sleeve)
Stand by to tackle.

CUT TO:

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EXT. MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY (M,W,M,D PROPS, D1)

7

MOM

Okay, guys. I want you to keep an
eye on each other. Madison, do you
have your cell phone?

MADISON

I do. Is it okay if I do some
interviews for my blog?

DAD

Okay, but let's don't get too far
away from each other. If we get
separated, let's meet back here at
two.

WHITT

Roger that. 1400 hours.

Madison and Whitt walk away.

(to Madison)

Don't worry. I'll keep you safe.
But you need to stay behind me at
all times.

MADISON

Mom!

MOM

Whitt, don't be pestiferous!

CUT TO:

8 EXT. TIDAL BASIN WALKWAY (M,W,PROPS, D1)

8

Man walks through frame and Madison goes after him.

MADISON

Excuse me, sir, could I ask you a question? How do you know when the President is home?

MAN

Well . . .

Whitt attacks the man, attempting to apprehend with no success- single leg take down, etc.

WHITT

Take down. Judo chop! Nerve pinch!

MADISON (CONT'D)

Whitt, stop! What are you doing?

WHITT

Secret Service. I'm protecting you.

MADISON

Sorry, sir. My little brother- he's kinda...

MAN

Pestiferous?

Man walks away. Whitt still hanging on.

WHITT

Abort! Abort!

CUT TO

9 EXT. LAFAYETTE PARK/WHITE HOUSE -(M,W, A, PROPS D1)

9

Madison cam- Madison is sitting on the bench with her laptop.

MADISON

This is perfect. I can catch up with Abby *and* still keep one eye out for the President.

Her camera pans the area.

The video screen pops up and we see Abby wearing her VBS shirt.

ABBY

Hey, Madison, how's D.C.? Have you seen the president?

MADISON

Not yet, but I still have 15 minutes before I meet my parents. How's VBS? What'd I miss?

ABBY

We are having a blast. I actually thought of you today because we talked about the Wise Men and their trip to visit Jesus. It kind of made me think of your trip to visit the president.

MADISON

I'm pretty excited about seeing him, but I can't imagine how exciting it would be to see Jesus! Wow!

ABBY

Yeah, and the Wise Men had to travel a lot further than eight hours to see Him.

MADISON

Good point! But, they were determined to find him and worship Him.

Whitt is "stealthily" walking behind Madison's camera.

ABBY

What is Whitt doing?

Madison turns around to look.

MADISON

Protecting me or something. Half-hour ago- he attacked a full grown man!

ABBY

Well, you might want to tell him to stop. The guy in the suit and glasses behind him doesn't look too happy.

Whitt is watching Madison from behind a corner and when she looks up she points at the man behind him.

He tries to turn and run behind the wall and runs smack into a Secret Service agent in the black suit and earpiece.

AGENT

You need to come with me, sir.

WHITT

Uhhhhh!

AGENT

Where are your parents?

MADISON

Whitt, I'll get Dad!

(back to Abby)

Okay, so I didn't get to see the president, but seeing Whitt being drug away by the Secret Service... now that's vacation.

Whitt being drug away by his collar while yelling "abort!"

MADISON

Madison out!

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CLUB VBS DAY 2 -

Short Blog Intro

10 INT. RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D PROPS, D3) 10

MADISON

Hi, friends. It's Madison coming to you from our across-America tour. We had a bit of car trouble, so we're a little late getting to our next destination.

CUT TO:

11 EXT. SIDE OF ROAD (M,W,M,D PROPS, D3) 11

The RV's hood is up. DAD is using back-scratcher as tool under the hood and the rest of the family is standing on the side of the road. WHITT is standing with his thumb in the air.

MOM

Whitt, get away from the road. Your father will have it fixed in--

A loud explosion under the hood and smoke starts pouring out. Dad's hair is standing on end.

DAD

I'm okay.

Everyone but Dad looks toward the road and puts out their thumbs.

BACK TO:

12 INT. RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D PROPS, D3) 12

WHITT

I'm hungry.

MOM.

There's a bag of carrots in the fridge.

WHITT

No, I'm like ice-cream hungry.

MADISON
We're headed to Chicago.

DAD
(*interrupting*)
The Windy City.

MOM
Home of Frank Lloyd Wright.

WHITT
Can no one hear me?

DAD
Home of the White Socks.

MOM
THE Bears.

WHITT
The I'm-hungry-for-ice-cream city.

MOM
That isn't the game, Honey.

WHITT
It's the game of Survival, Mom, and
I'm losing!

DAD
You had a limited supply and you
made your choice.

CUT TO:

13 INT. RV - EARLIER (W,MOM PROPS, D3)

13

Whitt is shoving ice cream into his mouth.

MOM
You might want to save some... for
later.

WHITT
(*mouth full*)
Later schmater, Mom!

BACK TO:

14 INT RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D PROPS, D3)

14

WHITT

Great, I'm dying and all you guys
can do is re-live the past.
I need action, people!

MADISON

So . . .

(clears her throat)

Chicago. It's really a shame we're
going to miss it since it will be
dark by the time we get there.

DAD

You aren't going to miss
everything. We're going to get the
best meal of the trip there.

MADISON

Well, while we wait for that, let's
talk about the things we were going
to see.

MOM

That's a good idea, Madison. Let's
each tell the one thing we were
most looking forward to seeing. You
go first, Madison.

INSERT: Photo of Sears Tower

MADISON

I wanted to go up in the Sears
Tower. The best view of the city is
from up there. And it's what, like
a bazillion feet tall?

DAD

They changed the name to Willis
Tower.

PEYTON

No way!

INSERT: Photo of Wrigley Field

DAD

I'd like to go to Wrigley Field.

INSERT: Photo of Soldier Field or Stadium

MOM

And Soldier Field, to see "da
Bears."

INSERT: Photo of Navy Pier

WHITT

I wanted to go to Navy Pier.
They've got a big ferris wheel
there. And I bet they have ice
cream there, too.

CUT TO:

MADISON PUTS DOWN HER CAMERA.

MADISON

Stop complaining, Whitt. Look at
Dad- he's doing all the driving and
his hair might never be right
again.

Cut to Dad's reaction.

You need to chill!

CUT TO:

15

INT. RV - REST STOP (M,W,M,D PROPS, D3)

15

Hours later- Madison is laying across her seat, moaning.

MADISON

I need chocolate.

WHITT

What happened to "you need to
chill"?

The car pulls into a rest stop and Whitt's head pops up.

WHITT (CONT'D)

We're here?

DAD

Yes. A rest stop. I need to walk a
little bit. Give the ole back a
break.

WHITT

You're killing me, Dad.

Mom and Dad exit the car. Madison's head pops up.

MADISON

Did he say rest stop?

WHITT
(exasperated) Yes. . . .

MADISON
 Whitt! Rest stop - think!

Whitt stares off into space.

CUT TO:

WHITT'S IMAGINATION - REST STOP IMAGE SCROLLING

Images scroll through the screen. People going in and out of the building. Dogs being walked in the grass. Finally landing on Vending Machine. Bells and whistles sound.

BACK TO:

Whitt's face breaks into a huge smile.

WHITT AND MADISON
 We need money!

Madison and Whitt both throw themselves down on their seat digging for change. Trash and socks are flying everywhere.

WHITT
 You find anything?

MADISON
 Not really. You?

WHITT
 I found a rock that looks like a kitten fighting a cloud.

MADISON
 I've got a dime, but that isn't going to do much good. We need at least a dollar each.

WHITT
 We're never going to find a dollar.

Whitt pops up and sprints out of the RV.

16 EXT. REST STOP (M,W PROPS, D3)

16

WHITT (CONT'D)
 I have an idea!

Whitt hurries away from the car. Madison pops up disappointed that she hasn't found much money, but then notices all the stuff they have in the car.

CUT TO:

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EXT. REST STOP - (M,BOY,A,M,D,RANGER,W,PROPS,D3)

17

Madison is sitting behind a table, looking very grumpy. The table has a bunch of receipts taped to the front with the letters spelling "FOR SALE." The table holds many family belongings for sale.

BOY

How much for the DS?

MADISON

Twenty dollars, and unless you can give it to me in ones just keep walking.

A sound dings on the computer letting Madison know that Abby is online. A video screen opens up.

ABBY

Hey, Madison? Where are you? That doesn't look like Chicago.

MADISON

Yeah, we aren't there yet. Our car kind of . . . blew up.

ABBY

Blew up?! Is everyone okay?

MADISON

Whitt and I are starving for some junk food, but as soon as I can find someone with twenty dollars in ones, we'll be set. Other than that, everyone's okay.

ABBY

Well, that's something to be thankful for, even if you are hungry.

MADISON

So what did I miss for a snack today?

ABBY

You missed a really fun day. We talked about how Jesus healed ten lepers and only one of them came back to thank Him. Nine of them never even said thank You!

MADISON

That's crazy. If Jesus healed me I would totally thank Him.

ABBY

Kind of like you're thanking Him now?

MADISON

Did I not mention how hungry I am? I'll thank Him as soon as we get to Chicago and get some food.

ABBY

Or you could thank Him that no one got hurt when your car exploded. Come on, Madison, do you want to be like the nine who just walked away or the one who thanked Him?

MADISON

You're right. I'm just grumpy because my stomach is GROWLING! But, I am thankful that no one got hurt.

(laughing)

You should see my dad's hair - totally fried.

Off-camera voice calls Abby to dinner.

ABBY

Hey, I've got to go. Dinner's ready.

Madison glares at him.

ABBY (CONT'D)

Sorry. Hope you guys get there soon.

Abby screen disappears and Madison closes the laptop. Mom and Dad walk toward the table. Madison begins to pack up the table.

DAD

Is that my visor?

MADISON
Would you like to buy it?

DAD
How about we trade?

Dad opens his hand revealing a chocolate bar and an ice cream bar. Madison's eyes get huge and she throws herself into a hug with her dad.

MOM
Where's your brother?

Suddenly a ranger appears—dragging Whitt behind him. He has a sandwich board that reads: Will trade for ice cream.

WHITT
I'm innocent, I tell ya!

Approaches family

RANGER
This one belong to you?

DAD
He's ours. Thanks for bringing him back.

RANGER
Your son was bothering people.

MOM
Yeah, he does that a lot.
Sorry.

Ranger exits. The family piles back in the RV.

MADISON
How much did you make?

WHITT
(*frustrated*)
I was **this** close to a whole half-gallon of Rocky Road!

Madison hands Whitt his ice cream bar. He smiles.

DAD (OS)
Where's my back scratcher?

MADISON

We finally made it to Chicago and I forgot to tell you about the pizza they have here. This pizza could be worth the wait. It's gonna be this thick. I might never be hungry again.

Madison raises her hand to show the 3-inch thickness. Whitt has kicked off his shoe and is manuevering to remove his sock.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Since we had time to do only one thing in Chicago, it was a unanimous vote to eat pizza.

Whitt's toe is inching toward Madison's ear.

MOM

Madison, we're going to ask the blessing now.

Madison slaps away Whitt's foot.

MADISON

That's my cue. Madison out!

DAY 3

Short "blog" intro

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INT. RV - MADISON CAR (M,W,M,D, PROP, D4)

19

MADISON

Greetings, America. Madison here.
It's day three of our family road
trip. And today, Whitt ate a whole
bag of expired beef jerky. And then
he threw it up in front of a church
van full of kids.

WHITT

You said you wouldn't tell them!

MADISON

Ssshh, Whitt, let's play quiet
mouse.

WHITT

I'll quiet mouse YOU!

MOM

Guys, don't quiet mouse each other.

DAD

I don't think that actually means
anything.

WHITT

It's French.

MOM

Madison, why don't you tell them
where we're going today?

MADISON

Today we're going to . . . drum
roll, please!!!!!!

Drum roll from family.

MADISON (CONT'D)

LLLLLebanonnnnn, KANSAS!
The geographical center of the
continental United States!

WHITT

Of America!

MADISON

Obviously.

WHITT

So what does that mean?

MADISON

That means it's the center point of the continental U.S. . . . which includes the first 48 states.

WHITT

That's not nice not to include Alaska and Hawaii.

CUT TO:

OBVIOUS GREEN SCREEN OF WHITT IN ALASKA (SNOWMOBILE OR SOMETHING)

WHITT (V.O.)

I love Alaska. . . . Yea, I could be a world champion snow machine racer!

CUT TO:

OBVIOUS GREEN SCREEN OF WHITT IN HAWAII (WEARING A GRASS SKIRT AND HOLDING A SURFBOARD)

WHITT

I love Hawaii. . . . I could be a world champion surfer!

BACK TO:

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INT. RV

20

MADISON

I think most people understand what the "continental United States" means.

WHITT

I'm just saying. . . .

CUT TO:

21 EXT. THE TOWN OF LEBANON - DAY(M,W,M,D, PROP, D4)

21

Madison films.

MADISON

So, here we are, in the town of
Lebanon, Kansas.

(looks over to Whitt)

What are you doing, Whitt?

Whitt is placing flags in the middle of everything.

WHITT

I'm marking the center of
everything in Lebanon. This is the
center of this bench.

CUT TO:

U.S. MAP--SHOW LEBANON, KS

MADISON (V.O.)

Basically, if you look at a map of
the continental United States, and
you put your finger right in the
center, you'd be crushing the town
of Lebanon, Kansas. And all of its
citizens and visitors!
AAAAHHHH!!!!

WHITT

Wait, so I gotta question. If
Lebanon is the center of the U.S.,
what do you think is at the center
. . . OF LEBANON?

MADISON

Intriguing question, brother.

CUT TO:

22 MADISON CAM - MAN ON THE STREET (M,W,MAN, PROP, D4)

22

MADISON

Excuse me, sir, what's at the
center of Lebanon?

MAN

Well, actually, there used to be a
church that was right at the
center.

MADISON
It's not there anymore?

MAN
No, it was destroyed a few years ago when someone ran into it with their vehicle.

WHITT
Were people in there worshipping when it happened?!

CUT TO:

23 WHITT'S IMAGINATION - SFX CHURCH (PREACHER) 23
There is a thud.

PASTOR
That was weird.
(*moving on*)
Anyway, today, I'll be preaching from--

He notices outside the window a road sign and the horizon passing by.

PASTOR (CONT'D)
--The interstate?

BACK TO:

24 MADISON CAM - MAN ON THE STREET (M,W, MAN,D4) 24
MAN
No, no, no. It was just a little church building. No one held weekly services there or anything.

CUT TO:

25 SHOT OF THE OLD CHURCH BUILDING FROM RAMBLIN' ROAD TRIP 25

BACK TO:

26 WOMAN ON STREET - MADISON CAM (M,WOMAN,W,PROPS D4) 26
Madison interviews a woman.

MADISON

Excuse me, ma'am, can you tell us what life is like here in Lebanon?

WOMAN

It's pretty normal, I suppose. Just like anyplace else.

MADISON

Anything out of the ordinary, or strange, being at the CENTER of the United States?

WOMAN

That guy seems kinda weird. Never seen him before.

She points to Whitt.

WHITT

This is the center of this street--
OH-- SORRY--

We hear two cars swerving to avoid him.

WHITT OS

I'M OKAY!

MADISON

WHITT!

27

COFFEESHOP - LATER THAT DAY (M,W,A,POLICE PROPS,D4)

27

Madison is online. She's seated at a table in the coffee shop. Whitt has put flags in everything everywhere. Whitt is eating ice cream.

Ding! Abby is online. A video screen pops up.

ABBY

Hey, Madison.

MADISON

Abby! What's up?

ABBY

We missed you today. Are you guys having fun?

MADISON

Yeah, we are. Whitt's been declaring the center of everything all day.

ABBY

Whitt comes up with some crazy ideas.

MADISON

You got that right. But, I'm sure you learned today that Lebanon, Kansas, is at the very center of the continental United States. So we've been having a "center-themed" day.

ABBY

Freaky.

MADISON

Well, it is Whitt, you know.

ABBY

No, I mean, that's freaky because we talked about "center-themed" stuff at VBS today.

MADISON

Well, it does kind of connect with Lebanon, doesn't it?

ABBY

Yeah, we talked about the road to salvation, in the book of Matthew, and about how we can choose to accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

MADISON

So, today must've been ABC day. Admit, believe, confess.

ABBY

That's right. You know that new guy, Thatcher? The quiet guy who's really nice and always wears that blue shirt?

MADISON

Yeah, Silent Thatch with the Blue Shirt.

ABBY

He became a Christian today! And so did some other kids in some other grades I don't really know, but it was pretty awesome.

MADISON

Way to go, Silent Thatch!
Wait, hold on a sec.

She pulls out her camera and points it at the screen.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Elaborate for our viewers, Abby.
Tell them about the ABCs.

ABBY

The ABCs of Becoming a Christian?
Sure. A stands for ADMIT. You must
admit to God that you're a sinner.
B stands for BELIEVE. You must
believe that Jesus Christ is God's
Son and accept His gift of
forgiveness from sin. And, C stands
for CONFESS. Confess your faith in
Jesus Christ as your Savior and
Lord.

MADISON

Admit, believe, confess. Very cool,
Abby.

CUT TO:

28

EXT. STREET IN LEBANON

28

WHITT

And I declare this, the center of
this... police car... oh no--

Officer gets out of car.

OFFICERS

That's it. You're coming downtown,
kid.

WHITT

Wait!! No!! Abort!! ABORT!!!!

MADISON

(to Abby/and the viewers)
That's my cue. Madison out!

CUT TO:

29 THE HORIZON OF LEBANON

29

In the foreground the sign says, "Welcome to Lebanon, the middle of America!" (Or whatnot)

FADE OUT.

DAY 4 -
Short "blog" intro

30 INT. RV - (M,W,PROP, D5) 30

CAR IS STOPPED. MOM AND DAD ARE NOT IN THE CAR. Madison cam

WHITT
Hello, Internet. I'm Whitt, and I'm
your new obsession.

MADISON
Whitt!! Give me that!

WHITT
This isn't your camera.

MADISON
Then where'd it come from?

WHITT
I made it.
(into camera)
OUT OF THE INTERNET.

Madison tries to pry the camera out of his hands.

MADISON
Give me my camera!

WHITT
Madison thinks there are mooses at
Yellowstone.

MADISON
It's MOOSE, Beet Farm.

WHITT
She just called me Beet farm--?

MADISON
Give me my camera --

The camera goes out the window. And since it's our POV, so do
we.

31 EXT. YELLOWSTONE ROADSIDE - MADISON CAM (M,W,PROP, D5) 31

The camera lands on the side of the road. Madison gets out of
the car.

MADISON
 If it's broken, I'm throwing you
 out the window--
 (she picks it up and
 checks it out)
 It still works.

WHITT
(under his breath) Whew . . . that
 was close.

32 INT. RV - (M,W,M,D, PROP, D5)

32

Image comes back on a few minutes later, back in the car. Mom
 and Dad have returned to the car. We're in motion again.

MADISON
 This is Madison again.

WHITT
 Madison thinks mooses live in
 Yellowstone.

MADISON
 It's not mooses, Whitt.

WHITT
 Sorry. Moosies.

MADISON
 He doesn't believe that there are
moose at Yellowstone National Park.
 And, of course, there are.

WHITT
 --not.

MADISON
 Whitt!

WHITT
 Madison doesn't believe in geysers.
 That's way worse.

MADISON
 I believe in geysers!

WHITT
 Earlier today you said, "I don't
 believe in geysers."

CUT TO:

33 EARLIER THAT DAY (M,D5) 33

MADISON
I definitely believe in geysers.

BACK TO:

34 INT. RV (M,W,M,D, PROP, D5) 34

WHITT
See!-- ...wait.

MADISON
I just said I don't believe that they're as cool as Dad says they are.

DAD
They're really cool, guys. Trust me.

WHITT
(*amused*) Yeah, last time you told us something was going to be cool was when that possum got stuck in the trash can.

DAD
That was cool.

WHITT
Totally!

MADISON
It's just a bunch of water shooting out of the ground! And you can't even ride on it or surf it or drink it or shine colored lights at it...

DAD
Just trust me, guys. Both of you are gonna see geysers, AND mooses.

MOM
It's moose, Dear.

35 EXT. CAMPSITE - LATER- MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D, PROP, D5) 35

MADISON
We've got our campsite set up. Check it out.

She shows the campsite.

WHITT (O.S.)
(from the woods)
 Whoa! GUYS, COME HERE!!!

She looks over to find him up the hill at the edge of the woods.

MOM
 What's up there, honey!?

WHITT
A MOOSE IS--

MOM
 It's MOOSE, Whitt. Not Mooses--

WHITT
 NO, Mom, A MOOSE IS UP HERE!!!

MADISON
 I told you they were here!

WHITT
 IT'S RUNNING AWAY! Wait, moose! You
 have to see my family!

He runs off into the woods.

MOM
 Whitt, honey, stay here!

DAD
 Don't run after the mooses!!

MOM
 Moose.

DAD
 Sorry, moose.

MOM
 No, he said it's just one moose.

CUT TO:

36

EXT. WOODS (M,PROP, D5)

36

Madison and Dad hike through the woods/around the campsite,
 looking for Whitt.

DAD

Whitt! Stop chasing the moose!

MADISON

Whitt! You're only proving yourself even more wrong! I'm smarter than you times a thousand!

DAD

Madison!

Madison and Dad hear a big sound coming from nearby. They hike toward it.

37

EXT. YELLOWSTONE CLEARING/TOURIST AREA (M,W,PROP, D5)

37

They come out of the woods and into a clearing, a tourist area.

MADISON

What is--

And then she sees it. A huge geyser erupts and it's the sweetest thing ever. It all makes us feel alive again and so on and so forth.

MADISON

Wow!!!

DAD

Now, that's impressive.

Madison films the geyser with her camera. Then turns the camera to herself.

MADISON

Pretty beautiful, huh?

(pause)

It smells awful, though.

She cringes. And then Whitt runs through in the background.

WHITT

It's chasing ME now!!! It's not a friendly species!!! HELP!! ABORT!!! ABORT!!!!!!!

CUT TO:

38 EXT. CAMPSITE - EARLY EVENING (M,D, PROP, D5)

38

Madison sits by the fire. Dad sits down next to her.

DAD

Got something for ya, Madison.

He reaches into his pocket and pulls out a 3G wireless internet card.

MADISON

What's that?

DAD

It's a wi-fi card. So you can blog from all the way out here at Yellowstone.

MADISON

Are you kidding me?! You're the sweetest dad on the planet!

Hugs.

CUT TO:

39 EXT. CAMP (M,W,A,M,D, RANGERS, PROP, D5)

39

A few minutes later. Madison is video-chatting with Abby.

MADISON

Today Whitt claimed he saw a moose and says it chased him.

WHITT

It did chase me! I promise!

ABBY

Did you see the geysers?

MADISON

Yes! Oh, my goodness, Abby! That was the coolest thing ever!

ABBY

Yeah, and it smelled horrible, didn't it?

MADISON

I thought I was gonna die for a minute there. It was like someone dumped salt into my skull.

ABBY

I know! It's amazing that something so beautiful can smell so bad.

MADISON

Yeah, like Whitt.

WHITT

I think you just called me beautiful.

MADISON

Old Faithful was amazing!

CUT TO:

SHOT OF OLD FAITHFUL ERUPTING

ABBY

I told you they were cool. You should have believed me.

MADISON

Yeah, and my dad told me, too. I should have trusted you guys.

ABBY

And, there's the VBS segue for today! Snap!

MADISON

What?

ABBY

That's what we talked about at VBS today! How Jesus wants us to trust Him. How we can choose to believe Jesus is real.

MADISON

It's a lot easier for me to trust Jesus than it is to trust Whitt.

ABBY

(laughs)

MADISON

But, seriously . . . I do believe Jesus is real. . . .
So, what was the Bible story today?

ABBY

It was about Jesus appearing to His disciples after He rose from the dead. You know, that story is in the Bible so that we can know for certain that Jesus is Who He says He is.

Rangers show up at the campsite with a photo.

RANGER

Excuse me, folks. We're looking for this boy. He was spotted antagonizing a local moose in a fenced-off preservation area.

Ranger recognizes Whitt.

RANGER

That's him!

Whitt reacts.

RANGER

You're gonna have to come with us, sir.

WHITT

Wait-- what?? No!! Abort!! ABORT!!!

Ranger escorts Whitt away from campsite.

DAD

I better go clear this up.

Dad gets up and follows after Whitt and Ranger.

MADISON

Here we go again. Madison out.

FADE OUT.

DAY 5

40 INT. RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D, PROP, D6) 40

Madison switches on the camera and greets everyone.

MADISON

Hey, everyone. It's the last day of our trip.

WHITT

And we're going to a berry farm.

DAD

It's Knott's Berry Farm!

WHITT

Snott's Berry Farm?

DAD

No, not snott. It's Knott.

WHITT

It's not snott?

DAD

Knott.

WHITT

So, what is it?

Madison rolls her eyes.

MADISON

Today we're headed to Knott's Berry Farm. According to my dad, it's a cool place.

CUT TO:

41 SOME OTHER POINT IN THE TRIP (D,) 41

DAD

It's a cool place. Pass me some chips, please.

BACK TO:

42 INT. RV - MADISON CAM (M,W,M,D, PROP, D6)

42

MADISON

It really did start out as a berry farm, didn't it, Dad?

DAD

It did, indeed.

WHITT

So, if it's not snot, what is it?

DAD, MOM, MADISON

It's . . . Knott's!!

WHITT

(*innocently*) You don't have to yell.

Madison just stares at the camera.

DAD

We're here! Knott's Berry Farm!

CUT TO:

43 EXT. KNOTT'S BERRY FARM - DAY (M,W,M,D, PROP, D6)

43

Along store front, CU jars of jelly/signs advertising fried chicken.

2 Shot of kids

WHITT

Wow. Sweet. Cough.

MADISON

Fun... jelly.

WHITT

Okay, we're done-
Ya know there's gotta be a beach around here somewhere...

He moves around corner and suddenly sees the actual Knott's Berry Farm, a huge amusement park!!!

WHITT

Great scott!!

MADISON

Atari Calamari!

MOM

Wait a minute, I thought you were ready to go.

WHITT

Well . . . if they have ice cream in there, I'm in!

CUT TO:

44 EXT. KNOTTS - MONTAGE (M,W,M,D, PROP, D6) 44

Madison and Whitt ride the swings. The family enjoys the park together.

CUT TO:

45 EXT. KNOTTS (M,W,M,D, PROP, D6) 45

Eventually, Whitt and Madison reach a ride that Whitt isn't tall enough for.

WHITT

I wanna ride that ride!

MADISON

Uh, Whitt, you're not tall enough.

He looks over at the "you must be this tall to ride" sign. He is just shy of the height requirement.

WHITT

That's just a morality.

MADISON

You mean formality?

WHITT

I don't know. I just say things.

He walks up to the line. Then he stops.

WHITT (CONT'D)

Wait.

Suddenly, we flashback to all the moments in the series that we've seen him get arrested. Then he looks back at the sign.

WHITT (CONT'D)

You know what? You're right. I'm not tall enough.

Madison is shocked.

MADISON

Really? You're gonna follow the rules? You're not gonna break the law?

WHITT

Not this time, Sis. Not this time.
(with great drama) I'm walking away!

MADISON

Wow! Good for you, Whitt.

CUT TO:

46 EXT. KNOTTS---WHITT'S IMAGINATION (W,M PROPS) 46

Applause and several different voices overlapping with, "Good for you, Whitt!"

Whitt is surrounded by hands shoving ice cream cones in his face.

WHITT

Let's go find some ice cream.

MADISON

Atta boy.

WHITT

(high-fiving)
Snap.

CUT TO:

47 INT. RV (M,A PROP, D6) 47

Madison sits at a table, using her laptop, talking to Abby.

ABBY

I don't believe you.

MADISON

Seriously, it's a great amusement park!

ABBY

No, I mean the fact that your brother hasn't gotten in trouble today.

MADISON

I know! He just made a conscious choice to obey the rules today. I just hope it sticks.

ABBY

It's funny. We talked about that same kinda stuff at VBS today.

MADISON

What stuff?

ABBY

Obedience. We learned how we can choose to obey Jesus, and how people's lives throughout the Bible were affected by whether or not they listened to God.

MADISON

Kinda like how Whitt's criminal record is affected by his response to established authority.

ABBY

You use big words, Madison.

MADISON

Sorry. Kind of like Whitt getting in trouble every time he doesn't listen to adults.

ABBY

Exactly. By the way, where is he?

MADISON

I don't know. (*looks at her watch*)
He should be here any minute.

CUT TO:

48

EXT. KNOTTS BERRY RESTROOMS (W,WORKMAN, PROP, D6)

48

Whitt walks up to the restrooms and sees that the sign says MEN, he goes inside confidently. Workman approaches with a can of paint and paintbrush.

WORKMAN

Time to finish this sign. . . .

He puts WO on the front of the word MEN.

WORKMAN

Good thing I got to that before
someone went in there, thinking it
was the men's room.

Workman exits. The door flings open and a female police
officer drags Whitt out.

WHITT

I thought it was the men's room!!!
Wait!!! Abort!! Abort!!!!

BACK TO:

49 INT. RV (M,A,D, PROP, D6)

49

MADISON

Turns out there's some pretty cool
places out here on the road.

ABBY

Seems like you got a field-trip VBS
this year.

MADISON

Yeah. I guess so.

DAD

Hey, Madison, come on. We've gotta
go bail your brother out of county
jail.

MADISON

That's my cue. Madison out.

The End.