

Real World Skit: Fishing for Truth

Characters: Kolten, Belle, Jake, Asher

Props: Fishing gear, fishing pole, or stick

Kolten is carrying his fishing gear, on the way to the creek, when he runs into his friends from school.

Teacher: Kolten is on his way to go fishing when his friends stop him with some very interesting questions. Let's listen!

Kolten: Oh, hey guys!

Belle: *(Surprised)* Kolten? Where are you going with all that stuff?

Kolten: Where does it look like I'm going? Fishing, of course!

Jake: I never knew you liked fishing. I do, too!

Belle: Are you in a hurry, Kolten? We were just talking . . . about . . .

Asher: *(Cuts her off)* You mean arguing.

Jake: Well, it was getting kind of heated. Do you think you can stay and help us out?

Kolten: Sure, I guess. What's going on?

Belle: I was talking about Gram—my grandma. She died last year. And I said that I know she's watching out for me. She's my guardian angel. And Asher said she isn't. And that made me mad.

Asher: I didn't mean to make you mad, Belle. I just said that when people die they don't turn into angels.

Belle: Yes, they do. My Gram is one. I can feel her with me.

Jake: They've been going at it like that for a while now. I didn't know what to say. I mean, when you're dead, you're dead, right? What does it matter if someone wants to think her dead grandma is her guardian angel?

Kolten: OK. I think I can help. But first I have to know if you really want answers. Do you really want to know the truth, or do you want to believe what makes you feel good?

Asher, Belle, and Jake: The truth!

Kolten: Great. Then we need to go to the Bible. The Bible says angels are real. But dead people don't become angels who watch over the people still living. The truth is, God watches over you, Belle. God watched over your grandma. And God will keep on watching over

all of us until we die! I like it that way. Because God can take far better care of us than ANYONE else.

Belle: But you said angels are real. What are they if they aren't dead people?

Kolten: The Bible tells us that angels were created by God to serve Him and do what He commands them to do. They are not like people who were created in God's image.

Jake: So, I was right. If you are a person, when you're dead, you're dead. Right?

Kolten: No, Jake. The Bible says that our bodies die, but our spirit lives on forever.

Belle: So, would that be what ghosts are?

Asher: No. When people die, they go to heaven or hell. Right, Kolten?

Kolten: That's right. There is an eternity. And everyone is headed for eternity. But not everyone will go to heaven. Actually, the Bible tells us about what heaven is like and who will be there.

Jake: So, there will be angels in heaven, right? That's pretty neat.

Kolten: Yes. But there is so much more about heaven to look forward to! We can't even begin to imagine what heaven is like. And the MOST amazing thing about heaven will be seeing Jesus.

Jake: Who else will be there? That's what I want to know. Is heaven for all the good people?

Kolten: Nope. The Bible says that no one is good enough to go to heaven to be with God.

Belle: Well, who then? The rich and famous? Or the people who give everything to the poor?

Asher: This has to do with Jesus, doesn't it, Kolten. You told me once, but I forgot.

Kolten: Right. Let's start at the beginning. When God created the earth, everything was perfect. There was no sin or death. But then Adam and Eve sinned. Their perfect relationship with God was broken right then. And that's why we die. The punishment for sin is death, and it was passed down to all of Adam and Eve's relatives from then on.

Jake: Who were their relatives?

Asher: I think everyone is a relative of Adam and Eve. Right? Since they were the first people God ever created.

Kolten: That's right.

Belle: Wait. You mean I have to die because of what Adam and Eve did?

Kolten: Because Adam and Eve sinned, we all have a sin nature. We want to sin. Have you ever done anything that is wrong? Have you ever disobeyed what God commands? Like, have you ever lied or disobeyed your parents?

Belle: Sure. Of course. Everyone has.

Kolten: That's right. Everyone has. And everyone is separated from God. We all deserve death. That's the bad news.

Jake: Is there good news?

Belle: I HOPE there's good news, Kolten. I still want to know how to get to heaven when I die.

Kolten: Good. Because the Bible has the good news. It's REALLY good news! God came to earth as a man to live a perfect life. That man is Jesus! He never sinned once.

Asher: Jesus lived His life as an example for us, right?

Kolten: Well, yes, His life was a good example for us. He was completely obedient to His Father when He was on earth. But that's not all. Jesus obeyed to the point of death on the Cross. And when He died, He took the punishment that sinners deserve. And now, whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.

Belle: I don't get it. When Jesus died, what happened?

Kolten: Great question! Because God is holy, there had to be a perfect, sinless sacrifice to pay the punishment for sin. And Jesus was that perfect sacrifice.

Belle: I don't think I'm perfect. I mean I'm pretty good, but far from perfect.

Kolten: We are all far from perfect. But God IS perfect and holy. He hates sin. And like I said, our sin separates us from God.

Asher: So, because Jesus was perfect and lived without any sin, He could be the sacrifice for us? Wow! What a plan!

Kolten: Yes. Jesus did not deserve to die. He WAS perfect. But His death was the only way that God could offer forgiveness to sinners. All who believe in Jesus, put their trust in Him, and are sorry for and turn away from their sins, can be forgiven because Jesus took the punishment on the Cross and then rose from the grave.

Belle: I'm amazed that God did that. Like Asher said, "What a plan!"

Kolten: It is an amazing plan! And it's all in the Bible. It tells us everything we need to know. And it's wonderful news. Now, I need to get to the lake!

Belle: Thanks, Kolten. Have fun fishing!

Jake, Asher: Thanks! Bye!