

Closing Rally – Day 1: “Brilliance”

Theme Recap, Waypoint Setup, Song Introduction

Cast of Characters

- **Ranger Mark** – Calm, steady mentor with wisdom and warmth
 - **Bryce** – Relatable and funny, but growing in confidence
 - **Chris** – Comic relief, curious and honest
 - **Annabeth** – Enthusiastic and expressive
 - **Markie, Genevieve, Lainey, Harvest, Stephanie, Marybeth** – Around the fire and tent areas, return for group moment and worship
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Scene Opens

[Campfire glows gently center stage. Environmental sounds (crickets, wind, distant owl) play quietly. Most of the cast is off to the sides—packing backpacks, chatting near tents, lounging, eating snacks. Ranger Mark and Bryce sit near the campfire alone.]

Bryce & Ranger Mark Conversation

Bryce:

Hey... Ranger Mark?

Ranger Mark:

Yeah, buddy?

Bryce:

I just wanted to say... thanks. Thanks for believing in me.

I'm still kinda nervous about leading the hike tomorrow.

If I mess up... I don't know... I just hope you won't think less of me.

Ranger Mark:

(sincerely)

Bryce, listen to me. I don't believe in you *because* I think you're perfect.

I believe in you because I see something *strong* in you—something steady, something bright.

You've got what it takes. And even if you mess up, that doesn't change who you are.

Bryce:

(smiles slightly)

Thanks. That really means a lot.

Ranger Mark:

And hey... I've got something for you.

Being out in the woods can be tricky. Sometimes, we all need a little guidance.

[Ranger Mark pulls something from his pocket.]

Ranger Mark:

Here—it's a GPS.

Bryce (taking it):

Wait, what is this? Is this... a GameBoy or something?

Ranger Mark:

(laughs)

Not quite. This is a **portable GPS**. It's made for hikers.

Bryce:

Ohhh... yeah, my mom has one of these in her car.

She gets lost all the time.

I think I finally figured out where I get it from!

Ranger Mark:

(chuckling)

This one's not for the car—it's for the *trail*.

And I already programmed all the **waypoints** into it.

Bryce:

Waypoints? I don't really get it... what's a waypoint?

Ranger Mark:

A waypoint is a location—it's a fixed point that helps you know where you are and where to go next.

It keeps you on the path.

You follow the waypoints, and they'll guide you to your destination.

Bryce:

So all I have to do... is follow this?

Ranger Mark:

Exactly. You're not alone.

You've got direction—and a whole team walking with you.

Group Gathers

[Ranger Mark stands up and calls to the others.]

Ranger Mark:

Hey everyone! Come back around the fire—I want to share something before we wrap up tonight.

[Everyone regathers slowly, smiling, finding seats or logs around the fire. Some lean on each other. Lights focus softly on the fire again.]

Ranger Mark's Group Message

Ranger Mark:

Tomorrow... we begin the big hike. And I can't wait.
We've got a beautiful trail, an incredible destination, and...
we've got **Bryce** leading the way.

[Cheering and clapping from the group. Chris half-heartedly claps, squints.]

Ranger Mark:

I believe in him. I believe in all of you.
We're going to take this hike *together*.

And just like any good adventure, we won't do it alone.

Bryce will be using this GPS, and inside it are all the **waypoints** we need to guide us.

Chris:

Wait... what the heck is a waypoint?

Ranger Mark:

(smiles)

A waypoint is like... a landmark. It gives you direction.

It's how hikers know where to go next.

And it reminds me of something else...

If we were out at sea—like, on a ship—and we were trying to find our way home,
We'd be looking for something.

Annabeth:

(excited)

Like a **lighthouse**??

Ranger Mark:

Exactly. **Bingo.**

A lighthouse is a *lot* like a waypoint.

It doesn't just show you where to go—it warns you of danger, and it helps you find your way *home*.

And that... reminds me of a song.

“My Lighthouse” Transition

[Ranger Mark picks up a guitar resting near the fire. He strums and sings softly the first verse and chorus of *My Lighthouse* solo. The group listens quietly.]

*“In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures, You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea...”*

*“My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise—You will carry me
Safe to shore...”*

[As he ends the chorus, the track begins to play softly through the speakers. The worship team (Genevieve, Lainey, Harvest, etc.) comes forward and begins leading.]

Worship

[The entire camp joins in singing *My Lighthouse*. The atmosphere is joyful, confident, and united.]

As the song comes to a close (the track) have Ranger Mark with his guitar and a microphone lead everyone in the course one more time.

Badge & Dismissal

Cast of Characters

- **Kenny** – Camp Director
- **Marky** – Co-host, engaged and heartfelt
- **Tribe Leaders** – Assist with badge distribution
- **Campers** – On the floor with their groups

Post-Song Transition

[Music fades after worship. Kenny and Marky return to center stage, smiling.]

Kenny:

Wow. What a night. Did you all have a great time at Camp RidgeKids tonight?

[Pause for cheers.]

Marky:

Yeah, me too! I don't know about you, but I feel like I learned a few new things tonight. Anybody else?

[More cheers and a few camper responses.]

Memory Verse Recap

Kenny:

Let's take a second to review our memory verse—Psalm 25:4–5.
We're going to say it together—ready?

Kenny & Marky (together, reading from screen):

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” – Psalm 25:4–5

Marky:

Let's say it one more time—this time, you repeat after us!

[Kenny and Marky lead line-by-line call and response, with campers repeating each line aloud.]

Waypoint Recap: Brilliance

Kenny:

You know what else stood out to me tonight? That whole idea of **waypoints**. That was actually *really* cool.

Marky:

Right? I'd never thought about how we all need direction sometimes—and how waypoints help guide us.

And today's waypoint was a big one.

Kenny:

Let's say it together, nice and loud:

“Brilliance: I am God's one-of-a-kind masterpiece.”

All (led by Marky):

“I am God's one-of-a-kind masterpiece!”

Marky:

And guess what? Tonight, we have something special to help you remember that.

Waypoint Badge Presentation

Kenny:

Your tribe leader is about to hand you your very first **Waypoint Badge**—for **Brilliance**.

This badge is more than just a sticker or a pin... it's a reminder.

Marky:

A reminder that you were made in God's image. That you are unique. That you are *brilliant*.

Kenny:

You'll put it on your RidgeKids bag, and it'll go with you wherever you go—even after camp is over.

Marky:

So tribe leaders—go ahead and start passing out those Brilliance badges. Let's help everyone attach theirs to their bag.

[Tribe leaders begin distributing badges to their groups and helping attach them to bags. Light instrumental music plays quietly in the background as this happens.]

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

[Badge distribution wraps up. Music fades. Kenny turns back to the group.]

Kenny:

All right friends, what a night. We're so proud of you, and this is just the beginning. Marky, would you close us in prayer?

Marky:

Absolutely.

Marky (prayer):

God, thank you for each and every camper here.
Thank you for the fun, the laughter, the games, and the truth we've learned tonight.
Help us remember that we were made by You and for You—each of us, a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.
Keep us safe tonight and bring us back ready for more adventure tomorrow.
We love You. Amen.

Dismissal Cue

[Upbeat instrumental music begins to play.]

Kenny:

Doors are open! Tribe leaders, stay with your groups until parents arrive.
We'll see you back here tomorrow for Day 2 of Camp RidgeKids!