

Closing Rally – Day 3: “Belonging”

Theme Recap, Waypoint Setup, Song Introduction

Cast of Characters

- **Chris** – Goofy, dramatic, and bear-paranoid; unexpectedly heartfelt.
 - **Bryce** – Gaining confidence; still surprised he belongs.
 - **Marky** – Loyal, encouraging friend who always has Bryce’s back.
 - **Ranger Mark** – Calm, wise leader; heartfelt and musical.
 - **Anna Beth, Genevieve, Lainey** – Fellow campers who affirm Bryce with humor and kindness.
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Setting: The RidgeKids campsite at twilight. A soft orange glow from the campfire lights the stage. Campers are sitting on logs or blankets, chatting quietly. Ranger Mark is seated on a camp stool, softly strumming his guitar in the background.

Ambience: Crickets chirping, soft breeze sounds. Calm, peaceful.

Quiet Campfire Moment

[Chris stands up, claps his hands once, and calls out.]

Chris:

Hey, HEY! Listen up, everyone. I got something to say.

[Campers quiet down, turn to look.]

Chris (grinning):

First off, thanks for the support earlier today during my *totally rational* bear scare. I’m proud to say I only screamed... once. Loudly. For 90 seconds. But still—just once.

[Campers laugh.]

Chris (more serious):

But seriously... I've got something really important I want everyone to remember.

Everyone (in unison, shouting):

DON'T FEED THE BEARS!

[Laughter all around.]

Chris (grinning):

Okay, yes. That's legit advice. But really, listen.

I just want to say how much I love being out here with you guys.

Most of us? We've grown up exploring the woods together.

Campfires. Hikes. Bad instant oatmeal. You've all been a part of this for years.

But tonight, I want to shout out my main man—**Bryce**.

[Campers turn to Bryce, who looks surprised.]

Chris:

He came in a total noob. Never camped. Didn't know how to light a fire.

Still puts bug spray on like it's deodorant.

But you know what? He totally belongs in our camp.

And Bryce, I just want you to know—you better come back for future campouts, because you've earned your spot.

[A beat. Campers nod or "aww."]

Genevieve:

Yeah, if you can survive a squirrel stampede *and* Marky's cooking, you definitely belong.

Laynee:

Plus, you found that trail when we were totally turned around. You were the real MVP.

Markie:

Let's be honest - we all thought the GPS was a calculator. Bryce made it work.

[Laughter. All eyes turn to Bryce.]

Bryce (modestly):

Thanks, guys. I've never really felt like I fit in anywhere. But... you made me feel like I do.

Ranger Mark Steps In

[Ranger Mark sets his guitar down gently and stands.]

Ranger Mark (warmly):

You know, that right there—that's what camp is all about.

The goal isn't to "fit in." It's to *belong*. And Bryce... you belong.

And honestly? I've watched every single one of you make space around this fire, and in your hearts.

That's not just some campfire idea. That's what **Jesus** did—he made space for people.

People who felt left out, overlooked, and invisible. He said, "*You matter. You belong.*"

[He gets a little misty-eyed, pauses to collect himself.]

Ranger Mark (softly):

Whew... okay. I'm getting a little emotional.

And you know what I do when I feel big things?

Chris (under his breath):

Run from bears?

Ranger Mark (grinning):

No, I *sing*.

[He picks up the guitar.]

Ranger Mark:

Over the past three days, we've followed some pretty big ideas.

Some people call them waypoints.

If we were out at sea, we might even call them *lighthouses*.

So let's sing this one loud—let it echo through the woods.

[He strums the intro to “My Lighthouse.” Worship team joins quietly behind him.]

Ranger Mark (with a nod):

Let’s sing, campers.

Worship

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

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
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The final worship song (“*My Lighthouse*”) has just ended. The worship team exits or joins the seated campers. The stage is softly lit with the glow of the campfire still visible. Kenny and Marky step up front.

Waypoint Reflection & Badge Introduction

Kenny (smiling):

Wow. What a moment. What a *night*.

Marky:

And what a *week*! I mean, Bryce survived, Chris didn’t get eaten by a bear, and nobody set their tent on fire. Again.

Kenny (laughs):

We’ve had some laughs, we’ve made some memories, but most of all,

we've learned some big truths. Big *waypoints* to guide us, not just through camp, but through life.

Marky (nodding):

We've been saying it all week: we're learning about the path God has for us - how to walk it, and how to invite others along the journey.

Memory Verse Review

Kenny:

Let's say our memory verse one more time, loud and proud. Ready?

Marky (together, leading the group):

“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:

Man, I love that verse. Hope in God, all day long. Not just at camp. Not just when it's easy. All. Day. Long.

Waypoint Review & Badge Lead-In

Kenny:

We've followed three waypoints this week.
Let's see if you remember them.

Marky:

Day 1—we said...

Campers:

Brilliance!

Marky:

Right! I am God's one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Kenny:

Day 2?

Campers:

Boldness!

Kenny:

That's right—treat others like they matter.

Marky:

And today—Day 3?

Campers:

Belonging!

Kenny:

Exactly. Make room for someone new.

Marky (genuinely):

And we saw that happen today. You made space around the campfire, in your conversations, and in your hearts.

I'm proud of you guys.

Kenny:

Which means... it's time to celebrate.

Badge Presentation Transition

Kenny:

In just a moment, your tribe leaders are going to present you with your **final badge**—the **Belonging Badge**.

Marky:

This badge isn't just a button. It's a *reminder*, that you made space for others, and that YOU belong in God's big story too.

Kenny:

You'll put it on your bag right alongside **Brilliance** and **Boldness**, and carry these truths with you long after camp ends.

Marky:

So, tribe leaders, go ahead and grab those badges. Let's get them passed out while the music plays.

Kenny:

We are SO proud of you. Camp RidgeKids—you've been incredible. This is a moment to remember.

Marky:

Let's hand out those badges!

Upbeat camp music begins playing. Tribe leaders distribute Belonging Badges to campers as the lights rise gently. Campers celebrate, cheer, take photos, and begin the dismissal process.]