

Mystery Lights of Navajo Mesa - The Last Chance Detectives - 1

There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24 ESV

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. Psalm 25:14 ESV

Mike's dad was a fighter pilot. He was gone a lot, but when he was home Mike said that they were the best times ever. His father gave him birthday gifts; a compass and a leather covered pocket Bible. His dad said that as long as Mike kept them close to him his path would always be straight. Mike said, "If my dad said it, it was true -- he was my dad and that made him my hero." When Mike's dad disappeared in action, Mike missed his dad, but still remembered the good times they had together.

Who is your hero and why?

When Mike's father was missing in action Mike and his mother went to live with Mike's grandparents who owned the Last Chance Diner and Gas Station. Pop worked at the gas station and ran the tow truck. Grandma ran the diner. Mike's Mom did the book work and helped out in the diner. Mike helped pump gas. The whole family worked together as a team. Working together made them closer and a stronger family.

How do you work with your family to make life better for all of you? What could you improve?

Mike's friends were very important to him. When the four of them got together they called themselves The Last Chance Detectives. They wanted to solve mysteries and help make life better for others. When there were problems in the community they wanted to help out.

What are some ways that you can help others in your community?

When Ben tried to play a trick on Winnie, she dropped Mike's compass and it broke. Everyone was tired of Ben's jokes and tricks. Later Ben tried to tell that he saw aliens in the desert, but no one believed him.

After talking to his grandfather, Mike realized that he have faith in Ben because he was his friend even when he wasn't sure if he could believe the story that Ben was telling about the aliens.

Do you have someone who believes in you and encourages you? Do you encourage others?

Pop told Mike how he lost his bearings in the fog when he was flying a fighter plane during WW2. He said that he had to trust the instruments on his airplane instead of trusting his feelings or he wouldn't have survived. He told Mike to not make decisions based on feelings but to trust what the Bible says. That was the same advice his father had given him many years before.

Do you have big decisions to make in your life? Who do you know that will help you make wise decisions?

Special Features: Mike said he learned about acting and learned a lot about life making the movie, The Last Chance Detectives. If you could be in the Last Chance Detectives, what kind of a personality would you want your character to have? Would you want to be the faithful leader, the joker, the desert expert, or the technological whiz? Each of us was created as a unique individual. We need to live our lives in ways that builds the character of the person we want to be. If we want other people to respect us, we need to act in ways that earns their respect. What do you need to change to earn respect?

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your unfailing love for us. We're sorry for the many times that we have failed you and others. Wash our hearts clean and fill us with all that is good and right. Take away our desires to do wrong things, and show us how to build each other up. Give us good friends and a strong family. Help us to do our part. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.