

Since When Does Service Mean Serve?

CHARACTERS

(1 Girl, 2 Guys)

Jordan: Clueless guy who doesn't know exactly what he signed up for when he registered for "Service Project Week."

Heather: Girl who got stuck with the world's worst chaperone last year and is hoping for a better one this year.

Trent: Guy whose mother is chaperoning the trip. He went last year and had the best chaperone ever — Big Mike.

SETTING

Three middle school students sitting around — just about anywhere — talking about the upcoming Service Project Week that they have signed up for.

- 1 JORDAN: So I'm pretty psyched about next week.
 2 HEATHER: You are?
 3 JORDAN: Yeah. A whole week away from our parents. It's gonna
 4 be awesome!
 5 TRENT: Speak for yourself. My mom's chaperoning, remember?
 6 JORDAN: Oh yeah. Stinks to be you.
 7 HEATHER: I would *die* if my mother volunteered. She knows too
 8 much about my life as it is. She would be all up in my
 9 business if she went.
 10 TRENT: It really won't be that bad having my mom there. She
 11 has to chaperone a girl's room so I won't see her that
 12 much.
 13 HEATHER: Gee thanks. *I'll* probably get stuck with her.
 14 TRENT: I hope we get Big Mike as our chaperone. He's gravy.
 15 Last year we stayed up all night almost every night. He
 16 didn't even care. He just put his headphones on and went
 17 to sleep.
 18 JORDAN: That'll rock!
 19 HEATHER: Lucky! Last year we got old Granny Griffin. I swear
 20 she's almost a hundred years old. You'd think her hearing
 21 would be bad by now, but no! The old lady could hear a pin
 22 drop. We weren't allowed to make a single peep after lights
 23 out.
 24 TRENT: Well that's not so bad. Lights out is usually around
 25 midnight.
 26 HEATHER: Oh no! Not under Granny's watch. She made us
 27 have lights out at nine. In July, it's not even dark out then.
 28 Come to think of it, maybe I *do* want your mother as a
 29 chaperone this year. Anything is better than Granny
 30 Griffin!
 31 TRENT: My mom's actually pretty cool, but don't tell her I said
 32 that. You give her any encouragement and she starts trying
 33 to act like a teenager again. Just last week she borrowed
 34 my iPod so she could learn the words to all the "hip"
 35 songs.

1 JORDAN: It was pretty hilarious when she tried singing them on
 2 the way back from practice.
 3 TRENT: Funny for you maybe. Humiliating for me.
 4 JORDAN: Especially since she had the windows down.
 5 TRENT: *Everyone* on the team heard her. I won't be living that
 6 down until school's out — and then some!
 7 HEATHER: It could be worse. My mom won't even let me play
 8 my kind of music in the car. She says it gives her a
 9 headache. All we ever get to listen to is oldies. And believe
 10 me, she knows *every* word. Or at least she thinks she
 11 does.
 12 JORDAN: Number one reason why headphones were invented.
 13 Makes being around parents one hundred percent more
 14 tolerable.
 15 TRENT: Funny thing is, they probably say the same things
 16 about *us*.
 17 HEATHER: Except for when you have parents who take your
 18 headphones away. I got one B on my midterm and mine got
 19 taken for three months. They said I obviously wasn't able
 20 to concentrate on my homework with music blaring in my
 21 ears.
 22 TRENT: Around my house I'd go crazy without my headphones.
 23 Music is the only way to drown out all the fighting. I swear
 24 my parents are about one fight away from a divorce. But
 25 who knows, they've been carrying on like this for years and
 26 they're still together.
 27 JORDAN: The best is when you hit pause and listen to what
 28 they're saying when they think you aren't listening. I've
 29 heard some great stuff that way. One year I heard
 30 everything my parents were buying me for Christmas. Just
 31 because I had my headphones on. Another time I heard
 32 about my aunt finding out she was pregnant — at age forty-
 33 five! And another time I found out that my mom spent over
 34 one thousand dollars on a shopping spree that she hadn't
 35 told my dad about. Man, was he mad!

1 TRENT: Oh, that is so wrong.
 2 HEATHER: But juicy! I'm gonna have to try that sometime. If I
 3 ever get them back long enough. Bad thing is my parents
 4 never really fight around me.
 5 TRENT: And that's the bad thing?
 6 HEATHER: You know what I mean. No juicy gossip! They always
 7 hole up in their bedroom when they're fighting.
 8 TRENT: I'd take that over my house any day. Half the time I can
 9 still hear them *over* my headphones they get so loud.
 10 JORDAN: One more reason why I'm glad we're getting away for
 11 a whole week! So tell me more about this Service Project
 12 Week. You guys went last year. Did you do any pranks? I
 13 went to 4-H camp last year and we duct-taped a guy to his
 14 bed and then painted his hands and feet black.
 15 TRENT: Well someone always ends up with their underwear in
 16 the freezer.
 17 JORDAN: lame.
 18 HEATHER: Yeah, but still funny. Besides, we had Granny Griffin,
 19 remember? Our pranks *had* to be lame!
 20 TRENT: Remember the van? That was awesome!
 21 HEATHER: That was *gross*, is what *that* was!
 22 TRENT: (*To JORDAN*) See, this other group that was there
 23 thought they'd be funny and "decorate" our van. They
 24 stuck fruit snacks, marshmallows, sandwich cookies,
 25 mints — all kinds of stuff — all over our van. Every kid's
 26 dream vehicle!
 27 JORDAN: Awesome!
 28 TRENT: Yeah, they thought we'd be upset. But we showed
 29 them. We drove around like that and whenever we wanted,
 30 we reached out a window and grabbed a snack!
 31 HEATHER: Ewww! Speak for yourself! I did not eat off the van.
 32 There were probably bugs stuck in the food.
 33 TRENT: A few bugs never hurt anyone.
 34 JORDAN: But did you ever think about *how* they got those
 35 things to stick to your van? (*Mime the motion of licking a*

1 *piece of food and then sticking it on something.)*
 2 HEATHER: Oh, gross! I think I'm going to puke.
 3 TRENT: Quit being a girl. Some things are just worth it.
 4 Besides, I'm sure the sun baked off most of the germs. By
 5 the end of the week, everything was sliding down the sides
 6 of the van. The only bad thing was cleaning it up. It took a
 7 lot of scrubbing to get all that sticky mess off of there.
 8 JORDAN: So what else? Shaving cream fights?
 9 TRENT: Definitely. And usually there's some sort of food fight
 10 or water fight. We almost got in big trouble last year. We
 11 were kind of having a prank war with another group of guys
 12 from our church. They were in the room right below us. So
 13 of course they got a little upset that we would kind of
 14 "stomp" around over their heads at all hours. Well, one
 15 night after they had just called our room to tell us to be
 16 quiet, there was a knock on our door. We just *knew* it was
 17 them so we had a bucket of water all ready at the door. As
 18 soon as Brad opened it, I threw the bucket of water into
 19 the doorway.
 20 HEATHER: Oh my gosh! I bet they were mad.
 21 TRENT: Well, they *might* have been, only it wasn't *them*. It was
 22 Campus Security. We totally drenched the guy!
 23 HEATHER: Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh! Did he arrest you?
 24 JORDAN: Campus Security can't arrest anyone. They're like
 25 mall cops — completely harmless.
 26 TRENT: Yeah, except he could have gotten our whole group
 27 removed from campus.
 28 HEATHER: So what'd he do? What did Big Mike, your
 29 chaperone, do?
 30 TRENT: Big Mike slept through the whole thing. And the
 31 security guy didn't even make us wake him up to tell him
 32 what was going on. He was really cool about the whole
 33 thing after we explained about the prank war and how we
 34 had to sleep the night before smelling rotten eggs because
 35 of the stink bombs the other group had set off in our room.

1 JORDAN: He didn't do anything?
 2 TRENT: Nope. He ended up staying and talking to us for a long
 3 time. When he left he just told us to tone it down and to
 4 check the door *before* tossing something out of it.
 5 JORDAN: Sounds like a pretty understanding dude.
 6 HEATHER: Yeah, with my luck, it would've been a *real* cop and
 7 I would've been put in jail until my parents could come bail
 8 me out. Then I would be grounded for life!
 9 TRENT: We felt so bad about it that the next night we all
 10 chipped in and bought the guy a pizza. We even told Big
 11 Mike what happened and he was totally cool about it. He
 12 even said he wished he'd been awake to see it.
 13 HEATHER: Now you're just making me want to vomit. *Our* week
 14 was like being in prison.
 15 JORDAN: Maybe you'll luck out this year. Besides, you must've
 16 liked something about it or you wouldn't be going back this
 17 year.
 18 HEATHER: Well the van rides are always fun. And even though
 19 I know it sounds corny, I really do like helping people out.
 20 TRENT: Yeah, even though it gets really hot painting in hundred
 21 degree weather.
 22 JORDAN: Helping people out? Painting? What are you guys
 23 talking about?
 24 HEATHER: What do you mean?
 25 JORDAN: What do *I* mean? What do *you* mean? I thought we
 26 were going to have fun. I mean, I know it's a church camp
 27 so we'll have to do some churchy things —
 28 HEATHER: Church camp? Where did you get that idea? This
 29 isn't a retreat.
 30 TRENT: Dude, this is Service Project Week.
 31 JORDAN: Yeah, I get that. We're going to some sort of church
 32 service thing. I expected that. (*TRENT and HEATHER laugh.*)
 33 HEATHER: We're not *attending* a service. We *are* the service.
 34 JORDAN: What? How do you get that?
 35 TRENT: Service Project. As in *we* are going to *serve*

- 1 on a project.
- 2 JORDAN: Oh no! You mean I really signed up — *and paid*
3 *money — to go and work? Who does that? Let me rephrase*
4 *that. Who, in their right mind, does that? (TRENT and*
5 *HEATHER look at each other and shrug.)*
- 6 HEATHER: I guess us.
- 7 JORDAN: (*Loud sigh, groan*) I can't believe this. Is it too late to
8 back out?
- 9 TRENT: Oh, come on. Lighten up. You're going to have a great
10 time.
- 11 HEATHER: I promise you, by the end of the week, you'll be sore
12 and tired, but it'll all be worth it!
- 13 JORDAN: If you guys say so. All I know is we'd better get Big
14 Mike or I'm not going! If I don't get to pull some pranks,
15 I'll go crazy!

Bad Hair Day

CHARACTERS

(2 Girls, 3 Guys)

Abby: Girl who wears a bathrobe tie in her hair because she can't find a ribbon.

Molly: Abby's friend who tries to stop her from wearing a bathrobe tie to school.

Anson: Abby's best guy friend who makes fun of her new hairdo.

Samuel: Guy who doesn't appreciate Abby's new style.

T.J.: Guy who doesn't appreciate Abby's new style.

SETTING

Starts out at Abby's house, and then moves to different classes at school.