

Lessons Learned: Water Safety

PROPS: Blue felt for pool water; sign that says “Community Pool”

CHARACTERS: Puppets and their names can be substituted. Words (*in italics, inside parentheses*) are directions for action and are not to be read aloud.

Joey – Bear Kit – Cat Lee – Rabbit Finn, the Lifeguard – Shark

Scene One

(Joey, Kit and Lee enter and start walking across the stage slowly.)

Kit: Wow, it’s so hot today! I’m glad we’re heading over to the community pool – I hope it isn’t too crowded.

Joey: Me too!

Lee: Me three! *(They all laugh.)*

Kit: You two are so funny.

Lee and Joey: *(laugh and say together)* Yeah!

Joey: *(points)* That ditch looks like a pond to swim in. Cool!

Kit: That’s not a . . . *(Joey starts to run towards the ditch. Both Lee and Kit catch him.)*
Joey! What were you trying to do – get really badly hurt?

Lee: Yeah, what she said.

Joey: What’s wrong with going in the ditch and splashing around?

Kit: You could easily drown, especially without an adult around.

Lee: But you can save us, right?

Kit: I sure can. I have taken swimming lessons and CPR.

Joey: What’s CPR?

Kit: It’s a way of saving someone’s life if they are in danger.

Joey and Lee: Oh, cool.

Kit: Boys, just think before you sink!

(All three laugh and exit the stage.)

Scene Two

(The blue felt for the pool water should be in the center and the community pool sign should be up on one side of the stage.)

(Enter Kit, Joey and Lee from one side. The lifeguard should be on the opposite end.)

Kit: Here we are, and it is really crowded today.

Joey: I guess 'cause school's out.

Lee: *(slips down behind the blue felt)*

Kit: So, Lee, are you going to take those swimming lessons that Mom wanted you to take? *(looks around)* Lee. Lee? LEE! Joey, have you seen Lee?

Joey: Nope. *(looks around)* Where is he?

Kit and Joey: *(together)* Lee – Lee! *(They see the lifeguard as he jumps into the pool.)*

Kit: Call 9-1-1!

Joey: *(Jumping up and down, he accidentally slips and falls into the pool.)* Help!

Kit: *(jumps in)* Joey! I'm coming! Hold on. *(Kit hangs on to Joey and drags him to the side of the stage. There are water gulping sounds and struggling sounds. The lifeguard disappears and comes back up on stage with Lee. The lifeguard performs CPR on Lee. Lee responds.)*

Lee: *(coughing and sputtering)* I feel sick. Where's Mommy?

Kit: She'll be here soon. Thank you, Mr. Lifeguard. You saved Lee's life today.

Lifeguard: It's Finn. You're welcome, and thank you for helping today. *(Finn leaves.)*

Kit: Lee, are you okay? *(Lee nods.)* Joey, you don't know how to swim right? So you jumped into the water and sank like a stone. Ok, let me calm down. *(takes a deep breath)* I have two things to say right now.

Lee and Joey: *(together)* What?

Kit: Number one – I am happy you two are safe. Number 2 – I have two of the silliest brothers in the world.

Lee: Why silly?

Joey: Yea, why?

Kit: We live in Florida, surrounded by water, and you two don't know how to swim. Even babies learn the basics of swimming.

Lee: Oh, sorry.

Lifeguard: (*re-enters*) Excuse me, Miss Kit. I am starting a class on swimming basics and how to be safe in the water. Do you think these two could go with me to the class?

Kit: I think that's a great idea. Oh, and I'll be sure and tell our parents how I rescued you two.

Lifeguard, Joey and Lee: (*together*) What??

Kit: That's right. Just me. . .

Lifeguard: Is that so?? (*Lifeguard chases the other three off the stage.*)

The End