

J.C. Erhardt Memorial School, Makkovik

presents

"THE FIRST LIE"

CAST

Candy Andersen.....Ashley  
 Vyann Andersen.....Holly  
 Cameron Andersen.....Robert  
 Sheldon Andersen.....Igor  
 Jason Voisey .....Mark  
 Jody Strangemore.....Samantha  
 Joanne Voisey.....Sue  
 Rhonda Ford .....Tracey  
 Jody Strangemore.....Mother  
 Cameron Andersen.....Mr. Hope (Ashley's father)

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 Academy

CAST

Candy - Ashley

Vyann - Holly

Jodie - Samantha

Joanne - Sue

Jason - Mark

Rhonda - Tracy

Sheldon - Igore

Cameron - Robert

Mom - Jodie

Dad - Cameron

Narrator 1 - Joanne

Narrator 2 - Joanne

Ending - Everybody

\* Sing Song

NARRATOR (Joanne)

The marionette play you are about to see is about a girl who uses deception to get her own way.

Setting: In a gym playing soccer.  
(The bell rings)

*bells*

Mark: GAGH! Gym is over already!?!  
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Igore: Everybody back to class. Come on.

(Everybody goes back to class and they are being noisy.  
An announcement comes on and the class settles down)

*few seconds*

Announcement: "I'd like to have your attention please. There will school dance tonight at 8:00 pm in the school gym. The admission is \$1.00 and refreshments will be sold. Everyone please make a big effort to attend. The money raised is going towards the Dream Foundation. As you all know, this is a worthwhile cause providing a last wish to a terminally ill child. Please come and dance to make these dreams come true. Thank You."

Teacher: Class dismissed. Don't forget to do your homework!

(All the kids go outside to the front entrance of the school.)

Samantha: Good! A dance! Everybody goin' or wha?!

All (except Ashley): Yeah, sure! You know we're goin'.

Ashley (with head down): I'm not sure if I'll be allowed to go.

Tracy: Come on! Your mother has to let you go! It's for a good cause remember and it's gonna be fun! Hey! Holly, what are you gonna wear tonight?

(The boys move into their own group.  
They lean their heads to eavesdrop).

Holly: I'm wearing my new faded jeans and my green sweatshirt.

Tracy: (bragging): Well, I'm wearing my new black jeans and .....

Sue: Hey, Samantha! Can I borrow your purple earrings?

Samantha: Sure! You can come over tonight and get ready.

Holly: Ashley, how are you fixin' your hair tonight?

(Ashley doesn't answer. She tilts her head down.)

Holly: Tracy, how are you fixin' your hair tonight?

Tracy: I may just put it in a .....

Robert: What's the big fuss anyway. It's only a dance!

Igore: I just hope they play some decent music.

Mark: Why are you being so silly? Who do you think is gonna look at you anyway?

Sue: What do you guys know anyway? At least we don't go around wearin' torn jeans!

Mark: Come on boys! Let's go play ball.

(Boys leave to go to the ball field.)

Samantha: Come on Sue. We have to get ready to go babysitting or we'll be late.

Samantha/Sue: O.K. See you tonight girls!

Ashley: Yeah, maybe. (soft voice)

(Samantha and Sue leave)

Tracy: Come on, let's go to the store and look at the magazines!

(Tracy, Holly and Ashley leave).

(The boys are playing catch in the ball field).

Robert: What are you guys gonna wear tonight?

Igore: I'm wearing my old jeans and my Metallica t-shirt.

Mark: I'm wearing my jeans and my Motley Crue t-shirt.

Igore: Motley Crue! Metallica is way better than them.

Robert: Well, I'm wearing my Def Leppard sweatshirt and they're the best!

Igore: I hope the girls aren't listening!

Mark: They'd sure think we were silly talking about this!

Robert: We're not talking clothes, we're talking bands. That's what the girls know nothing about!

Igore: It's quarter to five already! If I don't go now I'll be late for supper. Mom hates it when I'm late and then makes me do the dishes.

Mark: I gotta go too. See ya later!

Robert: I better go too. No sense playing catch by myself. Wait for me guys!

(Boys leave stage)

SCENE # 3

(Tracy, Ashley, Holly are walking to the store).

Holly: Why don't you think you'd be allowed to go to the dance tonight Ashley?

Ashley: My parents don't think I should go to dances until I'm thirteen.

Tracy: Why? That's silly!

Ashley: Well, I guess that's how they were brought up. Everybody's parents are different.

Holly: There's just gotta be a way you can go. It won't be the same without you.

Tracy: Hey, wait! There is a way you can go Ashley!

Ashley: (Looks up in surprise) What do you mean?

Tracy: All you gotta do is tell your mom and dad that you're coming over to my house to watch a movie. You can even sleep at my house!

Ashley: What if mom calls? Then I'll be in big trouble.

Holly: She won't call. Trust us! Why would she call anyway?

Ashley: That's true. I might as well give it a go. I really want to go to this dance.

Tracy: Good, that's settled. We are all going to the dance! What time is it Ashley?

Ashley: It's 4:30. Why?

Tracy: I better get going. No time to look at the mags now. I have lots to do before the dance. You comin' Holly?

Holly: Yeah, let's go! Don't forget Ashley you're sleeping at Tracy's tonight. Don't worry, there is no way she can find out. See you later.

(Tracy and Holly walk away)

Ashley: See you later (shout) I hope she doesn't find out. This is the first time I have lied to them.

(Ashley walks away)

SCENE 4

Ashley meets up with the boys coming home from the ball field. Sue and Samantha also come along.

Mark: Ashley are you allowed to go to the dance?

Ashley: I don't know if I'm allowed, but I'm going anyway.

Igore: What do you mean?

Ashley: I'm telling my parents that I'm going to Tracy's to watch a movie and sleep over.

(Samantha and Sue come along)

Samantha: Did I hear correctly? That doesn't sound like you Ashley?

Sue: Do you want to go to the dance that badly that you would lie to your parents?

Ashley: It wasn't me who came up with the idea. Besides I want to go to this dance to make a sick child's dream come true.

Robert: Who came up with the idea?

Ashley: Tracy and Holly did. Do you think it will work?

Robert: It's sneaky enough to work. Maybe it will if you are sneaky enough.



Sue: Aren't you worried that your parents will find out?

Samantha: Maybe they won't let you stay at Tracy's! Don't you think they will be hurt if you lie to them and they find out?

Ashley: I am a little worried, but how could she ever find out?

Sue: You are telling them that you are staying at Tracy's. What if they call for you over there?

Samantha: Even worse, what if they come over for you?!

Ashley: Holly said that mom wouldn't call. Why would she anyway?

Igore: Hey Sue! Those are only what ifs... and will probably never happen. That's right Candy. Why would she call anyway!

Sue: Well, for your sake I hope she doesn't!

Igore/Robert: We know why you want the plan to work! (ha ha)

Samantha: We really want you to go to the dance with us, but I don't think it's right to lie to your parents. Why don't you just ask them if you can go. Maybe they will say "yes" because it is for a good cause.

Ashley: Why ask them? I know they won't let me go because I am only 12. So, the only way I can go is by lying!

Sue: I don't think it is a good plan either. I am surprised that you do! You don't know for sure that they wouldn't let you go!

Mark: She's never lied to her parents before, so why wouldn't the plan work.

Igore: Don't worry Ashley! They will never find out! (Looks at Sue and Samantha). Unless somebody tells them.

Robert: When you are telling your mom, just stay cool.

Samantha/Sue: (Towards Sheldon) We wouldn't tell on you. We're your friends.

Samantha: We just wanted to help you! Anyway, it seems like you have your mind made up!

Sue: It's your tough luck if they do find out. We tried to help you!

Sue/Samantha: See you guys!

Samantha: See you tonight Candy I guess.

Rest: See ya!

Ashley: Maybe they are right! I probably wouldn't be able to pull it off. I've never done this before. Do you think I'm sneaky enough?

Mark: Anyone can be sneaky if they want something bad enough.

Igore: Don't worry. You can do it. Think about the fun you will have at the dance!

Robert: Come on guys or we'll all be late for supper and end up doing the dishes for the night instead of dancing! Don't worry Ashley, you can do it!!

Robert/Igore/Mark: See you tonight Ashley.

Mark: Good Luck Ashley!

Ashley: Thanks. I think I will give it a try! The worse that can happen is that I will be grounded! See you tonight.

(All leave in opposite directions to go home).

## SCENE 5

(Ashley's house)

Ashley is dusting in the living room. She has a dustcloth in her hand. Mom is upstairs.

Mom (shouting): Ashley! Have you finished the dusting yet? What's taking you so long?

Ashley (shouting): Not yet mom (CRASH)! (Whisper) Oh no! Almost finished mom!

Mom: (at the bottom of the stairs) What was that crash?

Ashley: Sorry mom! I broke the vase.

Mom: You seem awful nervous tonight Ashley. What's wrong?

Ashley: Nothing is wrong mom. I'm just a bit tired. We had Phys Ed today. By the way mom, can I sleep at Tracy's tonight. We are going to watch a movie!?

Mom: Do you think you should? You just said you were tired.

Ashley: Please mom. The movie is supposed to be real good and Tracy only has it for tonight.

Mom: Well. I guess it's okay.

Ashley: Thanks mom. I better get ready. I'm really sorry about the vase mom.

Mom: I know you are sweetheart.

(Ashley goes to her room to get ready).

Ashley: I'm going now mom. See you tomorrow..

Mom: Have a good time!

(Ashley leaves the house).

SCENE 6 *Play music (tape right through)*

(Others are already at the dance except for Tracy, Holly and Ashley. Ashley meets Holly and Tracy on the street just outside her house).

*soft*

Tracy: It was getting late so we were coming to get you.

Ashley: I'm glad I met you here and not at my house.

Holly: How did it go? Was it easy?

Ashley: I was a bit nervous. I broke mom's best vase. I feel really bad about that.

Tracy: Did she notice that you were nervous?

Ashley: Yeah, but I told her that I was tired. Boy, one lie kept leading to more!

Holly: Not bad! And you thought you couldn't pull it off.

Tracy: Come on, let's speed up. I bet the dance has already started.

(They walk faster)

(The dance at the school gym. Everyone is dancing and Tracy, Holly and Ashley arrive in the doorway. Songs are playing).

Ashley: Wow! Is this what all the dances are like?

Tracy: You don't know what you've missed!

Holly: Come on, let's go in!

(Tracy and holly join everyone dancing. Ashley sits down with her head down).

Igore: Ashley do you want to dance?

Ashley: No, not right now thank you.

(Igore goes back to the dance floor).

Mark: Ashley, you want to dance?

Ashley: N.....

Sue: Ashley! You lied to your parents to come here, so what's the problem.

Ashley: I feel a bit bad.

Sue: Samantha and I told you that.

Ashley: Yeah, I didn't realize I would feel so bad and have to tell so many lies.

Mark: Come on! You're here and you are going to have a good time.

(Mark grabs Ashley and they go and dance).

Ashley: That was fun!

(Another song)

Igore: Come on Ashley! Let's boody!

(They go and dance)

(Ashley's dad comes into the gym entrance and looks around. He spots Ashley and walks towards her. He taps her on the shoulder.

Candy is laughing and dancing. She turns around and becomes very still.

The music becomes less noisy!)

*louder about*

*soft*

*louder*

*softer*

Ashley(nervous): Dad, I'm really sorry that I lied, but I really wanted to go to this dance!

Dad: You know we don't like you to go to dances until you're 13.

Ashley: But this dance is for a real good cause!

Dad: What cause is this?

Ashley: We are raising money for the Dream Foundation.

Dad: Well ... , we might have let you come if you only asked us instead of lying!

Holly: Mr. Hope, it was our idea not Ashley's. We talked her into it. We're sorry Ashley!

Dad: Come on Ashley. I think it's time to leave.

(They leave and stop in the hall).

Dad: Ashley, you knew you weren't allowed to dances. Why didn't you ask us? Even though Tracy and Holly gave you the idea, you didn't have to do it. But you decided to go that way instead of coming to us. Why?

Ashley: You're right dad. It wasn't their fault. I decided to do it. I'm the one to blame and I won't complain about the punishment you will give me. I felt really bad about lying to you. One lie kept leading to another. I guess that's why I broke mom's vase. I was some nervous.

Dad: Why did you lie to us?

Ashley: It's not that dad, but it's always me that's left out. I never get to go to dances and play out late.

Dad: Ashley, Ashley ... I never realized you felt that way. I can see you and your mom and I are going to have a good long talk about this .....

(fade out)

Narrator: Joanne: Ashley and her parents did talk that night. They talked about ...

- a) It's not right to lie.
- b) You should always go to your parents when something is troubling you.
- c) Parents should always know where their children are.