

Season 3

Episode 2: The Glass Ballerina

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Episode Information:

Sayid's plan to locate Jack places Sun and Jin's lives in grave danger. Meanwhile, Kate and Sawyer are forced to work in harsh conditions by their captors, and Henry makes a very tempting offer to Jack that may prove difficult to refuse..

New Characters:

- Colleen – Gets shot in the stomach by Sun – One of “the Others” – On Island

Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- “The Glass Ballerina” deals primarily with Sun’s deceptive nature.

Key Show Facts:

- Sun, as a child, blatantly lies to her father knowing full well that the lie will mean her father will fire their housekeeper.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Sun’s affair with Jae Lee and Jin’s inability to free himself from Sun’s father. As well as Jae Lee’s assumed suicide.
- Jack continues to be held in isolation. Sawyer and Kate are forced to work at a quarry together.
- Sayid, Sun, and Jin, attempt to set a trap for the others. It fails, resulting in the loss of Desmond’s boat.
- Ben Linus reveals that the “Others” have contact with the outside world and will send Jack home if cooperates.

Time to speculate on the show – Sample Topics

- Why are the others on the island?
- Ben Linus claims he was born on the island – thoughts?
- Why does Ben want Desmond’s boat?
- Why is Alex, the French woman/Rousseau’s daughter looking for Karl (the kid that was in the cage)?

Scripture: [\[NIV - Proverbs 26:26\]](#)

“His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.”

Definitions:

Malice – a term used to describe hatred, spite, or ill will.

Deception - to intentionally distort the truth in order to mislead others.

Assembly - group of persons gathered together, usually for a particular purpose, whether religious, political, educational, or social.

- What theme/point is being communicated in Proverbs 26:26?

- Break it into two parts
 - What is meant by “His malice may be concealed by deception”?
 - What is meant by “But his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly”?
- Discuss in whole.

Clip 1 – Lies I – 0:35 – 2:01 – The Maid Did It.

Why does Sun lie to her father?

- Even at someone else’s expense?
- What other times have we seen Sun deceive or lie?
 - She never told Jin she spoke fluent English until it was revealed on the island.
 - She poisoned Jin’s water in order to keep him from leaving on the first raft the survivors built.
 - She told Jin she had never been with another man (assuming she did have a sexual relationship with Jae Lee - which is alluded to in this episode).

Why do people lie?

- Why do we lie and deceive?
 - In general, do you think we get away with our lies?
- What is the number one reason people lie?
 1. To avoid confrontation.
 2. To make something or someone appear better or more interesting.
- What other reasons might people choose to lie or deceive?
- What are the effects of lies?
 - Lying is the number one reason people lose trust.
 - Lying is a band-aid solution - it has a domino effect. Most often things escalate in severity far greater than the original lie.
 - Lying can have a negative cyclical effect – lying to improve self-esteem only reduces it further.
 - Lies haunt us – fear of truth being revealed.
- What are ways in which we can avoid having to lie?

Clip 2 – Lies II – 17:23 – 19:25 – We’re building quite a large fire.

- Why then, knowing what we know about the reasons people lie, does Sun lie about Sayid’s true intentions with the bonfires? What about the other times listed earlier in the lesson?
- Can lies be used for good?
 - In what cases?
 - Attempting to protect feelings
 - Any other reason?
 - Is lying ever the best solution for protecting people?
 - What are better solutions?
 - Self confidence / satisfaction in yourself?
 - Honesty?

Who was honest in this episode?

- Was anyone outright honest or were they put in a position where they could no longer lie?
- Do you feel that honesty under these circumstances is honesty or is it a consequence of lying?

Clip 3 – Lies III – 21:52 – 24:00 – He knows I betrayed him.

So then, how can we tell if someone is lying? (Courtesy of the Today Show)

- **Avoidance of eye contact** - Usually someone makes eye contact at least half the time they are talking to you. If you notice them avoiding eye contact or looking down during a specific part of a conversation, they may well be lying.
 - **Change of voice**: A variation in pitch of voice or rate of speech can be a sign of lying. So can lots of umms and ahhs.
 - **Body Language** - Turning your body away, covering your face or mouth, a lot of fidgeting of hands or legs can indicate deception.
 - **Contradiction** - Making statements that just don’t hold together should make you suspicious.
- Review the scripture.
 - How can it be applied to this subject of lying?

Devotional Activity:

Liars!

Have class participants pair up. This activity will consist of two parts.

- 1) Give each person a situation they must explain to their partner (ex. You wrecked her car and have to tell her what happened, give an extended explanation of why you got home so late, etc.)
 - The intention being to reveal how people make stories up and how body language and voice changes.
- 2) Have the partners trade off trying to keep a straight face and continue eye contact while making obviously untrue statements (ex. I am a boy – if the person is a girl, I once went two weeks eating only tootsie rolls, etc)
 - The intention being to elicit avoidance of eye contact and encourage revealing facial expressions.

Further Speculation:

- Is Ben Linus lying about taking Jack home?

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