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HELP, A MIRROR BILEE

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Silas is sure he is dreaming when his mirror image suddenly starts speaking. It explains to him that it's not a reflection, but a BILEE, like a Buddy In Life's Exciting Escapades. But the reflection has no intention of accompanying Silas anymore, because his life is much too boring. Nothing ever happens! So BILEE suggests to Silas that they switch places for a day. Silas is supposed to move into the mirror command central, and his mirror image will go to summer camp in his place. Will it work?

A fast-paced and relatable story as well as a call to courage!

CONTENT

Silas is spending the summer holiday with Grandma Ilse, and is anything but excited about the children's camp she registered him for. Making new friendships doesn't come easily for Silas.

One evening he notices with a fright that what he sees in the mirror is not just a reflection, but is Salis, Silas's mirror BILEE, a Buddy In Life's Exciting Escapades. On the spot, the two of them decide to trade places for a day.

Silas soon regrets the arrangement he agreed to, because Salis is quite the daredevil and turns his whole life upside down.

When he bumps into Oscar at the adventure park, Oscar's glasses fall to the ground and break. Oscar blames Silas and get the other kids there upset with him, too. Oscar tells them to boycott the baking class that Silas suggested be part of the program, which is scheduled for the next day in his grandmother's café.



Suddenly, Salis shows up. When Oscar's glasses broke, he tumbled out of the mirrored world. Instead of hiding himself, Salis tries his hand at a rope climbing course. Only with a lot of luck are Silas and Salis not seen together. Salis promises not to show himself again in the future, and Silas actually dares to try one of the courses. He even manages to calm Simon, who panics in the middle of the course and wants to quit, and Simon is able to finish.

In the evening, with Silas's help, Salis finds his way back into the mirror. The baking project takes place the next day. No one pays any mind to Oscar's call for a boycott, especially after Simon told them about Silas's bravery on the ropes course.

It turns out that Grandma's idea to sign Silas up for a summer camp was a fantastic one. But without his mirror BILEE, Salis, he might never have realized it!

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