

• drama activities for “Kirk Jones”

drama 1: Kirk and his parents talking over supper during their visit to Niagara Falls

- KIRK'S PARENTS MIGHT ASK HIM SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS:
 - Would you like to come to Oregon with us?
 - Why don't you have a girlfriend?
 - Wouldn't you like to have a family someday?
 - You were so happy when you were a little boy. What went wrong?
 - Would you like to go back to school? We could lend you some money.
 - Why do you spend so much time with Bob? Are you taking drugs?
 - Are you depressed? Would you like to see a psychiatrist?
 - Why aren't you looking for another job?
 - Shouldn't you be getting more exercise?

drama 2: Kirk and Bob talking over a drink the evening before Kirk went over the falls

- THEY MIGHT ASK EACH OTHER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS:
 - Are you sure you really want to do this?
 - What else can I do? I've got to do something.
 - Is this a way of punishing your parents for leaving you?
 - Why would I want to do that? I'm glad they're going.
 - What if you don't get killed, but you *do* end up in a wheelchair or something?
 - Do you want to pick up some girls tonight?
 - What do *you* think I should do? Do you want me to change my mind?
 - What about me? How am I going to feel if you get killed?
 - If I don't make it, do you promise to give the money and the note to my parents?

drama 3: Kirk answering questions from circus visitors

- THEY MIGHT ASK KIRK SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS:
 - Why did you do it?
 - At the moment you went over, were you afraid?
 - What do the falls look like from inside?
 - What do the falls sound like from inside? How loud is the noise?
 - How long were you falling? What were you thinking about while you fell?
 - Did you have a chance to take a deep breath before you went down into the pool?
 - Were you afraid you weren't going to get back to the surface in time?
 - Were the police who arrested you nice? Did they seem impressed?
 - How did you choose the spot where you went into the water?
 - Did you really believe it was exactly the right place?

went wrong:
if something 'goes wrong,' things don't go the way you want them to

psychiatrist:
a doctor who specializes in mental problems

pick up some girls:
find some girls you've never met before and persuade them to 'go out' in the hope of sexual activity

change my mind:
change my opinion or belief

if I don't make it:
if I don't survive; if I'm killed

what did it look like?:
if someone asks what something 'looked like,' they want you to describe its appearance

how long?:
for how much time?

did you have a chance?:
did you have an opportunity?

surface:
the surface of something is the place where it 'ends;' your skin is the surface of your body, for example

impressed:
if someone is impressed by something you've done, they think it is a good or difficult thing and think well of you for having done it

the spot:
the exact place