



## PARENT FLYER LESSON 3

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On stage, Rock Steadfast and Scooter O'Donnell also faced a challenge with showing kindness. Rock blamed Scooter for the recent failures and demanded that today's bobsled race be perfect. When the qualifying race was a disaster, Rock said some mean things to Scooter. During the actual race, Rock started early and got them disqualified. Scooter could have been mean to Rock, but instead Scooter showed kindness and encouraged Rock.

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