

BMA The Serie:

Episode 10: To Grow Spirituality

EXT. BMA - DAY

The sun is rising in a TIME LAPSE. The BMA building is empty. We see different parts of the school but nobody is seen.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

The Christmas break had been long and the school was feeling a little empty without the joy the kids normally bring. But that was about to change as the new school term was just a few days to start and now the kids where already coming back.

INT. CAR - DAY

Dylan is on the car. The windows is down and he is looking excited at BMA.

INT. DORM - DAY

Eddy walks in the hall when people from the rooms starts getting out and greeting him. Nugget also comes from his room.

NUGGET

Yo' man! You are finally back.

At the end of the hall Skinny, Adam and Zero comes out of a room and shake hands.

SKINNY

Is good to have you back, Big Brother.

EXT. VOLLEYBALL COURT - DAY

Jake is standing with his backpack looking at the net with a small smile in his face.

EXT. GIRL'S DORM - DAY

There are a bunch of girls arriving with their suitcases and stuff. Some of them as soon as they see each other the run and hug each other. Camila is carrying her stuff and also she has a big bag of snacks. Jennifer gets out of the dorm to meet her.

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JENNIFER

Hey! Do you need help with that?

She helps her carry her stuff.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

You see, is always a pleasure to see them happy to return. Everyone who comes is always excited to be here, I can assure you that.

INT. MELISSA'S ROOM - DAY

The door opens. Melissa is standing still on the front with her suitcases. She has a serious and sad face. Her old room has one bed already with some stuff while the other one is empty completely. She sees the other bed a little sad.

SCREEN

INTRO

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

Jennifer and Camila are sitting while they eat when they see Melissa entering the cafeteria.

JENNIFER

Hey Melissa, come sit with us.

Melissa passes by ignoring them. She seems to be on her own world. Jennifer just look at her a little weird. Then she realizes she sits somewhere else by her own. Jennifer remains thoughtful.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

On that moment Jennifer realized something wasn't going right with Melissa, so she thought it was her time to do something, but she would need some help.

INT. CLASSROOM - AFTERNOON

Jennifer, Eddy, Dylan and Jake are inside the classroom where they usually have their meetings.

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JENNIFER

I guess you know why I called you, right?

DYLAN

Yeah, we are having our monthly reunions, right? I'm so excited to start now.

EDDY

But why so soon anyways? I mean, we just got here. Couldn't it wait at least--

JENNIFER

No. It has nothing to do with that. Well a little.

JAKE

Shouldn't be the other girl here too?

JENNIFER

That's the point. And her name is Melissa.

JAKE

Yeah... I already knew that.

JENNIFER

Haven't you seen her?

EDDY

To be honest we have been here just for three days. I had seen nothing.

JENNIFER

Well I have and let me tell you, something is bothering me. Do you remember how was she always with another girl?

DYLAN

You mean Erika?

JENNIFER

We need to do something about it.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

And with that in their mind Jennifer started telling them how Melissa was feeling. As ambassadors their duty wasn't exclusively for

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NARRATOR (V. O.) (cont'd)
the others but to other ambassadors
as well. So this was the time to
prove themselves.

DYLAN
Well... I got an idea.

JENNIFER
Okay, but I was thinking on this
instead. Listen to me.

They all pay attention.

INT. JAKE'S ROOM - AFTERNOON

Jake comes back with his laundry just cleaned. He enters the
room and sees Roberto whistling while he sweep the floor.

JAKE
Again with the cleaning?

ROBERTO
As it has to be.

Jake leave his stuff inside his closet.

JAKE
I have always find that interesting
on you. You can't do anything all
week, but always clean fridays
afternoon with such a rush.

ROBERTO
Well my boy, you cannot start the
saturday dirty, you know? It's a
matter of respect.

JAKE
Respect for what?

ROBERTO
To God, of course.

Jake seems a little interested.

JAKE
You should say respect for
yourself.

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ROBERTO

That too, but my parents taught me to always get ready before sunset. You see, we can do all our stuff all week, but once the sabbath starts it belongs to God. And everything has to be ready to receive it.

He puts all the dirt in a plastic bag and then closes it ready to throw away.

ROBERTO

And hey! I'm not a lazy fella! I just rather do cleaning on fridays so I can get all into it. You know, full focus.

JAKE

You're a little slow.

ROBERTO

Anyways, do you see how beautiful I left it?

The room seems really clean. Jake seems impressed.

JAKE

Well, now that you are in the mood, don't you want to keep going with my closet?

ROBERTO

That has some extra cost.

They both laugh.

EXT. DORM - NIGHT

Melissa is walking to the church. She has a dress and her bible, but she seems a little lost in her own world. Then she hears in front of her how Wendy and Lisa are LAUGHING and TALKING between them. She sighs, but keeps walking looking at them sideways.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

So as you know, Erika was gone and with her all of Melissa's enthusiasm. She was now by herself and she was feeling alone as the day she first got there.

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Jennifer in that moment gets out of the dorm and see Melissa at the distance.

JENNIFER
(yelling at her)
Hey, Melissa!

Melissa is kind of far, so she doesn't hear her. Jennifer tries to rush to her, but as she is wearing heels she trips as she advances, so she stops and look how Melissa goes by herself.

INT. CHURCH - NIGHT

The service haven't start yet, everybody is still entering the building. Melissa is sitted by herself in the same spot she always sits. Jake is already somewhere else, Will approaches with his wheelchair. They both give themselves a head greeting without saying anything. Dylan passes next to Melissa and waves at her with a smile. She returns the smile but she seems not very happy. Dylan goes and sits at the first row with his bible in hand. Eddy, Skinny, Adam, Zero and Nugget are on the middle of the church talking. Nick and Rodi are both at practicing at the worship service.

Jennifer is at the back, as she is going to participate in the platform, but she looks at Melissa thinking that she needs to go and talk to her.

The service starts with a worship, then Trevor goes in front and gives the welcome to everybody. Afterward Jennifer have the scripture reading. At the end the PREACHER gets the podium.

PREACHER
How are you all doing BMA family?
Is good to have you all back after
a long break, don't you think so?
But you know what it's even a
bigger blessing? The fact of
receiving this sabbath together
again. How many of you already miss
it? I'm sure I did.

The kids listen carefully to the preacher.

PREACHER
So before I start I just wanted you
all to remember that is a blessing
to be here today, surrounded of
such amazing people. And overall
never forget that the people

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PREACHER (cont'd)
sitting next to you is not only
another classmate, we are all part
of this big BMA family. Never
forget that.

Trevor and Daniel look at each other and do a hand shake proudly. Anna and Zoe smile at each other. Jake and Will are together but they say nothing to each other. Melissa turns and realizes she is by her own.

EXT. BMA - DAY

The BMA building is shining. The PIANO playing is heard. The kids are arriving to the church all of them well dress.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

Melissa is once again sitted by her own in the same spot. The pianist is playing still. There are some people already sitted and some others are still arriving.

Eddy is already sitted with his friends with his elbows laying on his knees. He is thoughtful in the corner. Dylan enters the building and goes to sit to the front, but in his way there he see Melissa alone so he stops and goes and sits next to her.

DYLAN
Hey happy sabbath! Isn't this a
beautiful day?

Melissa turns and look at him and smiles. Eddy looks everything from his seat.

EDDY
(to himself)
That kid.

Jennifer enters the building. She tries to find a nice spot to sit when she sees Dylan next to Melissa. She looks at them for a while.

DYLAN
And after I finish packing all my
clothes I realize I had forgotten
all my socks. Can you believe it?

Melissa just makes a forced smile. Suddenly Jennifer arrives and makes a move to Melissa to move forcing her to be on the middle.

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JENNIFER
(joking)
Is this kid bothering you?

DYLAN
I'm not bothering anyone.

MELISSA
No. He was just telling me about
his trip.

JENNIFER
Oh I see. It's hard to get Dylan to
shut up sometimes. Still, it's glad
to see you both. Happy sabbath.
Haven't the service started yet?

Eddy from his place sees them not very convince. He sits still and after a long wait he suddenly stands up and leaves. His friends just look at him leaving without knowing what's going on. Eddy approach the others and sits with them.

EDDY
Hey I just saw you all together so
I figure you might be bored without
me.

They all turn and look at him.

DYLAN
We were not bored.

EDDY
That says you.

One teacher gets the podium and starts the service.

TEACHER
Happy sabbath! Let's start our
sabbath school service.

Jake enters the church with Roberto. Both are looking for a place when he sees all the ambassadors together. He keeps thinking for a while. Then he sees the principal in the other side, so he gets a little confuse.

JAKE
Hey man! I'm... going to sit over
there.

ROBERTO

Sure. I can go with you.

JAKE

Well, I think is...

Jake keeps thinking then just shrugs. Roberto and Jake both goes and sits next to Eddy who is the last one in there. They wave at each other. The singing has already started. Jake just turns a little to Eddy and whispers to him.

JAKE

(whispering)

Are we on an ambassadors task?

EDDY

What do I know?

The program keeps going. There are some kids participating in the kids story and the tithes. The ambassadors look happy.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

So without even planning it, the four ambassadors started their plan to cheer Melissa up. They stayed with her during all the program and they were happy about it.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

Benjamin is preaching. All the students are listening.

BENJAMIN

...and this is something I usually say to anyone that has any trouble. You see, the answer is right there, easier to find than you think. In Jeremiah 33 God tell us: Call to me and I shall answer. So why do we go some other places to look for the answers? Everything we want, everything we need, He already knows it, but he is just waiting for us to reach to him and ask for it. All we need to do is kneel and ask for it.

The five ambassadors listen to it with attention.

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BENJAMIN

Not all the time we will receive the answer we are desiring to hear, but if experience has shown me something is that everything we get or we don't get will always be for our best, even if at the moment we don't realize it. So we can be sure we have someone who cares and look for our best, always.

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

There is a long line. Everybody is talking to each other. Some other are already sitting eating. Eddy and his friends are together talking and playing around, they seem to have a nice time. Nick and Rodi are in front of them.

NICK

Guys, this is not the kindergarten, please behave as grown ups. If you are.

RODI

Yeah, behave yourselves.

SKINNY

You stick to your own--

Eddy just gives him a sign to not bother.

EDDY

Thanks for letting us know, Nick. We indeed were a little loud so we appreciate it the offer to keeping a nice environment. Thank you.

They all look at him kind of weird. Nick doesn't know what to say.

NICK

You... better mean it.

Suddenly a bunch of kids arrive to Eddy.

KID

Hey guys! We are excited to start once again the tutoring. We are ready to start.

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SKINNY

Oh you better be or you will fail
as last time.

Eddy's smile suddenly vanishes and keeps thinking. He looks at the distance at Anna, she is already eating with Zoe.

INT. DORM - DAY

Tucker is changing his sabbath clothes and putting on some hiking outfit. Dylan over his desk trying to do an origami figure.

TUCKER

Still doing those figures?

DYLAN

I like them.

TUCKER

You sure seem like it, but haven't you already done a lot? Why do you want more?

DYLAN

Just because.

TUCKER

Well at least if you are doing them try some cooler stuff, dunno, like a dragon or a fenix. Not that flower.

Dylan see the flower he is doing.

DYLAN

I think it's pretty.

TUCKER

Yeah, for a girl.

DYLAN

It's for a girl.

Tucker turns to look at him surprised.

TUCKER

No way.

DYLAN

Well, not for the kind you think.
She is a friend of mine and I feel

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DYLAN (cont'd)
like she deserves it. Now more than
ever.

TUCKER
You are a weird dude.

DYLAN
Well, you may question my methods
but not my results.

TUCKER
Feeling a winner already? Chill
man. We'll still see about that.

Tucker gets to the door, he is already changed.

TUCKER
So, are you going or not?

DYLAN
Oh sure!

Dylan hurries to get changed.

EXT. CAFETERIA PARKING LOT - DAY

There is a school bus being load with students with hiking
outfits.

NARRATOR (V. O.)
As part of the BMA tradition, all
saturdays afternoons the students
load the bus ready to hike in one
of the different mountains around
the area. Such a delightful
activity!

INT. SCHOOL BUS - DAY

There are a lot of kids talking to each other. Dylan and
Tucker climb the bus and sit at the back. In a row of sits
are Melissa, Camila and Jennifer. Melissa seems not very
much in the mood to go.

JENNIFER
(trying to cheer her up)
You'll see that this is going to be
so much fun.

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NARRATOR (V. O.)

With the help of Camila, Jennifer was able to convince Melissa to go with them hoping that the hiking will cheer her up. But will that help?

PRINCIPAL

Everyone ready? Let's go!

EXT. CAFETERIA PARKING LOT - DAY

The bus starts leaving.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

The bus goes across different beautiful places and there are some cool landscapes. Finally it arrives in a parking lot. Everyone starts unloading. Dylan, Tucker and Nugget start running excited. Allison goes behind them.

ALLISON

Hey guys wait for the teachers.
You'll get lost.

They don't listen to her.

ALLISON

Kids.

Jennifer, Melissa and Camila get down of the bus. Nick and Rodi are also there. The teacher is gathering all of them together. And after a few instructions, they all start hiking.

They walk around. There are beautiful trees, flowers and other stuff. Allison and Dylan are arguing about which flower is which.

ALLISON

I'm telling you. I know my stuff
and this sure is a stork's bill.

DYLAN

You are kidding, right?

Nick and Rodi are at the front with the teacher.

NICK

I'm telling you Mr. Robinson, when
I was on my country I use to climb
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NICK (cont'd)
bigger ones than this one. This is
no big deal for me.

TEACHER
That's impressive, Nick.

Jennifer, Camila and Melissa are walking together while they talk. Camila and Jennifer are trying their best to make the experience look cool.

JENNIFER
You see, walking and getting in
touch with the nature, that's
something cool. I bet you won't be
having this much fun back at BMA.

MELISSA
I'm getting tired honestly.

They all walk for a few more minutes. Nick and Rodi are both
sitted very exhausted, as soon as they see people
approaching they get up and pretend they are fine and keep
walking. After a long walk everybody arrive to a nice view.
Over there can be seen all the fields and houses. Such a
nice view.

TEACHER
You see? I told you it would be
worthy to come all this way.

They look at it very amazed. They start taking pictures.
Jennifer offers to take a picture with Camila and Melissa.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

They are all gathered and sitting while listening to the
teacher.

TEACHER
The good thing about these
climbings we do is not only to get
in touch with the nature, but this
also remember us lessons for our
daily life.

Everybody is listening to him.

TEACHER
Wasn't easy to climb to the top was
it?

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NICK

I've gone to harder ones.

TEACHER

Happens the same with life. It won't be easy all the time. You might struggle sometimes, get tired or get lost, but if you keep going you'll get to the top and earn the beautiful sight of your efforts. Like this one.

They see the landscape, then he points to a higher side of the side mountain.

TEACHER

And you see that other top? Life doesn't stop once you're there. It keeps going, so you have to ask yourself, you want to stay at the same spot or keep going up? So remember. This is not over yet, let's keep trying till we collect our best efforts.

NICK

(worried)

Wait, are we still going up?

As they are all listening Dylan somehow gets closer to Melissa, she had brought a backpack and in a very discrete way Dylan takes out the flower he was doing before and places it inside the backpack. He goes away happy with his mission fulfilled. But he didn't realized Allison was watching all along.

ALLISON

(to herself)

Oh! So this was all about? A girl?

INT. BUS - DAY

The kids are back at the bus. Now they seem kind of tired.

EXT. CAFETERIA PARKING LOT - AFTERNOON

The students are getting down from the bus and going to their respective dorms. Dylan is about to leave when Allison stops him.

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ALLISON

Hey Dylan.

He turns to look at her.

ALLISON

Now I know everything about what you are up to.

DYLAN

(nervous)

You do?

ALLISON

Yeah, and I don't judge you. I mean, you are on the age for that.

DYLAN

What do you mean?

ALLISON

Just an advice, watch out and try to be more discrete, you're being way to obvious.

DYLAN

Am I? Geez! I thought I was doing it... forget it. Just please don't say to anyone, ok? I will get in trouble if someone find out.

ALLISON

Don't worry, I'm not that bad. Just go, I can keep it a secret.

DYLAN

(starting to run away)

Thank you.

Allison just stays there.

ALLISON

Kids in love are the worst.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

There are a lot of kids playing on rec. Everybody is minding their own bussiness some are talking, some others are playing. Eddy is playing basketball with his friends.

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ADAM

I bet you can't score from here.

Adam is in a corner pointing at the net.

ZERO

That's easy.

EDDY

I bet he makes it in a single shot.

SKINNY

Zero? No way. I take your bet.

Zero gets ready when a bunch of kids arrive

KID

Hey Big Brother. Having fun playing? So we just wanted to know when are we starting again the classes, you know. I did incredible last semester, I don't want to back down this semester.

Eddy's smile is gone and he just sighs.

EDDY

Look guys, the tutoring classes are over. Me and the guys won't do it again.

Adam and Skinny turns to look at him confused. Zero throws the ball but it doesn't get in. As he sees no one was watching runs and gets it again.

SKINNY

What?

EDDY

It's time for you to learn on your own, don't you think?

KID

Bro, really?

EDDY

As you heard it.

KID

Dang!

The kids leave still talking between them. Eddy's friends keep looking at Eddy without knowing what is going on. Zero gets ready to shoot.

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ZERO

Ready or not, here I go.

Eddy leaves. The ball doesn't go in. Adam and Skinny just look at each other.

INT. MELISSA'S ROOM - NIGHT

Melissa enters her room. Still one side is empty. She looks at it a little homesick then she goes to her side of the room and throws her backpack in the bed. Some stuff gets dropp from it. She don't pay attention to it. She gets to the window and look at BMA. It seems so lonely.

Melissa sits in the bed thoughtful for a while then she just lays on the bed when something bothers her back. She stands and takes out her cellphone.

MELISSA

(to herself)

Oh I have to turn this back.

She turns on her cellphone and the first thing she sees is the picture she took on the mountain with Camila and Jennifer, she makes a little smile. She starts watching her gallery and realize there are a lot of pictures of her having fun in BMA. She keeps looking for a while, then she tries to get more comfortable in the bed and as she moves around she sees the flower that Dylan puts in. Curious she takes it and look at it amazed. The flower is made with a fine paper and as she moves it, she sees something that captures her attention, the stick seems to be familiar to her, so she takes it off and once she opens it she sees the picture all the ambassadors took with the principal. She smiles remembering all the kids in the ambassadors program and the fun they'd together.

She turns it and in the back there's written: YOU STILL HAVE FRIENDS ON BMA TO COUNT WITH. She smiles a little moved.