

Act 3

Reporter: We interrupt this program to bring you more breaking news. Charlie and his friends finished their research on the White House and the former presidents who have lived there. They now understand what it takes to be a good president. Charlie is ready to lead his friends in the building of the most amazing tree house ever. Stay tuned for news as it breaks.

Jack: This is going to be so cool, Charlie. I wonder if this is what it was like for George Washington when he oversaw the building of the White House.

Charlie: I think it's kind of sad that George Washington never got to live in the White House. It wasn't ready for him in time.



Reporter: Breaking news here, folks. Charlie and his friends have gathered their supplies for the tree house. They are now ready to start building it. Stay tuned for film at 11.

Ellie: I can see it now—big columns in front, just like the real White House.

Charlie: Pass me the hammer. I want to get started on Lincoln's Bedroom.

Jack: Lincoln's Bedroom?

Charlie: Just like the one in the White House. But I'm going to call it Charlie's Bedroom instead.

Narrator: Stacks of wood, cans of paint, hammers, nails, pencils, and paper surround the kids. Ellie is busy making sketches. Jack is measuring wood. Charlie is mixing paint.

Ellie: Can you imagine what it would be like to live in the real White House?

Charlie: It would be so great. I would be the boss and eat whatever I want. I would never have to eat lima beans—ever again!

Jack: And you could eat ice cream every day!

Poem: If I Were President

Ellie: Didn't you guys read about all of the jobs the president has to do?

Narrator: Charlie climbs down the tree. He looks at Ellie's drawings of the White House.

Charlie: What are you saying? Does the president have chores like we do? I can't see the president taking out the trash!

Jack: Well, the president's chores are a lot harder than just taking out the trash every Wednesday.



Ellie: The president has to make important decisions about a lot of things.

Charlie: And he has to meet with the leaders of other countries.

Ellie: The president is also the commander in chief of the entire military.

Jack: It's a big job, but he has advisors to help him.

Ellie: Hey, Charlie! When you become president, can I be your vice president?

Charlie: I think we would win with both of us on the ballot.

Jack: What about me? What could I do?

Charlie: Don't worry, Jack. I'll give you a job, too. Could you start now by stirring the paint?

Narrator: Jack opens the paint can. He jabs at the paint with a stick.

Jack: I want to be your chief of staff. I'll help you make all the really important decisions.

Charlie: That's a good idea. You can start now—do you think our tree house should have a library?