Into the West Episode 1 Movie Scene Summary

- 1. Growling Bear tells his vision that the buffalo will disappear and the Lakota Indians will live in square lodges. He gives his amulet to White Feather and dies.
- 2. 1825 in Wheelerton, Virginia the Wheeler boys: Jacob, Ezra, Nathan and Jethro work in the wheel-making shop. Mr. Fletcher arrives and tells Jacob about the west.
- 3. Jacob and Nathan leave for St. Louis.
- 4. White Feather is not killed during the buffalo stampede and his name is changed to Loved By the Buffalo.
- 5. Jacob and Nathan steal eggs at a hen house and meet a black runaway slave. Jacob keeps his word and does not turn the slave in to the farmer.
- 6. Jacob and Nathan arrive in St. Louis but Mr. Fletcher wants to hire mountain men, not them. Nathan plays poker and wins money and some land in Texas. Nathan goes south and Jacob goes west.
- 7. Jacob meets Jedediah Smith and convinces him that he wants to be a mountain man and goes with him.
- 8. The brothers Running Fox and Dog Star marry sisters.
- 9. Lebeck, a French trader trades pots and skins with the Lakota for Thunder Heart Woman. Loved By the Buffalo gives the amulet to his sister Thunder Heart Woman when she leaves to be Lebeck's wife.
- 10. A grizzly bear attacks Jedediah Smith and Jacob sews his scalp back on.
- 11. Loved By the Buffalo works on the large stone medicine wheel and sees the true power of the circle.
- 12. The mountain men meet the Mojave Indians and enjoy the Maricopa and women. Jacob doesn't join in the party and speaks with Jedediah Smith. Smith says, "The west is a place on the map, not a way to live."
- 13. The Crow Indians kill Lebeck and take away Thunder Heart Woman's baby.
- 14. The mountain men arrive at the Pacific Ocean in California and are taken prisoner by the Mexican soldiers. The Mexicans find they are riding Mexican horses that they have traded for with the Mojave Indians. The Mexicans kill several Mojaves for stealing the horses. The mountain men are permitted to leave.
- 15. The Sun Dance ceremony begins and Loved By the Buffalo dances with pieces of metal piercing his chest. He dances in the hot sun tied to the wooden post.

- 16. The Mojave attack the mountain men and kill most of them. Jacob, Jedediah and Fletcher hide in a cave. The Indians try to smoke them out but they notice the smoke is drifting back so there must be another way out of the cave. Fletcher is hurt and stays behind to fight. He gives his knife to Jacob. Jacob and Jedediah escape through the cave and Fletcher dies.
- 17. Loved By the Buffalo does not give up and continues to dance until the leather ropes are pulled out of his skin.
- 18. Jedediah talks about God and the story of Jonah and the Whale in the Bible as they make the difficult way through the cave. They find gold coins near a skeleton.
- 19. Loved By the Buffalo has a vision about a wooden wheel breaking a stone wheel.
- 20. Loved By the Buffalo takes away the smallpox from the people and Soaring Eagle takes him away from the village and leaves him to die. Growling Bear comes as a buffalo and tells him to save the people.
- 21. 1829 Utah. Jacob and Jedediah have separated. Jacob goes to the Rendezvous celebration. He meets the former slave Benjamin Franklin who thanks him for not turning him in to the farmer.
- 22. Thunder Heart Woman is a slave for sale at the Rendezvous. She still has the amulet. Jacob gets into the bidding war with Johnny Fox to buy her. Jacob wants to set her free. He kills Johnny Fox with the knife during their fight to see who will buy her.
- 23. Thunder Heart Woman cleans Jacob's injuries and gives him the amulet (her most valuable possession) as a gift. Jacob plans to take her home to her people.
- 24. Running Fox brings a white man's wagon into camp. Loved By the Buffalo sees the wooden wheel from his vision.
- 25. Thunder Heart Woman arrives back in her Lakota village with Jacob. Jacob asks to marry her and the family makes him a relative. They smoke a peace pipe together as a sign of their friendship.
- 26. Jacob shows how to combine wood and steel to make a wheel. Loved By the Buffalo shows Jacob the Medicine Wheel and explains the four parts are wisdom, strength, heart and braveness.
- 27. The village packs up to leave camp and the grandparents stay behind to die. Loved By the Buffalo leaves alone to try and change the vision of Growling Bear.