



AUTHORITY LESSON SKIT

Principle: God is the ultimate authority and we must obey authorities.

Bible Character(s): Paul

Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 2:13-14, Colossians 3:20



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through 1 Peter 2:13-14 and Colossians 3:20. God is all-powerful and is the ultimate power and authority over us all. However, he also provides other earthly forms of authority over us as well. In both 1 Peter and Colossians, we see specific examples of authority that God wants us to obey. This is an extremely important idea for children to learn. However, as adults, we also have authorities in our lives – people who or entities that have responsibility over us. God is ultimately providing this covering for us and using these authorities to help guide, protect, and shape us.

In what areas do you have authorities in your life? What do these authorities do for you? Do they challenge you, protect you, guide you, etc.? In what ways can you show your respect for these authorities?

As a teacher and leader in the classroom, what are some ways you can most effectively act as an authority in your campers' lives? What can you do to help each camper and guide him or her each week? Take a moment this week to explore these questions and see how these verses not only apply to your campers, but to yourself as well.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Simon Says or CGBG Character Says

All campers and counselors stand up to participate. The leader explains how he will call out commands. Standing in front of the group, Simon (or whatever character is chosen) tells campers what they must do. However, the campers must only obey commands that begin with the words "Simon Says". If Simon says "Simon says touch your nose," then the campers must touch their nose. If a camper doesn't do what "Simon Says" or does an action that Simon did NOT say, that player is out. A leader can trick campers by saying a command, but doing a different action. Have campers sit down when they are out. The last camper standing wins the camp banner for their cabin for that week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

God is sovereign over everything; He loves us and He knows what's best for us and He is our ultimate authority! But God also places people in our lives who have authority over us; they are there to lead us, guide us, and help us. Today we will be talking about authority and how we can respond in faith and obedience. As we sing the next song, let's think about how it feels to trust God and to act out of obedience to Him and others who have authority over our lives, and how we can show others what we believe by the way we act.

6) Skit

ProPresenter:

none

Roles:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: To be under the umbrella and then receive slime (or water) poured directly on his/her head

Staff Member 2: To pour the slime (or water)

Props:

Tarp

Baby pool

Umbrella

Slime – 2 buckets (or water if not using slime)

Script:

Staff Members will be off stage while the Storyteller sets up the illustration.

Storyteller: (Enters frazzled.) Have you ever thought about what life would be like if we didn't have boundaries? For instance, what would it be like if there were no stoplights or street signs? Or speed limits? Well, today, I had a little trouble with my trip up Mount Wack-a-Mole. I didn't see the road-closed sign. So, as I came over the hill, well, it was scary. What if life was like that everywhere? What

if there were no road signs to warn us when danger is ahead or if we had no authority figures? What if there were no parents? Or teachers? These boundaries, and rules, and authorities are necessary in order to protect us. Sometimes we might not like the rules, but it is important that they are there. Boundaries, though we may not like them act as guardrails. Just as we use guardrails and road closed signs to protect us as we drive, God also uses rules and boundaries to protect us from danger. God's Word gives us instruction for all relationships in a family.

We can see in Colossians that husbands are an authority in the home, "Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:18-20

Just as God has given us boundaries and rules to live by, he has also placed authorities in our lives. What are some of the authorities in your lives? (Mom and Dad, teachers, leaders, etc.) In the same way, God serves as an authority in our life. We need Him. In the Bible, he gives us rules and boundaries that are designed to protect us. He does this because he loves us and he wants what is best for us.

You know, I have an idea and a couple friends who can help me explain this better. Sometimes I learn better seeing something (like road closed signs) than just hearing - will you guys come up here?

Staff Members 1 & 2 enter and the baby pool is pushed onto the stage. Slime (or water) should already be on stage, but out of view.

Storyteller: (Name) If you would get in the pool, I need you to sit here and just hold this umbrella. Go ahead, get in. Oh, and I recommend you put the umbrella up. (Looks at audience with sly smile.)

Staff Member 1 follows the instructions. As soon as the umbrella is up Staff Member 2 pours the first bucket of slime (or water) on the umbrella.

Storyteller: Whew! I am so glad you put that umbrella up like I told you. I'm sure you didn't understand why you would want an umbrella up inside but because you followed my instructions, you were protected from this, well... this mess! Campers, sometimes we don't understand the instructions we are given by the authorities in our lives but there is protection in obeying their instruction. You see if (name of Staff member 1) had chosen not to follow my instructions, can you imagine the mess?

Staff Member 1: I think it would have been an even BIGGER mess don't you? (Staff Member 1 moves the umbrella and Staff Member 2 pours the second bucket of slime (or water) directly on Staff Member 1's head. Allow the reactions of the campers.

Storyteller: (To Staff Member 1) So, which do you like better? Being under the protection or outside of it?

Staff Member 1: I like being under the protection a LOT more!

For easier exit, stay in the pool until all campers are dismissed.



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