



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 10 SKIT

Principle: God fulfills impossible promises. God always provides the sacrifice.

Bible Character(s): Abraham, Isaac

Scripture Reference: Genesis 17, 21-22



PERSONAL PREPARATION:

Before this weekend, read Genesis 22:1-19. God had established a covenant with Abraham to make him the father of many nations, although Abraham and his wife Sarah were without child. God was faithful to provide Abraham and Sarah with a child, a son, and they loved him very much. However, when put to the test of faith by God, Abraham was ready to sacrifice the thing he valued most, his only son Isaac. Despite the fact that Isaac's death would seemingly contradict God's promise to Abraham, his trust in God's sovereignty and faithfulness outweighed his love for Isaac.

Ask God to reveal what you place too much value and hope in. What areas of your life do you tend to worship creation (idols) instead of worshiping the Creator? Is it your job, money, friends, time, children, or something else? Do you truly believe and trust that God is enough? Do you trust in His sovereignty and faithfulness to provide all you need? Read John 3:16-17 and Ephesians 3:19-20. Our heavenly Father, like Abraham, did not hold back His only Son. He is powerful enough to do more than we can even ask for or imagine, and He has a plan for our lives to sanctify us so we can reflect His Gospel of grace to the world. Even though we cannot always understand what God is doing, we can trust and depend on Him, knowing that He is faithful to love us and provide all we need.



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

Band member says, "Welcome to Camp Grace!" before intro song

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Guess How Many

Hand out a slip of paper and pen to each cabin. Hold up the jar of candy, and have each cabin write down its guess as to how many pieces of candy are in the jar. Make sure the cabins write their names on the paper, too. Collect all of the guesses, and award the closest guess to the actual total the banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Before you came to Big Group, you were asked to draw a picture of something that is very important to you. What kinds of things did you draw? (Allow responses.) Those are all valuable things. What you would do if someone asked you to give up that thing? How would that make you feel? (Allow responses.) Sad, angry, upset, confused? I'm sure you would feel all sorts of different things. Today we are going to see God ask Abram to give up something extremely important and special to him because God wanted to know if Abram loved God more than he loved this thing that was very important to him. God wants us to love Him and trust in Him more than anything else. As we sing this last song, think about what it means for God to be first and everything.

6) Skit

A Great Sacrifice

*Band, or just lead guitar, will return to stage after skit to play music quietly. Campers will have the opportunity to write down an idol on an index card, and give it to God by laying it down at the stage.

ProPresenter:

Soft Instrumental Music (if not using live band)

Characters:

Host

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Staff Member #3

Props:

Soda cap

Video game

Poster board with the word ME written in large print for the audience to see from the stage.

Index cards, pens/pencils

Script:

Host: Today, we're going to continue talking about an amazing Bible character: Abram. I've learned so

much from our study so far. I've learned....

Staff Member#1: (Jumps up from the audience holding a soda cap.) I won! I won! I won! (Runs to the stage to show the host the soda cap, screaming, and jumping.)

Host: Wow! You *did* win! Congratulations! According to this soda cap, you've won \$100,000.

Staff Member#1: I'm rich.

Host: Well, that is a lot of money. Just think of all the good you could do with \$100,000.

Staff Member#1: I could do a lot of *good*. I could buy a *good* car. I could get a really *good* new wardrobe for myself. I could eat some *good* food.

Host: You could do all of that, but when I say good, I mean God might have a plan for that money. You could pray and ask Him to show you what to do with the money.

Staff Member #1: You don't understand. I don't have a lot. Something like this doesn't happen but once in a lifetime for someone like me. I plan to spend all this money on ME.

(Staff Member#1 walks to the back of the stage, kneels down and looks adoringly at the soda cap. He/She freezes in position.)

Host: He/She is pretty excited about winning that contest. I would be, too. I....

Staff Member #2: Look! I bought it. We can play tonight.

Host: Hey____! What did you buy?

Staff Member#2: This video game. I've only been talking to you about it for months now.

Host: Oh, that's right. I'm glad you got the video game and I'd love to play with you soon, but right now, I'm going to talk to everyone here about Abram. Do you want to help?

Staff Member#2: You've got to be kidding me. I've been waiting for this video game for months. I've saved all my extra money until I could finally afford it. I have it in my hand and you want me to help you tell some Bible story? Okay. (Pause) Not! I'm going to play my new game. See ya!

(Staff Member #2 walks to the back of the stage, kneels down and looks adoringly at the video game. He/She freezes in position.)

Host: Let's get back to what I wanted to tell you about Abram. I'm so sorry for all the interruptions today. In Genesis, we find the story of Abram...

Staff Member #3: Hey! I'm sorry to interrupt, but I have got to be somewhere soon and I heard you wanted to talk to me.

Host: Oh, I did. I left a message for you to come by my cabin later. I wanted to talk to you then, but if you're in a hurry, I can talk to you right now. Sorry, kids. This will only take a minute. Remember the homeless family I was telling you about recently?

Staff Member #3: Oh, yeah. What a sad story! I wish I could do something to help them. I would do anything to help them find a home.

Host: I knew you would feel that way. Habitat for Humanity is building them a house. Isn't that exciting?

Staff Member #3: That's great news! I know they're thrilled. Wow! It's just too good to believe.

Host: It sure is and the exciting thing is that we can be a part of all of this. We can volunteer four hours a week helping to build this house. When you think about it, four hours a week is nothing out of our schedules. We can have a huge part in helping them get a home. I signed up to help, but wanted to let you know about it so that you can sign up, too.

Staff Member #3: I'm not helping build a house. I don't have that kind of time. I'm very busy, you know.

Host: I know, but four hours a week is such a small amount of time to give and you said you'd do anything to help find them a home. Remember?

Staff Member #3: I didn't mean I would build them a house. Four hours a week may be no big deal to you, but it's huge for me. I've got a life to live. I'm cross training right now to get into optimum shape. I am even going to run a mini-marathon soon to prove to myself that I can do it. There are a couple of new movies I need to see so that I have something to talk about with my friends. I need to do lunch with some of my buddies that I don't see very often to keep in touch. Most of all, I need some ME time. I need some time to just veg-out in front of the TV and eat some junk food. I never get time to myself, you know. I'm sorry. I just don't have four hours each week to give these people.

Host: That's too bad. Thanks for taking the time to listen.

(Staff Member #3 walks to the back of the stage, takes a poster-board with ME written on it and holds it up, looking at it adoringly. He/She freezes into position.)

Host: I'm sorry for all the interruptions. But everything that happened can help us understand our Bible story for today. Let's think about what happened here. Each of these staff members let us know that there was something in their lives that was very important to them. (Walk toward the first staff member. What was the important thing in this staff person's life? (Money.) That's right. He/she won some money and wanted to spend it all on himself/herself. (Walk toward the second staff member.) What about this staff member? What was very important in his/her life? (Video game.) This is a video game that the staff member wanted to play so badly that he/she didn't even have time to help with telling a Bible story. Now, what about this staff member? What was really important to him/her? (Self.) Instead of helping a family get a home, the staff member would rather think about himself/herself.

These staff members represent each of us. We all make things in our lives so important that we put God second. Sometimes we even put ourselves before God. When we do that, we are worshiping the important thing in our lives. That important thing becomes our idol. God wants to be first. He wants our complete devotion.

(The staff members will take seats on the carpet with the children as the band comes to the stage. Play music from ProPresenter if campus does not have a live band.)

As the music plays, take the index card that will be given to you when I'm done talking. I want you to bow your heads and ask God to help you know if you have put anything in your life before Him. Have you made an idol of your television? Are you spending more time with TV than with God? Have you made an idol of video games? Is the time you spend playing video games more important than the time you spend with God? What about time with your friends? What do you value as more important in your life than God?

There will be some quiet music for just a few minutes. As God shows you the idols in your life, write them on your card. Pray, asking God to help you to make Him first in your life. When you feel led during the song, come and lay your idols down on the stage. When everyone in your cabin has done this, you may quietly leave.

CGBG crew – please make sure to foster an atmosphere of quiet reverence for this week.



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