



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 12 SKIT

Principle: Jealousy and envy.

Bible Character(s): Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau

Scripture Reference: Genesis 25:19-34



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Genesis 25:19-34. Isaac and

Rebekah desired children, but Rebekah was barren. Isaac cried out to God on her behalf and God answered by giving them not one child, but twin sons who they named Esau and Jacob. The boys struggled within Rebekah before they were born, foreshadowing a hostile relationship between the brothers. Esau, the firstborn, was physically gifted, decisive, and preferred by his father. Jacob was the younger son, his name having the connotation of "deceiver." He was a good manipulator, patient, and preferred by his mother. We see the convergence of jealousy and envy of each brother for the other, and the consequences that arise as each one lives selfishly rather than trusting in God.

Are you like Isaac, dependent on God, or like Jacob and Esau, dependent only on yourself? How are you depending on yourself instead of God? How have you experienced jealousy and envy? What were the consequences when you acted selfishly out of jealousy and envy? Spend some time studying James 4. Do you have a broken relationship with anyone because of your selfish desires? How can you move towards reconciliation? Pray for God to reveal your sin, your need for Him, and your need to ask forgiveness. Ask God to help you love and follow Him above your own desires.



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

Coin Flip

Each cabin has a coin to flip. They flip with the host on the count of three. If the cabin matches the host's coin, they remain in the competition (stay standing). If the cabin does not match the host's coin, the cabin is eliminated from the competition (sit down). The last cabin standing wins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Have any of you ever had a friend who had something you wanted really badly? Did it make you feel envious or jealous toward him/her? When we start to feel envious toward someone, it can cause us to care more about the things we want than to love the other person. God wants us to desire Him more than we desire things in this world. He wants us to put our faith and trust in His plan and know that He gives us all we need. He also wants us to love others more than we love ourselves. As we sing this last song, think about how you can obey God's command to love Him and love others.

6) Skit

I Want It Now

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Host

Staff Member #1: Counselor #1

Staff Member #2: Counselor #2

Props:

Bag of chips

Fishing rods

Water bottle

Crushed goldfish, crackers, Oreos, etc to serve as stink bait

Container with "Stink Bait" label

Pair of hiking boots

Script:

Worship team leaves the stage.

Scene I

(Lights dim. Two counselors enter and sit on the edge of the stage and prepare to fish. Lights come back up.)

Counselor #1: That's a nice fishing rod. I'd love to have a fishing rod like that.

Counselor #2: Yep, this was my Grandpa's. He was a great fisherman. He caught himself tons of fish with this fishin' rod. He gave it to me just before he died. It's real special to me.

Counselor #1: What's that smell?

Counselor #2: Don't smell nothing'.

Counselor #1: (Leans toward Counselor #2 and sniffs. Then coughs and gasps for air.) It's you. That's awful.

Counselor #2: Oh, no, that ain't me. It's this here stink bait I picked up at the sportin' goods store. I saw it advertised on one of those Sunday afternoon fishin' shows. They guarantee it to work or your money back. Yep, I'm gonna catch a big mess o' fish with this here stuff.

Counselor #1: I don't know about fish, but you might catch something by touching that stuff. I wonder what they put in it to make it smell so bad.

Counselor #2: (Sticks his finger in and tastes a little. It won't be real stink bait.) Tastes just like chicken.

Counselor #1: I just. I can't... I just can't believe you just did that. That is disgusting.

(Everything is quiet as the two sit with their lines in the water. Then, Counselor #1 opens a bag of chips and begins eating. Counselor #2 begins to look at the bag as if he just has to have some. He slowly reaches his hand toward the bag. Counselor #1 casually moves the bag in a different direction. Counselor #2 goes in from a different direction and again Counselor #1 moves the bag out of his reach. Finally, Counselor #2 quickly tries to grab at the bag, but Counselor #1 clamps it shut.)

Counselor #2: Come on, man, just one little tater chip.

Counselor #1: No.

Counselor #2: Please, man. I thought we was friends. Amigos. Buds to the end. Why won't you let me have one little tater chip?

Counselor #1: Think about it. You just had your hand in that nasty stink bait. I don't want your hand in my bag of chips.

Counselor #2: But I'm hungry.

Counselor #1: Then, eat your stink bait because there is no way I'm going to let you put your hand on my chips.

Counselor #2: (Holds stink bait and looks at it longingly for just a minute as if he's considering it. Then, quickly puts the bait down.) Come on. What do you want for them tater chips? I'll give you anything for 'em. You want my pocketknife. It's a nice one. I ordered it off

a commercial that came on during a fishing show. It's got a can opener. It's got a screwdriver. Man, it's even got a tiny little roll of toilet paper on it.

Counselor #1: I don't see how a tiny little roll of toilet paper is going to be of much use. Think about it.

Counselor #2: Well, I hate to give it up, but you want my stink bait? (Hold container close to Counselor #1's face.)

Counselor #1: No, get that stuff away from me!

Counselor #2: (Look all around and then look at fishing rod reluctantly.) This was my Grandpa's best fishin' rod. It means a lot to me, but I'm hungry.

Counselor #1: Deal! (Shoves chips at Counselor #2 and takes rod. Looks at it admiringly.) Hey! I'm going to walk downstream a little and try this baby out. I'll see you later.

Counselor #2: (Sadly takes the bag of chips, reaches in for one and drops the bag in the water. Sits there sadly. Picks up stink bait and holds it as he looks at the water.) Here fishy, fishy, fishy. Here fishy.

Scene 2

(Lights dim. Counselors exit. In a few seconds the counselors enter again. Lights go up. The same two counselors are walking through the "woods" as if they are on a hike. Counselor #2 is stomping and jumping as he walks.)

Counselor #1: What in the world are you doing? Why are you moving around like that?

(The counselors stop when they reach center stage.)

Counselor #2: These here are new hiking' boots I got over at that new sportin' goods store. I saw 'em advertised on one of them...

Counselor #1: Oh no, let me guess. You saw them advertised on a fishing show. You are forever buying things you hear about on those shows. But hey, those are some nice boots. They're sharp. I would like to have a pair of those. That doesn't explain why you're jumping around and stomping, though.

Counselor #2: I'm tryin' to get 'em broke in. They're new and they're kind of tight. I need to stretch 'em out and get 'em used to my feet. With all this jumpin' and stompin' I'm about to get up a powerful thirst. It's getting' hot.

Counselor #1: It is hot. If I were you, I'd stop jumping and stomping because the rest of this hiking trail will be pretty rocky. You might hurt your feet with all that stomping.

(Takes out a container of water and begins drinking.)

Counselor #2: (Looks around for his water. Coughs to hint to Counselor #1 that he is thirsty.)
Hey...Uh...you think you could spare a sip of that water?

Counselor #1: **Don't you have some water of your own?**

Counselor #2: **No, I ain't got none. I sure could use a drank, though. I'm gettin' so parched I would do anything for a nice cold drank of water.**

Counselor #1: **Anything, huh? How about giving me those boots?**

Counselor #2: **These here is my brand new boots. I ain't giving them to you.**

Counselor #1: **That's cool, but no water.**

Counselor #2: **Oh, all right.** (Bends down to take off boots.)

(Counselor #1 continues ahead with the boots, and exits Big Group room. Counselor #2 walks as if walking on sharp rocks behind Counselor #2.)

Counselor #2: **Ouch, oooo. Ouch, ooo. Looks like I would learn my lesson.**

(Counselor #2 exits Big Group room. Storyteller walks up to stage.)

Storyteller: **Wow! Some of our counselors are a few fries short of a happy meal. One counselor we watched gave away the things he needed most to get something that would only last for a short time. For instance, he was fishing and gave away his fishing rod for some potato chips. Then, he was hiking and gave away his hiking boots for some water. You know, as strange as that was, there is a story in the Bible a lot like this one. You'll hear this story when you're back in your cabins. Before you go, let's pray together.**

Jesus, thank You for Your love for us. Help us to learn how to love You more, and how to love others more than we love ourselves instead of becoming jealous or envious of others. Thank You for the example You gave us in how to live our lives. Amen.



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