



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 13 SKIT

Principle: God blesses beyond human ability when we walk with Him and put our trust in Him.

Humble reconciliation.

Scripture Reference: Genesis 30-33

Character(s): Jacob and Esau



PERSONAL PREPARATION:

Before this weekend, spend some time reading through Genesis 30-33. Jacob and Esau were both living independently of God when we left our last lesson. This weekend, we will see the heart change Jacob undergoes as he leaves his family to live with his Uncle Laban ["lay-ben"]. He will work for Laban for 20 years, gaining lots of wealth for both Laban and himself, and then return to his homeland at God's command with the hope of reconciling with Esau. Jacob displays humility throughout the story, acknowledging God's faithfulness to him, submitting himself before God in prayer, and depending on God with his life. In reconciling with Esau, he humbly approached Esau in an effort to show realization of his sin. Esau provides us with an example of forgiveness through grace: he immediately forgave Jacob upon seeing him.

How do you humble yourself before God? Before others? Is there an area in your life where you have chosen not to humble yourself before God and put your trust in His plan? Is there someone you should forgive, or someone who you have hurt and you desire forgiveness? How do you see God's blessing in your life? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to humble your heart before Him. Meditate on your need for God's saving grace, and the blessings you have received through trusting God with your life.



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

A Colorful Sort

This competition involves everyone. Give each cabin a cup of 50 small, colorful items (pony beads, Legos, etc). Explain that as a group, they must separate the items into separate color piles on their rug. When they are finished, everyone must stand up. The first cabin to finish wins the Camp Banner for the week. (Please have camp counselors make sure ALL items are put back into their cup for the next service.)

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have done something to make a friend, or a brother or sister mad at you? Have you recognized what you did and asked for forgiveness? Asking someone for forgiveness can be a very difficult thing. You must humble yourself, which means to not be prideful but to recognize you did something wrong and apologize to the person you hurt. God desires for us to have a humble heart if we choose to put our faith and trust in Him. As we sing this last song, think about the person you may have hurt and think about how God wants you to humble yourself before this person to ask for forgiveness.

6) Skit

Humble Reconciliation

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Jetterbob, Surfer Dude, any character

Staff Member #2: Messenger

Props:

Shaving cream

Paper towel

2 notes from messenger

Script:

Storyteller enters with shaving cream on his face, a paper towel stuck to his hand, and a wedgy.

Storyteller: I know, I know. I am a mess. I came out here to tell you a Bible story. I wanted to tell you more about what happened with Jacob. Who can remember what we learned about last week? (Allow responses.) Last week, Jacob tricked Esau into giving his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup. He was jealous of Esau, and wanted what was not his. Esau got really mad and wanted to kill Jacob. Both Jacob and Esau were living independently of God, and making choices to make things better for themselves. Well, then Isaac sent Jacob to live with Laban, Rebekah's brother, to work for him. Jacob fell in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel, and worked for Laban as payment to marry his daughter.

Then Jacob got tricked into marrying Leah, when he wanted to marry Rachel. Well, there's more to the story. I really want to tell you, but I just can't even focus. I'm so upset. I had the most unbelievable night. Last night a group of counselors decided it would be fun to pull some pranks on me. It was big fun, all right. They pulled every camp prank known to man, I believe. First, I went to the bathroom to wash my hands. I dried my hand on the quality brown paper towels from the dispenser. Imagine my surprise when the paper towel wouldn't come off my hand. (Shake hand to show that the paper towel is stuck there.) Apparently, it's big fun to super glue paper towels to the hands of others.

Messenger: Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt. This important message just came for you. (Hands a note to the camp storyteller and leaves.)

Storyteller: Thanks. I wonder what this is. (Opens the note.) Oh, it seems that someone has delivered 220 goats and 40 camels to Camp Grace for me. Hmm. That's strange. I didn't order any livestock. Anyway, I got tired of trying to pull the paper towel off my hand. I decided to just go to bed. I tried to get into my bed and found that someone had short-sheeted my bed. When I finally got my bed made up, I got in it and fell asleep. I woke up this morning with shaving cream on my face. I imagine I was the victim of that old gag where someone tickles your nose while you're sleeping after they've sprayed shaving cream in your hand. You reach up to scratch your nose and end up with shaving cream on your face.

Messenger: Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt again. This important message just came for you. (Hands a note to the camp storyteller and leaves.)

Storyteller: Thanks. Another note. (Opens the note.) Wow! Someone has delivered 30 donkeys and 50 cows to Camp Grace in my name. What's going on?! Oh well. Back to my story. You name a camp prank and I was probably the victim last night. It was a rough night. I didn't want to be late for Camp Grace Big Group. I had to rush over here with shaving cream on my face, and a paper towel stuck to my hand. Just before I got here, the same group of counselors thought it would be fun to give me a big wedgy.

Staff Member #1: (Walks in a little nervously.) Well, hey there. I just wanted to know if you got my packages.

Storyteller: Packages? You mean you're the one who sent all the cows, the goats, and the camels?

Staff Member #1: Oh good, you got everything.

Storyteller: I don't want to seem ungrateful, (Staff Member #1), but I don't understand. Why are you sending me livestock? That's the most unusual thing I've ever heard of.

Staff Member #1: Well, now, hold on. It's not so unusual. I've been reading in my Bible about Jacob and his brother Esau. Jacob was pretty mean to his brother Esau and Esau promised to kill Jacob.

Storyteller: That's right (Staff Member #1). Jacob made Esau angry when he tricked him out of his birthright. But I don't understand what that has to do with your gifts of camel and cattle.

Staff Member #1: Well, I'm getting to that. See, I read about how Jacob got tricked by his father-in-law, which probably made him think real hard about how Esau might have felt. After Jacob left his father-in-law, he found out that he might see his brother Esau. He hadn't seen Esau in 20 years and was afraid of what Esau might do.

Storyteller: I know where you're going with this. I know the story. Jacob wanted to make peace with Esau so he sent Esau gifts of cattle, goats, and camel.

Staff Member #1: You're right. You do know this story. You must also know that we look to the Bible for our example. See, I was in on all those pranks last night. Things got a little out of hand and we made you mad. I feel real bad about it and wanted to apologize. So, I sent you gifts of livestock just like Jacob.

Storyteller: Well, at least I understand why I have hundreds of animals to find good homes. But (Staff Member #1), you don't need to do exactly what Jacob did.

Staff Member #1: What do you mean?

Storyteller: Jacob is an example for us. He felt bad about hurting Esau and wanted to show Esau how sorry he was. He had taken Esau's birthright, so, he was sharing some of his own wealth with Esau. He didn't just say I'm sorry. He showed it in his actions.

Staff Member #1: Well, I'm awfully sorry about all the pranks we pulled on you. I thought the animals would help you know how sorry I am.

Storyteller: I accept your apology and I forgive you. You don't have to do more than that, (Staff Member #1). I tell you what, though, if you really want to help me, you can help me find homes for all the animals you sent to Camp Grace.

Staff Member #1: I'm (name) and I'm on the job. Those animals will have homes in no time flat.

Storyteller: Let's pray and then dismiss our campers to their cabins so they can learn more about the Bible story today. Jesus, thank you so much for showing us what it means to forgive. Help us to seek out forgiveness when we have wronged others, and to have a forgiving heart when others wrong us. Amen.



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