



Grace Church Elementary

# Camp Grace

## LESSON 14 SKIT

**Principle:** Jealousy and envy. Giving into sin becomes a downward spiral.

**Bible Character(s):** Joseph

**Scripture Reference:** Genesis 37



### PERSONAL PREPARATION:

Before this weekend, please read Genesis 37. Jacob's life was full of favoritism, jealousy and envy, creating division and struggle within Jacob's family and developing a pattern of sin that would move through three generations. Jacob's father, Isaac, preferred Jacob's brother Esau (Genesis 25, 27), which led to enmity between the brothers and caused a family to split up. Jacob had two wives, and he preferred Rachel over Leah (Genesis 29-30); and jealousy and strife arose between these two sisters. In our text for this weekend, Jacob's preference for Joseph once again causes jealousy and envy within the family. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, and deceived their father into thinking Joseph was killed by animals. What began as jealousy resulted in a downward spiral of sin.

How have you seen the effects of favoritism? How have you displayed favoritism? In what ways have jealousy and envy crept into your heart as a result of favoritism? Read James 2:1-13 and 4:1-2. We see that when we are led by our own desires and preferences, instead of seeing people through God's eyes, we create division among our church body, our friends, and our families. Spend time thinking and praying about how God wants you to love others, and how your sin prevents you from being able to love as He loves. Examine how you have allowed sin to control your heart and lead you into a downward spiral. Ask God to help you follow and obey Him.



### 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

### Defy Gravity

Give one camper from each cabin a pair of blown up balloons (don't use helium, the balloons should not float on their own). Tell the campers that they have to keep the balloons off the ground using one hand. If a balloon falls to the ground, that camper is out. The camper who keeps the balloons off the ground the longest wins. If more than one camper is still in at the end of a minute, have them play rock, paper, scissors to determine the winner.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

Have you ever played with dominos? When you make one big line of dominos, what happens when you push that first one over? That's right, it causes all of the other dominos to fall over one by one. When we give into sin, it's kind of like a domino effect in our lives. Today we are going to study what can happen when we allow jealousy, or any other sin, to take control of our heart. Once we allow sin to take control of our heart, it becomes a downward spiral of sinning. God wants us to confess our sin, repent of it, and turn back to Him, so that we can bring Him glory instead of separating ourselves from Him. As we sing this last song, think about whether you trust God with your life. When you obey His commands and follow where He leads you, sin is powerless to take control of your heart.

## 6) Skit

### Jealousy

#### ProPresenter:

None

#### Characters

Host

Staff Member #1: Psychologist, Dr. Vanhousen

Staff Member #2: female counselor

Staff Member #3: female counselor

(Staff Members #2 and #3 can be male counselors if needed, just make sure to revise lines as needed to fit male counselors.)

#### Props:

2 Ficus trees (if available)

3 camp chairs

1 bag of fresh green beans

1 bowl

Binoculars and notepad for Dr. Vanhousen

(NOTE: For this skit, think of nature documentaries, where the scientist hides in the brush to observe certain animals.)

#### Script:

(LIGHTS GO DOWN as band exits stage.)

(Staff Member #3 takes a seat in one of the camp chairs and begins snapping the green beans. Dr. Vanhousen should position himself behind the two ficus trees that are placed close to the camp chairs. He will pretend to be hiding from the view of the two counselors, but should be very visible to the audience.)

(Lights go up.)

Dr Vanhousen: **Pssst! Pssst!** (Dr. Vanhousen quietly gets the children's attention.) **Over here! Hello. I am Dr. Vanhousen. I am a famous psychologist spending some time studying the mysterious behavior of the** (Pause.) **Camp Grace Counselor, a very strange and unusual creature. Here's one now. Let's observe. Be very quiet.**

Staff Member #2: (Rushes onto the stage and takes a seat in one of the camp chairs.) **Hey! I'm so sorry I'm late.**

Staff Member #3: **It's fine. I'm sure it takes a long time to get your hair and make-up that perfect.**

Staff Member #2: **So, what are we doing?**

Staff Member #3: **WE are snapping the green beans for Ms. Bea.**

Staff Member #2: **Oh, wow! I've never done that before. I'm not sure I know how. Can you show me?**

Staff Member #3: **It's not exactly rocket science. You just take a green bean, pull the string from both sides and then snap it into little pieces. But be careful, you might break a nail.**

Staff Member #2: (Attempts to break the green bean into pieces.) **I don't know if I'm doing it right.**

Staff Member #3: **That doesn't surprise me.**

Staff Member #2: **What do you mean by that?**

Staff Member #3: **Well, you don't seem to know a lot of anything except how to do your hair, make-up, and nails. I never see you doing any of the work around here. Somehow, the Camp Director always gives you the cushy stuff to do like greeting visitors.**

Staff Member #2: **I do plenty of the work around here. I'm here chopping beans. This is work.**

Staff Member #3: **It's snapping beans, not chopping them. You're here, but you're not doing anything. You show up late so someone else ends up doing most of the work.**

Staff Member #2: I don't know what you're so mad about. I don't have to sit here and listen to you criticize me anymore. I'll just leave.

Staff Member #3: That's right, leave and leave me with all the work. (Throws a green bean at her.)

Staff Member #2: (Squeals and throws the bean back.)

Dr. Vanhousen: Interesting. The camp counselors seem to be behaving in a hostile manner.

(Staff Member #2 and #3 look in the direction of Dr. Vanhousen.)

Staff Member #3: What was that? Did you hear something? Like someone talking?

Staff Member #2: Who's there?

Dr. Vanhousen: It appears that the camp counselors sense my presence. I must move toward them and attempt communication. This could be dangerous. (Dr. Vanhousen slowly comes from behind the tree and begins to approach the counselors.)

(Staff Member #2 and #3 throw a few green beans at Dr. Vanhousen.)

Dr. Vanhousen: Don't be alarmed. I am Dr. Vanhousen. I am studying your behavior.

Staff Member #3: Studying our behavior? What?

Dr. Vanhousen: Thus far, my studies indicate that your behavior in particular is quite hostile.

Staff Member #2: Oh, I totally agree. You are very hostile.

(Staff Member #3 throws a green bean toward Staff Member #2.)

(Dr. Vanhousen sits in the chair between the two counselors.)

Dr. Vanhousen: Could you tell me when you first began to feel angry toward your fellow counselor?

Staff Member #3: That's easy. I began to feel angry when I was sitting here doing all the work waiting on Princess to finally arrive to help.

Dr. Vanhousen: That's very interesting. You referred to her as Princess. Can you tell me why?

Staff Member #3: That's just what I call her. She is like a princess around here. She never has to do any of the work that the other counselors have to do. It's like she's just expected to stand around and look pretty with her perfect hair, perfect

clothes, and perfect everything. Our Camp Director always picks the precious little princess to do all the easy stuff. The rest of us have to do all the work around here.

Dr. Vanhousen: Hmmm... (Jots down notes.) Very interesting. Very interesting, indeed.

Staff Member #2: What is it, doctor? Is she in need of serious help? Will she need to be institutionalized?

Dr. Vanhousen: There is a similar case study in my favorite book, the Bible.

Staff Member #3: The Bible?

Dr. Vanhousen: Oh, yes. It's been my experience that there is an example of every type of human behavior in the Bible. We can study the behavior of others and learn from them. In your case, there is the story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph was treated well by his father. His father gave him a richly ornamented robe to wear. On top of that, Joseph bragged to his brothers about dreams he had of ruling over them. As you can understand, the brothers felt that Joseph was treated better than they. They were angry because he bragged about ruling over them. They hated him.

Staff Member #2: I know this story. They hated him so much that they wanted to kill him.

Dr. Vanhousen: Precisely!

Staff Member #3: I know that story, too. But what does it have to do with me?

Dr. Vanhousen: Jealousy.

Staff Member #3: Jealousy?

Dr. Vanhousen: You are jealous of your fellow counselor. You are jealous because she doesn't work as hard as you. You are jealous because the Camp Director seems to favor her. You are jealous because she is pretty. You are so jealous, in fact, that you do not have a kind word to say to your fellow counselor *and* you were pelting her with a vegetable.

Staff Member #3: (Pause as if to think.) You're right. I am jealous.

Staff Member #2: I am jealous, too.

Staff Member #3: You? Of what?

Staff Member #2: You get picked to do all of the hard stuff around here. You know so much more than I do about...well, about everything. I always feel so dumb whenever I'm around you.

Dr. Vanhousen: Amazing! You were jealous of each other. You each have qualities that others might admire. If you spend your time hating each other for those qualities, you never have the opportunity to become friends.

Staff Member #3: Hey, let's take a walk and talk to God together about our jealousy. Dr. V, thanks.

(Staff Member #2 and #3 begin to walk off stage.)

Dr. Vanhousen: Oh, it is my pleasure. What about the beans?! Looks as if I will be finishing the work of preparing these vegetables. You know, as I study the behavior of these camp counselors, I am reminded of the story of Joseph in our Bibles. Joseph was loved by his father so much and his brothers were quite jealous of him. They were so jealous that they plotted to kill him. Jealousy can lead to terrible things. Terrible things, indeed. I will let you go back to your cabins and read about Joseph and his brothers in the Bible. \_\_\_\_\_(Host), could you come dismiss the children while I prepare the vegetables?

(Host will dismiss all the cabins by name, but will ask the sticker/prize campers to come up to the stage, explaining that they'll be staying a few minutes for something special. Dismiss the cabins, and then give the campers who stayed another small gift (pencil, bookmark, candy, etc.) and then walk them back to their cabins after a few minutes.)



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