



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 20 SKIT

Principle: Repentance leads to seeing and knowing God and His glory.

Bible Character(s): Moses

Scripture Reference: Exodus 32-33



PERSONAL PREPARATION: As you read through Exodus 32-33 in preparation for this week, think about how your own sin separates you from God and the life He has for you. What blessings are you missing out on because you have not repented of sin in your life? Are you holding on to bitterness? Are you continuing in a pattern of sin because of your desire to control your life? Have you forgotten that God is faithful? God desires to shower us with His grace, love, peace, joy and strength. How much are we missing out on because we are holding on to sin?



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

Clothespin Train

Have one camp counselor from each cabin to sit in the middle of his/her cabin's carpet. Give each cabin a pile of clothespins, and explain that the campers must work together to clip as many 5-clothespin trains onto their camp counselor (5 clothespins stuck together, attached somewhere on the camp counselor) as possible in two minutes. The cabin with the most 5-clothespin trains on their camp counselor is the winner of the camp banner for the week. If there is a tie, give an extra 30 seconds to see who can add the most extra clothespin trains.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have ever done something bad? Were you punished for it? (Allow responses.) Today we are going to look at how God wants us to live our life for Him by learning what it means to repent. We deserve to be punished for our sin, but God provided Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sin. God wants us to acknowledge the sin in our heart and repent, which means turning from our sin to God. When we turn from our sin to God, we grow closer to Him because we are choosing to let Him give us the life He offers instead of letting sin control our life. As we sing this last song, thank God for His love.

6) Skit

Sin, Punishment, Repentance

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller
Jetterbob

Props:

Feather duster

Script:

After worship, Jetterbob immediately goes up and begins dusting the band instruments. (Storyteller enters and sits on the edge of the stage.)

Storyteller: **Hi, everyone! You guys did a great job in the competition. You really work hard to win that banner each week. I'm impressed! And your worship was outstanding! You did a great job singing to God today!** (Staff member begins dusting the host. He starts with the back, moves to the top of the head and then the face.)

Storyteller: **Hey! Watch it! What's going on here?** (Storyteller sneezes.)

Jetterbob: **Oh, I'm sorry. I got a little carried away.**

Storyteller: **Carried away? You think?! What in the world are you doing?**

Jetterbob: **I'm dusting.**

Storyteller: **I can see that. In fact, I got to see that up close and personal! Why are you dusting now? I'm getting ready to share a Bible story with the campers.** (Storyteller sneezes.)

(Staff Member sits beside the host.)

Jetterbob: Well, it's kind of a long story, but I'll give you the short version. It started when my mother told me to eat my strained peas. I was only 7 months old and I didn't like strained peas.

Storyteller: Can you give us a shorter version than that?

(Staff Member dusts the top of the Storyteller's head, as he speaks.)

Jetterbob: Well, I guess I could start with what happened yesterday, but you would be missing a lot of my story.

Storyteller: As much as we would love to hear more about your story, could you just explain why you're dusting my HEAD so that we can get to the Bible story?!

Jetterbob: Sorry, carried away again. Well, it all started with a video game. I got a new video game for my birthday. Did you know I had a birthday, by the way? It was a great birthday. I got the video game, a new pair of socks, Ms. Bea made a cake...

Storyteller: I'm losing my patience. Can you please just get to your story?

Jetterbob: (Chuckles) There I go again, getting carried away. Well, like I was saying, I got a new video game. I kind of got carried away with that, too. I just couldn't stop playing it. I would think, "I'm going to stop playing this game and get to my work as soon as I finish this level." Well, I'd finish the level, but then I'd want to see what would happen in the next level. You guys know what I mean, right? (To the kids.) Have you ever played a game and been so excited about what would happen next that you just couldn't make yourself stop? Well, that was me. The problem was that I was playing the game and neglecting my work here at Camp Grace. My video game became more important than anything to me. I just couldn't stop playing.

Storyteller: Wow, that sounds serious. But what does that have to do with you dusting now?

Jetterbob: I'm getting to that. See, the camp director came by to find out why my work was not getting done. I told him about my new game and well, he wasn't all that impressed. He said that work came first. He said it was important to put my work before playing a game. I told him I would put the game away and get back to work. But I didn't. I decided to play one more level first. I disobeyed the authority over me – our camp director.

Storyteller: What happened?

Jetterbob: Well, in a while, he came back to see why I had not done my work. He found me playing that game. He reminded me that he had the authority to fire me for not doing my work. That was a scary moment. What would I do if I couldn't work at Camp Grace? I love it here.

Storyteller: Please tell me that you didn't get fired. We all love having you here at Camp Grace.

Jetterbob: He didn't fire me. He had mercy on me. He asked me to give him my game for a while. He said he would hold onto it until I caught up on all my work. I'll tell you what, giving up that game was hard. It was almost painful. It was a tough punishment.

Storyteller: So, that's why you're dusting now. You're catching up on all the work you neglected while you were playing the game. I bet you're anxious to finish so that you can play the next level.

Jetterbob: You know, you'd think that I would still be thinking about my video game. Instead, I'm feeling, well, I'm feeling just plain awful.

Storyteller: Are you sick?

Jetterbob: Well, not the way you mean. I'm just feel sick inside about how I got so caught up in something that I made it more important than anything else. I hurt and disappointed the camp director. I hurt Camp Grace by not being responsible and doing my job. Most of all, I hurt God.

Storyteller: You hurt God?

Jetterbob: I did. See, putting that video game before everything else was like worshiping the game. All I cared about was playing that game. I didn't care about doing what God asked me to do. In His Word, He tells me in lots of different ways that my work is something He called me to do. One way He tells me that is in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for man." The work I do here at Camp Grace is for the Lord. I put my game above God. That was sin.

Storyteller: As usual, the Bible story I was going to tell the campers today is something that can help you. God's Word is amazing. There's always an answer there. Last week, we were talking about the Ten Commandments that were given to the Israelites. God gave them His Word because He loved them and wanted the best for them. Well, in just a short time, the Israelites disobeyed God.

Jetterbob: I know where you're going with this. Moses was up on the mountain meeting with God. He had been up there for a long time and the Israelites began to wonder if Moses would ever come back. God spoke to them through Moses and they were wondering if they'd ever hear from God. So, they got carried away and built idols of gold to worship.

Storyteller: They were worshiping things made of gold. After all the miraculous things they had seen God do in their lives, they were worshipping a powerless thing.

Jetterbob: They were no different than me. I was worshiping a video game. Anything that becomes more important in our lives than God is an idol.

Storyteller: You're right. Well, God loved them, but their sin hurt Him and made Him angry. He was so angry with them that He was ready to destroy them all. But Moses pleaded with God to forgive the Israelites. God was merciful. He forgave their sin. Something amazing happened after that. Moses was allowed to see the glory of God. He grew even closer to God after his repentance and God's forgiveness than he could have imagined. When we come to God in true repentance, He forgives us and we grow closer to Him. When we don't repent, it's like a wall standing between God and us.

Jetterbob: That sick feeling I have is like that wall. I'm going to go have a talk with God about my sin. I'll talk with all of you later. (Staff member exits.)

Storyteller: We're going to spend a few minutes of quiet time talking to God in prayer. During this time, I'd like for each of you to bow your heads and think about your own life. Ask God to show you sin in your life that you have not repented of. Ask Him to show you if you have placed anything in your life above Him. Take this time to repent and recognize your need for God so that you can grow closer to Him. I will close us in prayer after a couple of minutes.

Father God, thank You for showing us our need for You. We do not deserve anything You've done for us, but through Your grace we can be saved from our sins because of Jesus. Help us to recognize our sin each day and repent of it so that we can grow closer to You. Amen.



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