



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 24 SKIT

Principle: Sin affects others

Bible Character(s): Joshua

Scripture Reference: Joshua 7-8



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Joshua 7 and 8. When we left last week, the walls of Jericho had just fallen. Remember in chapter 6 that all of Jericho was to be devoted to the Lord. God instructed the Israelites not to take any silver, gold, bronze or iron because Jericho was to be the Lord's city. In chapters 7 and 8, we see the consequences of sin and not obeying the Lord. In this story, Achan ("ack-in") disobeyed God's instructions by taking some of the items and hiding them in his tent. His sin did not just impact him, but it impacted all of the Israelites as God held all of them responsible for one man's sin. What does obedience look like in your life? Is there an area in your life where you are not obeying God? How is your sin affecting others around you? How does your sin prevent you from worshipping God? Spend some time thinking and praying about any area(s) of disobedience in your life. Ask God to reveal any sin in 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

Stack Attack

Each cabin will be given 15 plastic cups. Explain they must work together to stack their cups in a triangle shape, in a sequence of 5 cups on the first layer, then 4, then 3, then 2, then 1. If the cups fall

they must start over. The first cabin to finish wins the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

What activity did you do in your cabin before you came to Big Group? You built a wall with dominos, kind of like the wall around Jericho that the Israelites brought down last week, right? What happened when you pushed one over? (Allow response.) It made all of the dominos lined up next to it fall over too. Today, we're going to see how one person sinned, and his sin affected all of the Israelites. When we sin, it does not just affect us; it affects those around us too. As we sing this last song, think about how God wants to lead you away from a life of sin.

6) Skit

Sin Affects Others

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2: Jetterbob

Staff Member #3: Penelope/Peter (little girl/boy character: camper who gets in trouble a lot)

Props:

Chocolate frosting (for Penelope's mouth)

A cloth or baby wipes (for wiping Penelope's mouth)

Announcement sent to cabins about Ms. Bea's birthday (detailed on the first line below)

Script:

Big Group crew will deliver the special announcement (note about Ms Bea's birthday party) to each cabin before Big Group. The announcement will be read in the cabins by the camp counselors. It reads, "It's Ms. Bea's birthday. She wants to celebrate with all the children from Camp Grace. She's sending her special cupcakes to Big Group for everyone to share."

Jetterbob is cleaning in the back as the skit begins. Staff Member #1 is sitting in audience.

Storyteller: Hey everyone! It's so good to see you all here at Camp Grace. I'm sure you heard the news. It's Ms. Bea's birthday. Earlier this morning, when we asked Ms. Bea how old she was, she never gave us a number, but she said, "I'm so old that you spent more on the candles for my cake than you did on my cake. She said she was so old that the key for Ben Franklin's kite was her house key. Then, she said she was so old that she knew Burger King when he was still a prince. That's old. We love Ms. Bea and we're so glad she works here at Camp Grace making all that great food. To show our appreciation, we sent Ms. Bea and her friend, Gertie, to the beach for a few days. I know she'll enjoy the rest.

Before she left, she made cupcakes for all of Camp Grace to celebrate her birthday. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to dig my teeth into a moist, delicious, sweet cupcake made from scratch

in Ms. Bea's kitchen. Are you with me?

Okay! (Staff Member #1's name), bring out the cupcakes! (Staff member #1 goes out of room to get cupcakes.) I can't wait. It shouldn't be long now. Last year, Ms. Bea made brownies for everyone. They were so good. It should be any time now – probably just a few more minutes. While we wait, make space on your carpet to eat your cupcake. It's going to be so good, you're not going to want anyone to bump into you and make you drop a single crumb. Just anytime now...

Staff Member #1: (Returns empty handed.) I've got bad news. (Walks on stage.) There were no cupcakes.

Storyteller: You probably missed them. They were sitting near the door. You must have walked by them.

Staff Member #1: I didn't walk by them. I looked everywhere. There were no cupcakes.

Storyteller: Jetterbob, could you take a look for us? Maybe someone moved them.

Jetterbob: I'd be happy to take a little look-see. I wouldn't mind having a taste of Ms. Bea's cupcakes, myself. (Jetterbob walks out of room.)

Storyteller: Jetterbob will find them. He's good at finding things. Someone probably moved them and he...

Jetterbob: (Returns.) I'm just so sorry to report that there are no cupcakes in the whole Mess Hall.

Storyteller: Wow! I don't know what to do. They couldn't have just disappeared. I wonder what could have happened.

Jetterbob: Sounds like a mystery to me. I'm pretty good at finding things. I'll take a little look around the camp to see what I can find. You all just go on with telling the Bible story. (Jetterbob exits.)

Storyteller: I guess he's right. We should just get right to the Bible story. I'm so disappointed. I was really looking forward to the cupcakes. (To the kids) Weren't you?

Staff Member #1: (Both sit on the edge of the stage.) I know I was. I didn't even eat breakfast so that I could save room for any extra cupcakes. But, there's nothing we can do about it now. Let's just tell the story. We're talking about Joshua, chapters 7 and 8. Last week, we saw the Israelites take over Jericho. They marched around the walls, doing exactly what God told them to do. The walls came tumbling down.

Storyteller: That was a great victory. This week we learn that God told the Israelites not to take a single thing from the people they defeated. One man, Achan, didn't listen. He took something from the plunder. He didn't obey God.

Staff Member #1: Anytime someone doesn't obey God, it's sin. But Achan's sin didn't just affect him. It affected all the Israelites. Because of Achan's sin, the army of Israelites that went out to defeat Ai were not successful. Some were killed, others just melted in fear. God did not give them victory

because of one man's sin.

Storyteller: That's right. Just one man's sin affected them all.

Jetterbob: (Enters from the side door with Penelope/Peter behind him.) I hate to interrupt, but I found something I think you might be interested in.

Storyteller: What did you find, Jetterbob? (Jetterbob steps out of the way to reveal Penelope/Peter, whose mouth is covered in chocolate.)

Storyteller and Staff Member #1: Penelope (or Peter if boy)!

(Jetterbob and Penelope/Peter walk to the stage and sit with the others.)

Jetterbob: (Hands Penelope/Peter a cloth to wipe her face.) I followed a trail of crumbs to Cabin 11. There was Miss Penelope eating the last of the forty something cupcakes.

Staff Member #1: Penelope why did you take the cupcakes?

Penelope/Peter: Cupcakes are good and I was hungry.

Staff Member #1: How could you possibly eat forty-something cupcakes?

Penelope/Peter: First, I picked up the cupcake with my hands. I pulled the paper wrapper back. It had balloons on it. I like balloons. There were green ones, red ones, and even some orange ones. I like the red ones best. I licked all of the chocolate frosting off the top, starting with the outside of the circle and working my way to the middle. Then, I opened my mouth as wide as I could and took a big bite. I did that for all of them.

Storyteller: Penelope, those cupcakes were for all of Camp Grace. To take something without asking is stealing. Penelope, stealing is a sin.

Penelope/Peter: I did not know that. I am very sorry. And guess what. I don't feel so good.

Staff Member #1: Oh no! I think she's about to blow. I'll take her over to Nurse Lovepain. Jetterbob, you come with me.

Jetterbob: When Penelope feels better, we'll talk about stealing. (Staff Member, Jetterbob and Penelope exit.)

Storyteller: (To the kids) Can you believe that? That Penelope! We'll help her understand why what she did was a sin. We'll also help her know that her sin affected all of you. It's like the story we just talked about. One person's sin affects others. Let's pray. Father, help us to make wise choices. Help us not to sin. When we sin, our sin affects others. Go with us, as we go to our cabins and help us to learn more about You and Your Word. Amen.



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