



## LESSON 25 SKIT

**Principle:** Following God, even when others do not.

**Bible Character(s):** Joshua, Gideon

**Scripture Reference:** Joshua 24, Judges 6



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, read Joshua 24 and Judges 6.

Think about the promises of God; remember times in your life when He was faithful. We often forget about how faithful God is when we are faced with new and difficult situations. We try to control these situations rather than trusting our God to work in them. How often do we get caught up in the culture and the way others tell us to handle things, rather than seeking God's will and direction for different situations? Are you constantly in the Word so that your perspective will reflect the gospel, rather than the world around you? Have you been in situations where you knew you were to follow God even when others were not following Him? Be prepared with examples from your life to share with the group. Was it difficult to follow God when others didn't? What gave you the strength to do it? Did you have a verse that encouraged you to do the right thing?



**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

Simon Says or Camp Character Says (choose your own character)

All campers and counselors stand up to participate. The Leader explains how he will call out commands. Standing in front of the group, Simon (or whatever character is chosen) tells campers

what they must do. However, the campers must only obey commands that begin with the words "Simon Says." If Simon says, "Simon says touch your nose," then campers must touch their nose. If a camper doesn't do what "Simon Says" or does an action that Simon Did NOT say that player is out. A leader can trick campers by saying a command, but doing a different action. Have campers sit down when they are out. The last camper standing wins the camp banner for their cabin for the week.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

How many of you played "Follow The Leader" on the way to Big Group? Well, just like you need to follow the leader in order for that game to work, our leader in life wants us to follow Him. God is our leader, and He knows the direction to take. Sometimes following Him can be difficult, especially when no one else is following Him. But we should choose to follow Him because He loves us and has been faithful to us. Today you are going to learn about what it looks like to follow God, even when others are not. As we sing this next song, think about how faithful and loving God is, and sing this song for Him.

## 6) Skit

Everyone's Doing It

### ProPresenter:

Slide: Joshua 24:15 verse

### Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: The fashion-conscious counselor

Staff Member #2: The surfer lifeguard

### Props:

Shopping bag

T-shirt

iPhone with headphones

## Script

Storyteller: Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'd like to welcome you to Camp Grace! I hope you guys are enjoying Camp Grace. It's a great place to learn more about God. Today, we're going to continue to talk about Joshua and the Israelites. Now, when the Israelites lived in Egypt, as slaves, they were surrounded by idol worshipers. See, the Egyptians worshiped many different idols. When the Israelites got to the Promised Land, they found that the people who lived there before them, the Amorites, worshiped idols, as well. Some of the Israelites were tempted to worship these idols.

Staff Member #1: (Enters carrying a shopping bag.) Hi everyone! I'm here for the Bible story. Am I late, I ask, as I check the time on my new designer watch?

Storyteller: You're a little late, but that's okay. I think we can help you catch up. Right everyone? What group of people are we talking about today? (The Israelites.) Where are these people in the story?

(The Promised Land.) **What are they tempted to do? (Worship idols.)**

Staff Member #1: **Oh, wow! After all God did for them, how could they be tempted to worship idols?**

Storyteller: **That's a good question. But, hey, before we go any further with the story, what's in the bag?**

Staff Member #1: **Oh, this? Well, as you all know, I enjoy shopping. I took a few days off and did a little shopping. I brought back a little something for you. It's the new t-shirt that everyone is wearing. It's the latest thing.**

Storyteller: **Really? I haven't seen a t-shirt that everyone is wearing.**

Staff Member #1: **I assumed you had not seen the shirt. You don't get out much. You really need to keep up with the fashion trends. Anyway, it's this great shirt that has something soooo funny written on it. The shirts come in all different colors. I got a pink one, but I picked another color for you. Here, have a look. Isn't that hilarious?!**

(The staff member takes the t-shirt out of the bag and hands it to Storyteller. The Storyteller holds the shirt up and reads it, but the audience cannot see the words.)

Storyteller: **It's...well...it's...not something I would...well, do you think it's pleasing to God?**

Staff Member #1: **I know. That joke is not something I would normally laugh about, but everyone is wearing the shirt. I think that kind of makes it okay, don't you?**

Storyteller: **This joke makes fun of a group of people. These people were made by God, in His image. To make fun of them is displeasing to God. And let me ask you this, if you were a part of the group of people that this joke is directed toward, would you laugh?**

Staff Member #1: **I see your point, but I already bought the shirts and I don't want to be the only person who doesn't have one.**

Staff Member #2: (Enters wearing headphones and carrying an iPhone.) **Hey Dude and little dudes! Dude, did you get your shirt? Oh, guy...you've got to hear my new tunes. I got a great new album. It has that new song on it that everyone is dancing to. Here, listen.** (Staff member puts the headphones up to Storyteller's ear. The storyteller listens for just a second and hands the headphones back.)

Storyteller: **I've heard this song. I've made a choice not to listen to it, though. The rapper is talking about killing people.**

Staff Member #2: **I hear you, dude. I don't like the words of the tune, either. It's the beat that I like. You need to listen to this tune and learn the moves everyone's doing to it. (Dancing) You don't want to be the only one that doesn't know the dance, dude.**

Storyteller: **I just don't think it's okay for me to dance to a song about murder. Murder is a sin.**

Staff Member #1 and #2: **Everyone's doing it!**

Storyteller: Just because everyone's doing it, doesn't make it right. You know, our Bible story for today could help us make a wise choice, a choice to follow God. Let's talk about it. (Staff Member #2), we'll help you catch up. (To the kids) What group of people are we talking about today? (The Israelites.) Where are these people in the story? (The Promised Land.) What are they tempted to do? (Worship idols.) Great job!

The Israelites found that the people who were in the Promised Land before them worshiped idols. Some of the Israelites' own forefathers worshiped idols. For some of them, the idols were familiar and tempting. Everyone was doing it. What if the Israelites decided they didn't want to be the only ones who didn't worship idols?

(Slide)

In Joshua 24:15, Joshua said to the Israelites, "But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." The Israelites made their choice. They chose to serve God.

We, too, need to choose whom to serve. We need to make that choice each day. Choosing to wear a t-shirt that is not pleasing to God just because everyone is doing it, is not serving God. Choosing to listen to music that is not pleasing to God just because everyone is doing it, is not serving God.

See, the thing is - we can't serve two gods. We can't serve ourselves or idols and still serve God. We have to choose whom to serve. Through the Bible, and in my own life, I've seen God do many miraculous things. He is the one true God. I choose to serve Him.

Staff Member #2: You're totally right. I wasn't even thinking about whether I was serving God or not, dude. I was just thinking about getting in on the action...being cool...being like everyone else. Dude, I was so very wrong. My choice was a sin. I need to go to God and say I'm sorry, Dude. I want to choose Him.

Staff Member #1: I was wrong, too. I was simply focused on being trendy. I didn't want to stand out as the only one without the t-shirt. I'll take the shirts back. I need to ask God for forgiveness. I choose to serve Him.

Storyteller: It's not easy to be the only one who doesn't do what everyone's doing. But remember that serving God sometimes means we have to be different from others. We're never alone, though. God is always with us. Let's pray. Father, give us the strength and courage to choose You, even when others don't. Amen.



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