



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 27 SKIT

Principle: Disobeying the authority God places over us is the same as disobeying God.

Bible Character(s): Samson

Scripture Reference: Judges 13-14



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Judges 13 and 14.

God chose Samson to be set apart for His purpose. He instructed Samson's parents to raise him as a Nazirite, giving them authority over his life. He also gave Samson incredible power and strength to use for His will. In Judges 13-14, Samson chose to disobey his parents and use his power and strength for his own purpose. By disobeying his parents, the authority God placed over him, he was disobeying God. Think about the authority God has placed over you during different times in your life. How well do you obey authority? Is it a struggle for you to submit and humble yourself in order to obey and respect the different people in authority over you? Are you whole-heartedly obeying, or do you just appear to obey? How has the authority God has placed over you provided protection and blessing for you? Spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal what keeps you from obeying a specific authority figure. Ask Him to humble your heart. Also, thank Him for His provision and care in your life through the protection and blessing of authority.



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

Tissue Pull

Give one camper from each cabin an unopened tissue box. Tell them that when the game begins, they have to pull all of the tissues out of the box one at a time. The camper who pulls out all of the tissues first wins the camp banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you think you're strong enough to do 500 push-ups, or pick up a 100 pound dumbbell? How many of you think you could kill a lion with your bare hands? I don't think any of us could do that, but God gave one man named Samson more strength and power than we can understand. God placed Samson's parents in authority over Samson, just like He places our parents in authority over us. We are going to see how Samson chose to use his power and strength for his own purpose instead of God's purpose, and how he disobeyed his parents. By disobeying the authority over him, he was disobeying God. As we sing this last song, think about how God wants us to choose to obey Him and the authority He has placed over us.

6) Skit

Obey Authority Over Us

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Props:

Plate of cookies

Small tent (if available – if not, could make a "fort" with chairs and a sheet or blanket.)

Note from Camp Director: *"Please do not eat these cookies. Thanks! The Camp Director"*

Water (for staff member to wash down the cookies)

Script:

There will be a small tent to the side of the stage. The staff member will be inside the tent, remaining still during worship. There will also be a plate of cookies on stage, outside the tent. Camp Director's note will be on the cookies.

Staff Member: (A few seconds after the worship team completely exits, the staff member sticks head out from the tent and yawns. Stretches and scratches head.) **I'm so hungry! Oh, cookies! I love cookies! I hope Ms. Bea baked these. There are no better cookies than Ms. Bea's cookies.** (Picks up a cookie, brings it toward mouth and stops short.) **A note.** (Reads note out loud.) **"Please do not eat these cookies! Thanks! The Camp Director."**

Oh wow! According to this note, I shouldn't eat these cookies, but I want them. Why would someone put a perfectly good platter of cookies in the middle of the woods? I don't see any reason why I shouldn't eat them. I'm hungry and I want these cookies. I'm going to eat them. (Reaches for the cookies and begins stuffing them in mouth.)

Storyteller: Hi! I didn't know you'd be camping here. I just hiked up here to check on the...cookies. What happened to the cookies?!

Staff Member: I ate them.

Storyteller: You what?!

Staff Member: I ate them.

Storyteller: You ate them?!

Staff Member: Read my lips. I...ate...the...cookies. Yo comido los galletas.

Storyteller: I understood you. I just can't believe you ate the cookies. Didn't you see the note?

Staff Member: As a matter of fact, I did see the note from the Camp Director. But I was hungry. I didn't see any reason why I shouldn't eat the cookies.

Storyteller: This is not good. Not good at all. I wish you had obeyed the Camp Director.

Staff Member: Normally, I would obey the Camp Director. But I was hungry. I wanted the cookies.

Storyteller: Ok, Samson.

Staff Member: Who?

Storyteller: Have you ever heard of Samson?

Staff Member: I've read about Samson in the book of Judges in my Bible. He was this incredibly strong guy.

Storyteller: Right. Now, you remind me of Samson.

Staff Member: Really? Well, I *have* been working out. (Flex.) My triceps have been the hardest to develop, but I think they're coming along nicely.

Storyteller: That's not exactly what I mean. See, Samson didn't respect authority. In fact, Samson saw a woman one day that he wanted for his wife. He asked his parents to get the woman for him. His parents said no. They knew that God's word said that the Israelites should not marry someone who didn't believe in the one true God. This woman didn't believe in God. Samson's parents knew she wasn't the person Samson should marry.

Staff Member: I can't wait to find out how my eating the cookies reminds you of Samson wanting to marry some girl.

Storyteller: Well, Samson didn't care that his parents said no. He wanted to marry the girl, anyway. You didn't care that the sign said you shouldn't eat the cookies. You ate them anyway. Instead of respecting authority, you and Samson just wanted to do what you wanted to do.

Staff Member: I try to obey the Camp Director usually, but those cookies were there and I was hungry. It's not like the Camp Director is God.

Storyteller: What I want you to know is that anyone who is an authority over us is placed there by God. When we disobey authority, we disobey God. If we disobey our parents, we disobey God. If we disobey our teachers, we disobey God. If we disobey our camp counselor, we disobey God. And, if you disobey Camp Director, you disobey God.

Staff Member: (Yawns.) Wow! I never thought about that. God put the Camp Director over me. So, when I disobey the Camp Director, I disobey God. (Yawns and stretches.) Excuse me. I don't know why I feel so sleepy all of the sudden. (Yawns.)

Storyteller: I can tell you why you're sleepy. I'm sorry to report that because you disobeyed the Camp Director and ate the cookies, there is a consequence.

Staff Member: (Yawns.) Consequence? What consequence? (Yawns.)

Storyteller: Well, those cookies weren't for you. See, there's a bear that has been in the area. We don't want anything to happen to our campers or the bear. So, we made some cookies with a powerful sleeping medicine inside. The plan was that the bear would eat the cookies, go to sleep, and make it easier for us to move the bear to a safer place.

Staff Member: (Yawns.) Sleeping medicine for a bear?

Storyteller: Yes, but unfortunately, you ate the cookies. You got the medicine instead.

Staff Member: (Yawns.) Oh, I understand. I got the medicine. (Falls over and snores.) Mommy, can I have blue shoes?

Storyteller: (To campers) He'll/She'll be sleeping for quite a while. After you leave, we'll help him/her out. Remember that God puts authority over us. When we disobey the authority in our lives, we disobey God. Let's pray.

(Staff Member should not snore during this line or during the prayer. The staff member can snore during dismissal of the children.)

Father, thank You for the authority you've placed over us: our parents, our teachers, and all those who help guide us and protect us. Help us to remember that when we obey them, we obey You. Amen.

