



Grace Church Elementary

# Camp Grace

## LESSON 31 SKIT

**Principle:** Disobedience. God sometimes gives us what we ask for, even when it's bad for us.

**Bible Character(s):** Samuel

**Scripture Reference:** 1 Samuel 8-10



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Please read 1 Samuel 8-10 before this weekend. As you

read it, think through the things you desire and pray for on a regular basis. Have you ever stopped to think that the things we desire might not be what God has for us? God created us; He knows us better than we know ourselves. He created us and He sees the big picture. When we desire certain things, even things that are good (marriage, having children, succeeding in our jobs, etc), we often begin to trust our desires rather than trusting in God's plan for our lives. We see others who have these things and think that they are exactly what we need. Think through the things you pray for - are you truly open to God's will? Are you willing to let go of your desires and trust that God's plan for you is much better than the things you think you need?



### **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**

##### Animal Drop

Have one camper from each cabin line up along the front. Place a jar in front of each camper. Give each camper a bag of animals. Explain that on the count of 3 they will have 30 seconds to drop as

many animals (one at a time) into the jar holding it from their nose. The camper with the most animals in the jar wins the camp banner for the week.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

How many of you have ever wanted something that someone else had? (Allow responses.) Do you think you were trusting that God knew what was best for you and provided you with everything you need? Today we are going to see how because the Israelites saw that all the countries around them had a king, they kept asking for a king. God warned them of the consequences that would come if they had a king, but they did not listen and kept asking Him for one anyway. God gave them a king, even though He knew it was not good for them. Sometimes God gives us what we want, even if it is bad for us. God wants us to trust Him and be thankful for His provision instead of wanting more than what we have. As we sing this last song, think about how you can obey God instead of following your own desires.

## 6) Skit

Saul

### ProPresenter:

Skit Video

### Characters

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

### For video:

Sadie, the craft lady

Gus, the bus driver

Surfer Lifeguard

Camp Director

### Props:

Arm sling, crutches, bandages (staff members need to look badly injured)

### Script:

(Two staff members walk into Camp Grace Big Group covered in bandages and limping. One could be on crutches. As they attempt to sit on the edge of the stage, they moan and groan.)

Staff Member #1: (Trying to sit on the edge of the stage) Welcome to... owww... Camp... oww... Grace!

Staff Member #2: (Also trying to sit on the edge of the stage) You may be wondering what happened to us. We were in a pretty bad... ohhhh... accident. It all started when... owww... when... oww...

Staff Member #1: Why don't we just show them the tape of the staff meeting? We can... ohhh... explain from... awwwh... there.

(Dim lights. Begin video.)

Video:

The staff members are gathered in the conference room. Some staff members should be in character. Each staff member will have a clipboard in front of them. The camp director should be seated at the head of the table. The video catches a staff meeting that has been underway for some time. A couple of the staff members could be playing paper football or something, but not to the point of completely distracting from the main action.

Characters Needed Most for Video:

Sadie, the craft lady

Gus, the guy who drives the bus

Surfer Lifeguard

Camp Director

Camp Director: So, just be sure that you remember to turn in those forms each Friday before 2:00 p.m. Oh, and be sure to drop by the Camp Director's Office this afternoon. I have a shipment of new whistles for you. Looks like that's all I've got on my list for today. Is there anything you would like to bring up before we dismiss?

Lifeguard: Dude, I have an item to bring to the table before we adjourn.

Camp Director: Sure. What's on your mind?

Lifeguard: Well, recently, Gus (the guy who drives the bus) and I had the epic opportunity to visit other camps in our area. So, while there, dudes, we got to see how the other half lives. Discovery: we are behind the times, dude. We're totally lacking in the hip and with it department.

Gus (the Guy Who Drives the Bus): You are so right, man. We are behind. We are just not with it.

Camp Director: Help me understand what makes you feel that we're behind the times or not with it, as you said.

Gus (the Guy Who Drives the Bus): Man, we are so behind it's like we're still sitting in the driveway with the motor running, while everyone else is traveling down the road of happening. Can you dig it?

Lifeguard: It's like other camps, dude, have these major four-wheelers for every staff member. While we are walking everywhere we go, these other dudes are cruisin' along on their sweet four wheelers. And that's not all, dude. The lifeguards at other camps have...now get this...Sea Doos.

Staff Members: (The staff members show excitement with "wows" and "you're kiddings.")

Sadie (the Craft Lady): Four wheelers?! Oh, how very, very exciting. I have always wanted my own four-wheeler. I would paint mine...not really a pink, more of a fuchsia. Then, I would put colorful flower decals all over the body of the four-wheeler. Some tassels hanging from the handlebars might be nice. I would use some fuchsia to tie into the color of the four-wheeler along with some pink, purple, and even white. Oh, this is so exciting. Zippity!

Camp Director: Hold it. We're getting ahead of ourselves. Calm down everyone. I have seen that other camps have four wheelers and jet skis. I can see the value in having at least one four-wheeler and one jet ski. However, I don't see any wisdom in having one for each staff member. I've actually been budgeting for a four-wheeler and a jet ski for our camp.

Staff Members: (Show excitement about the Camp Director's statement. High-five each other and such.)

Camp Director: However, okay, calm down everybody. However, I do not plan to get either the four-wheeler or the jet ski until each person has been adequately trained to use these machines. Each person will need to take a class on how to operate these machines. I'll have someone come to the camp and teach the class.

Lifeguard: Dude! No disrespect intended, but we don't need a class. That would be so lame. Gus, the guy who drives the bus, could teach us to drive one. He knows how to drive virtually everything.

Gus (the Guy Who Drives the Bus): Man, I've never driven a four-wheeler or a jet ski, but I do drive a bus. How much more difficult could it be? Can you dig it?

Sadie (the Craft Lady): Oh, bubbles! I don't have time to take a class. I have so many craft supplies to organize for the new year of camp. I'm sure everyone else is just as busy trying to decorate their cabins for the new year - drapes to color coordinate with sleeping bags, you know. Organization and color coordination, it's the Camp Grace way. Wouldn't it be much more time efficient if Gus just gave us all a quick how-to?

Camp Director: I know everyone's busy. We don't have to get the four-wheeler or the jet ski now. We can take our time choosing the right one and learning how one works. It would be the safer way to go.

Sadie (the Craft Lady): Nonsense! You've got the money in the budget. Why wait when we could begin using the machines now? Never put off today what you can zippity do tomorrow, I always say!

Lifeguard: I'm not sure what Sadie (the craft lady) is saying, but dude, it would be most excellent to use the money you have to buy the four wheeler and jet ski now. What if something happens and the money has to be used for something else? That would be so lame.

Camp Director: It's just important to me that all of you are safe. My first concern is your safety. I'm trying to make the decision that would be best for everyone.

Staff Members: (Staff members begin begging and pleading for the four-wheeler and the jet ski.)

Camp Director: Everyone seems to feel the same way. I still believe we should take our time and learn how to use the machines before we buy them. I think we should be safe. But since everyone agrees, I'll go ahead and purchase a four -wheeler and a jet ski.

Staff Members: (Cheer and high five one another.)

Fade out.

End video.

(Bring lights up.)

Staff Member #1: So, I bet you can put two and two together and figure out what happened.

Staff Member #2: We got the four-wheeler and the jet ski a few days after that staff meeting. Gus gave us a few pointers like, "This is the gas, man, and these are the brakes." Other than that, we were on our own.

Staff Member #1: I decided to try out the jet ski. He/she decided to try out the four-wheeler. To make a long story short, we kind of met in the middle.

Staff Member #2: Our Camp Director tried to tell us that it might be best to take a class first, but as you saw, none of us wanted to listen. We all trusted in ourselves and what we wanted rather than obeying the Camp Director. It's a lot like what happened to the Israelites.

Staff Member #1: Oh, yeah. You're talking about the time that the Israelites looked around and saw that everyone had a king but them. They had a priest, but no king. They decided they should have a king so that they would seem as powerful as everyone else.

Staff Member #2: God had a plan for them and it did not include a king. Samuel, who was leading Israel at this time, tried to warn them that a king might take their best vineyards and use their property for himself. He warned that a king might take a portion of their crops and their flocks. They wouldn't listen. They wanted to do things their own way, not God's way. They trusted in themselves and their own desires rather than trusting God.

Staff Member #1: Well, God gave them exactly what they asked for. He gave them a king. The Israelites wanted what other countries around them had. They desired a king more than they desired to follow God. So God gave them Saul as their king. Saul was not a great king. The Israelites sinned because they got so caught up with what they wanted that they did not trust God and His plan for them. So God gave them what they wanted to show them that His way is better. Sometimes God gives us what we ask for, even when it's bad for us, because we are trusting in ourselves and what we want instead of God. God desires to teach us to listen to Him instead of ourselves.

Staff Member #2: We just had to have a four-wheeler and jet ski because every other camp had some. The Camp Director tried to keep us safe with a plan to learn about the machines. We wouldn't listen. We wanted to do it our own way. So, he gave us exactly what we wanted to teach us to listen to him and trust his plan. We should have trusted the authority over us, our Camp Director, and followed God's plan.

Staff Member #1: The Israelites just had to have a king. Everyone else had a king. God had a different plan for them, but they wouldn't listen. So, God gave them a king, even if it meant disaster for them. God does that sometimes. He gives us exactly what we want, even if it's bad for us to show us that His plan is always better.

Staff Member #2: To keep from learning hard lessons, we should just follow God's plan in the first place, knowing that he knows what's best for us. Let's pray.

Father, thank You for the example from Your Word about Saul and the Israelites. Help us to not get so caught up with what we want for ourselves that we forget that You are our creator, the One who knows what is best for us. Amen.



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