



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 32 SKIT

Principle: God demands complete obedience.

Bible Character(s): Saul

Scripture Reference: I Samuel 15



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read I Samuel 15. God gave Saul instructions to completely destroy the Amalekites because they attacked Israel. Saul was told not to spare any of the Amalekites or their livestock. Saul obeyed God in attacking the Amalekites, but he had their King, Agag, captured alive and kept all of the best livestock to offer as a sacrifice to God. God demands complete obedience, but He also gives us the choice to obey Him or make our own decisions. Saul had the choice to fully obey God, but he only partially obeyed God. Partial obedience is disobedience. Because Saul disobeyed, God took away Saul's position as king. How do you approach God's demand of complete obedience? Do you pick and choose what you want to obey? Do you have a heart that desires to obey Him completely? In what area do you struggle with obedience? Spend some time praying to God for a change of heart and the courage to obey His commands completely.



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

Push Up Contest - COUNSELORS

Tell the campers that this contest needs people who are really strong. Have each cabin pick one Counselor to take part in a push-up contest. The chosen Counselor will do push-ups on his/her

carpet while the cabin counts how many they do in one minute. The counselor who does the most push-ups in one minute wins the camp banner for his/her cabin for the week. **If there is a tie have the counselors do as many 1-arm pushups as they can in 30 seconds.**

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you always obey everything you are told to do? How many think you sometimes obey, sometimes don't? Today we are going to see an example of what happens when you do not fully obey. Saul was given commands by God on what he was supposed to do, but he chose to only partly obey God's commands. As a result, he lost his position as king. Partial obedience is disobedience, and with disobedience comes consequences. God demands complete obedience. He wants us to trust in Him because He knows what is best for us. As we sing this last song, think about how you can obey the Lord in your life.

6) Skit

By the Book

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

Book – All You Need to Know About Building a Campfire

Duffle bag

Matches or lighter

Handful of sticks

Marshmallow on a stick

Small bowl of water (underneath marshmallow)

Bucket with "WATER" written on or taped to it

Towel

Script:

Two staff members go to the stage. One is carrying a book and a duffle bag. The other is carrying a few sticks and a box of matches. A bucket of water will be on the stage. The stage campfire will be on stage. A marshmallow on a stick will be near the campfire with a small bowl of water underneath.

Staff Member #1: Good morning campers! I am _____ and I'd like to welcome you to Camp Grace.

Staff Member #2: Yeah, welcome to Camp Grace! Woo!

Staff Member #1: _____ and I are here today for an important class that all campers at Camp Grace must complete. The class is Campfire 101. _____ and I will be teaching you to build a campfire from this excellent book, All You Need to Know About Building a Campfire. (Show the book.)

Staff Member #2: Every camper needs to know how to build a campfire. It's important.

Staff Member #1: Right you are. So, let's get started. Cabin counselors, please pay special attention in the event that one of your campers may have questions. Okay, first of all, (opening the book) when building a campfire, (Staff Member #2 walks to the side and begins building a fire. He/she should have his back to the audience. He/She will light the marshmallow in a way that will be hidden from the audience. He/she should prop the lit marshmallow over the water. The audience shouldn't be able to see the lit marshmallow.) One needs to clear an area for the fire. Use an area where a campfire once was, if possible. Check wind conditions. Check the direction of the wind... (Staff Member #1 notices that Staff Member #2 is busy with the fire) What are you doing?

Staff Member #2: (Staff Member #2 turns to face the audience on his/her knees with his/her back to the fire.) I'm building a fire.

Staff Member #1: I would prefer that you not begin just yet. We are going by the book. The first step, according to the book, is to clear the area for the fire. Then, we are to check the direction of the wind.

Staff Member #2: I don't need the book. I have my own way of building a fire. I never go by the book.

Staff Member #1: (Sniffs) What's that smell?

Staff Member #2: I don't know. It kind of smells like someone is roasting marshmallows. We should look for them. I bet they're making s'mores. I love s'mores. Anyway, as I was saying, I never go by the book. I build fires my own way.

Staff Member #1: Oh, really? Could your building fires your own way have anything to do with the fact that YOUR PANTS are on fire?

Staff Member #2: What?! Oh no! (Staff Member #2 runs to the bucket of water and sits in it.) Aahhh! That was a close one!

Staff Member #1: (Hands Staff Member #2 a towel.) Let's take a break from Campfire 101 until you recover. Come on, let's sit here. (They both sit on the edge of the stage. Staff Member #2 eases into position, having just burned himself/herself.)

Staff Member #2: Maybe I should take that book back to my cabin and look it over before we teach Campfire 101 together again. I've never really gone by the book, but then again, that was not my first accident with fire.

Staff Member #1: Really?

Staff Member #2: Really. I've had quite a few because I usually just do things my own way.

Staff Member #1: You sound a lot like King Saul.

Staff Member #2: I see what you mean. King Saul was given instructions by God to completely destroy the Amalekites, who were evil people. God told him to completely destroy the people and everything that belonged to them.

Staff Member #1: Saul destroyed the people, but kept the sheep and cattle. He did things his own way. He didn't do exactly what God said.

Staff Member #2: Saul lost the kingdom because of his disobedience. I got burned because I did not follow the instructions for building a fire completely. You know, I may not always be a "by the book" type of person. I do things my own way sometimes. But I always want to be a "by the Bible" type of person.

Staff Member #1: You're right. God has a plan for us and He wants our complete obedience. We can't do things our own way. We need to do things God's way because God knows what is best for us. Hey guys, let's pray.

Father, thank You for the example from Saul's life. Help us to remember that Your way is always better than our way. Help us to give You our complete obedience. Amen.



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