



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 34 SKIT

Principle: God fights our battles. He gives us courage.

Bible Character(s): David

Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 17



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read through 1 Samuel 17 Notice how David worships God throughout this story. He remembers His faithfulness in the past; he trusts God completely and he steps out in courage. Think through a normal day; how often do you respond this way in the small areas of your life? It is often easy to recognize the big fears in our lives, but fail to see the small ways that we choose not to trust God. We think we don't have time to say "hello" to someone because we know it might lead to a long conversation and we don't have time for that. Are we trusting God with our time? What other small ways do we try to control things that might be rooted in a fear of giving up what we want? How much of our lives are we trying to control? Is that rooted in a fear of what could happen if we let go of these things? Are you really trusting God and stepping out in courage to follow Christ?



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

A Bit Dicey

Have one camp counselor from each cabin come up to the front. Give each camp counselor a popsicle stick and four dice. Explain that they will put the popsicle sticks in their mouths, and then try to stack all four dice on the popsicle stick. If the stack falls, they are disqualified. The first camp

counselor to get all four dice stacked wins the Camp Banner for their cabin for the week. (If there is a tiebreaker, keep giving dice to the camp counselors to add to their stack, until you have a winner.)

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Do you sometimes have days where everything seems to go wrong? We all have things in our life that are hard to deal with sometimes. We might have to move to a new place or go to a school where we don't know anyone. Sometimes we are hurt by someone. Today we are going to learn about how God wants us to trust that He will fight our battles for us. When we have these difficult times in our life we can give them to God. In today's lesson we will see David give us a great example of this as he lets God fight his battles and trusts God to judge those who hurt him. As we sing this next song, think about how God helps us to be bold and strong because we know He is right there with us.

6) Skit

Let God Fight the Battle

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

2 big pillows

1 large belt

Football shoulder pads

Football helmet

Boxing gloves

Script:

Staff Member #1: Welcome to Camp Grace! My name is _____. I'm so glad you're here today. We're going to talk about one of my favorite people in the Bible: David. David was so cool. For example, remember last week we talked about how God selected David, above all others, to be the next king of Israel. He was only a shepherd boy, just a kid like you guys, and he was going to be a king. Today's story is just as exciting. I can't wait to tell you what happens to David next, but I'm waiting for my partner, _____. We were going to tell you the story together. For some reason he/she is not here yet. Oh, well there he/she is.

(The Staff Member #2 enters. He/She is wearing lots of padding: 2 pillows belted to the body, a football helmet, football shoulder pads, boxing gloves, etc. He/She cautiously looks around while entering. He/She makes his/her way to the stage. As he/she sits on the stage, he/she hides slightly behind Staff Member #1. Staff Member #1 pulls Staff Member #2 from behind him/her.)

Staff Member #1: What are you doing? Why are you dressed like that? I thought you were going to help me tell the Bible story to the campers today. What's going on?

Staff Member #2: One question at a time, please.

Staff Member #1: Take off that silly helmet. We can't even hear you.

Staff Member #2: (Takes off helmet.) I said one question at a time, please.

Staff Member #1: Okay, one question: Why are you dressed like that?

Staff Member #2: On the way over to help you with the Bible story, I saw the counselor from Cabin #15.

Staff Member #1: Oh, yeah, Myron. Well, we call him "The Hulk" because he's the biggest and strongest counselor. He's actually the biggest person I know.

Staff Member #2: Don't remind me how big he is. I just made him mad.

Staff Member #1: Oh, no. What happened?

Staff Member #2: He was carrying a few lemon cream pies to the picnic shelter for Ms. Bea. He tripped over the root of a tree and SPLAT! There was lemon cream pie all over his face. I couldn't help it. I laughed. I didn't mean to hurt his feelings. I was going to go over and help him, but he exploded. He started yelling at me and said as soon as he got the pie cleaned off his face, he was coming after me. Well, I wasted no time. I ran back to my cabin and padded up. He's a big dude and I'm scared. Do you think I have on enough padding? Should I get more?

Staff Member #1: You don't need anymore padding. In fact, you won't need the padding you already have. You should take all of that off.

Staff Member #2: Take it off?! Are you serious? I just told you that "The Hulk" is after me.

Staff Member #1: I know, but you've got to trust me. Take all of that off and I'll give you the only thing you'll need to battle "The Hulk."

Staff Member #2: Okay, I'll trust you. (As he/she takes off the padding, he should continue with the following lines.) I bet you're going to teach me some really cool karate move. I know some moves on my own, but I bet you have one I've never seen. (After taking the padding off, the Staff Member #2 sits on the edge of the stage once more.) Okay, I'm ready. What is the one thing I need to go into battle with "The Hulk"?

Staff Member #1: (Hands the Staff Member #2 a Bible) Here it is.

Staff Member #2: A Bible? What? Do you want me to hit him over the head with it?

Staff Member #1: Not exactly. I'm just trying to tell you that all you need for this battle or any other battle in your life is God. Remember how we were going to talk about David today?

Staff Member #2: Sure. I was excited about that until I became afraid of what "The Hulk" might do to me.

Staff Member #1: We happen to be talking about David's battle with Goliath. As big as "The Hulk" is, he's nothing compared to Goliath. Goliath was nine feet tall. That's about as tall as it is from this floor to the ceiling. Not only was he tall, but he was muscular. No one in the entire Israelite army was brave enough to stand up against Goliath.

Staff Member #2: I don't blame them. I don't even want to face "The Hulk."

Staff Member #1: David, a shepherd boy, was ready to face Goliath when an entire army of Israelite men was too afraid to face him.

Staff Member #2: I never really thought about how brave David was. I mean I've heard this story over and over and have never thought about the fact that he was braver than an entire army. I feel kind of silly saying that I'm afraid of "The Hulk" when David, a boy, stood against Goliath.

Staff Member #1: Goliath was heavily armed. David only had a sling and a stone. David didn't need a lot of weapons. He had God. God fought the battle for David.

Staff Member #2: So, all David had to do was trust God. God did the rest.

Staff Member #1: That's right. You can trust God in this situation with "The Hulk." By reading His Word - the Bible - and talking to God about the problem, you'll know exactly what to do - just like David did.

Staff Member #2: You're right. Thanks for helping me with this problem.

Staff Member #1: Sure. That's what friends do. But hey, there are lots of things in our lives that we're afraid to face. These things can seem like giants to us: things like natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

Staff Member #2: You're right. Things like sickness, food allergies, asthma, and diabetes are a Goliath for some of us. Even thunderstorms or the dark can be like a Goliath for us. Meeting new people, moving, performing in front of an audience...there are lots of things that can be like a Goliath.

Staff Member #1: But, we don't have to be afraid. We can be brave like David. All we have to do is trust God and let God fight our battles for us. Let's pray.

Father, thank You for showing us that David, who was just a boy, was able to face the giant, Goliath. Help us remember that we, too, can face any battle when we trust You and let You fight the battle for us. Amen

Staff Member #2: I'm going to help dismiss the campers and then I'm going to pray about this situation with "The Hulk." I'll ask God what I should do. I won't be afraid. God is fighting this battle for me.

Staff Member #1: Sounds like a plan to me.



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