



## LESSON 35 SKIT

**Principle:** Not taking vengeance. Letting God judge

**Bible Character(s):** David

**Scripture Reference:** 1 Samuel 24, Romans 12



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, please read 1 Samuel 24 and Romans 12:17-21. Saul is searching for David, in order to kill him, when he happens to enter a cave where David and his men are hiding. David had the opportunity to kill Saul, but he passed it up. David trusted in God's goodness and sovereignty, knowing that God was the ultimate judge and that God would deal with Saul as He had planned. David did not try to take matters into his own hands. How often do you try to take control of a situation instead of allowing God to work? Do you take revenge on someone who has hurt you or wronged you? In what ways are you not trusting in God's goodness and sovereignty in your life? God wants us to trust Him with our lives, and give Him our problems from the start. He does not want us to take control to get what we want. Spend some time reflecting on how God wants you to lay down your pride and selfishness in order to allow Him to take control.



### 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

##### Bottle Flip

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front. Tell them that they will all take turns flipping a partially filled water bottle and trying to get it to land upright. Let the campers continue taking turns flipping the bottle until one does it successfully. That camper is the winner and gets the camp banner.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

How many of you have ever been hurt by someone? How did it make you feel? What did you want to do? (Allow responses.) Today we are going to learn about how God wants us to respond when someone else causes us pain by watching how David responded to Saul who was trying to kill him. The Bible says we are to forgive the people who hurt us. We hurt God with our disobedience all the time and yet He died for us so that we can live eternally with Christ. Even though we hurt Him with our sin, He still loves us and forgives us. As we sing this last song, think about how you can depend on God to help you forgive others as He has forgiven you.

## 6) Skit

Revenge

### ProPresenter:

Slide: Romans 12:19 [NLT]

### Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1 (Napoleon Dynamite-type person)

### Props:

3 water balloons in a bowl

Roll of toilet paper

Can of shaving cream

Tater tots (about 2 per service)

### Script:

Storyteller: Welcome to Camp Grace! It's great to see you guys! This week we're going to learn something new about David. You know, David was such a neat guy. God chose him to be the future king, even when he was only a young shepherd. He killed Goliath, a giant that the entire Israelite army was afraid to go up against. This week, we're going to find out that David....

(Staff Member walks to the stage, puts down a few water balloons, and begins walking away.)

Storyteller: Hi! What's going on?

Staff Member: I'm putting water balloons on the stage.

Storyteller: Ohhhhkay. (Shrugs.) Let's see. Where was I? Oh, David. I was just saying that today we're going to find out something else amazing about David. See, David...

(Staff member places shaving cream and toilet paper on the stage, then, begins to exit.)

Storyteller: I'm sorry, but I can't even focus. I've got to ask you what you're planning to do with all this stuff. Water balloons, shaving cream, toilet paper?

Staff Member: (Sits on the edge of the stage beside the storyteller or stands by the storyteller.) I'm sorry to interrupt. It's just that I have something important to do.

Storyteller: The suspense is killing me. What important thing are you going to do that involves water balloons, shaving cream, and toilet paper?

Staff Member: It's sort of a long story, but I'll give you guys the short version. There's a new staff member coming to Camp Grace today.

Storyteller: Oh, yeah. I heard. The guy's name is Butch Blocker, right?

Staff Member: Butch Blocker! Every time I hear that name, I want to put on my black belt and practice my dangerous karate moves. (Staff Member does some karate moves.) He makes me so mad.

Storyteller: Oh, so you knew him before he came to Camp Grace?

Staff Member: He went to my school. He played football, not a real sport like tetherball. *Yes/He was the biggest guy on the football team. He used to bang my head against the lockers in the hall. He used to cut my tetherball off the pole. He used to make fun of my interpretive dance group. (Staff Member does some interpretive dance moves Napoleon Dynamite-style.) He used to steal my tater-tots. And, dude, I really wanted my tots! He should have gotten his own tots.*

Storyteller: **Wow!** It sounds like he was a bully in school. That must have been really hard for you.

Staff Member: **It was.** That's why I'm getting ready to exact my revenge. (Staff Member begins pulling tots from his pocket and eating them.)

Storyteller: **Revenge?** Oh, that explains the water balloons, the shaving cream, and the toilet paper. You're going to pull some sort of prank on this guy, aren't you?

Staff Member: Of course. What would you do in that situation?

Storyteller: That's a good question. What *would* I do? Well, I know it must have been hard for you to be treated so badly by this guy. I'm sure you've got a lot of anger towards him. But, you know, anytime we have a decision to make, the Bible, God's Word, should be our guide.

Staff Member: What does the Bible have to say about Butch Blocker? They didn't even have tots back in Bible times.

Storyteller: The Bible has something to say about everything we deal with. For example, did you know that David had to leave because King Saul was trying to kill him because he was jealous?

Staff Member: Yeah, I've heard that before.

Storyteller: David had to deal with his share of bullies. Goliath was a bully and King Saul was a bully. It had to be hard for David to be in hiding, while King Saul was tracking him to kill him. At one point, when David and his men were hiding, King Saul and 3,000 men were tracking him. King Saul went alone to the cave to get *a little King Saul time*. Here's the coolest part of the story. King Saul walked right

into the very cave where David and his men were hiding. King Saul was alone, with no back up. His men said it was a perfect time for David to kill King Saul. Guess what?

Staff Member: What?

Storyteller: David didn't kill him.

Staff Member: He was right there. David had a perfect opportunity to take revenge.

Storyteller: David forgave King Saul and left him unharmed. He knew that God was the only One that could judge someone's actions. See the Bible tells us. (Slide.) "Do not take revenge..." (Romans 12:19) God says He will handle it. You know, there's a lot to learn from how David handled his bully, King Saul. He forgave King Saul and left the situation in God's hands.

Staff Member: I want to trust God, but it's hard to forgive this guy for pounding my head in the locker and stealing my tots.

Storyteller: You can trust God to handle anything that someone did to you. You can also trust Him to help you forgive others.

Let's pray. Father, thank You for the example You gave us from David's life. He had an opportunity to take revenge, but left it in Your hands. Help us to do the same. Help us to forgive others and then, leave the situation in Your hands. Amen.



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