



LESSON 38 SKIT

Principle: Courage to trust God, and boldness.

Bible Character: Elijah

Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 18



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read 1 Kings 18. In your cabin

you will focus on Elijah's boldness in standing alone against the prophets of Baal. It took great courage to trust God and stand up against the prophets. We can learn to have courage and boldness like Elijah. What are some idols in your life that have taken your focus off of God? What are some idols that you think are in your campers' lives? How can you stand up against idols in your life? Spend some time praying for yourself and your campers. Be prepared to talk about an idol in your life with your cabin.



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 Colorful Sort

This competition involves everyone. Give each cabin a cup of 50 small, colorful items (pony beads, Legos, etc). Explain that as a group, they must separate the items into separate color piles on their rug. When they are finished, everyone must stand up. The first cabin to finish wins the Camp Banner

for the week. (Please have camp counselors make sure ALL items are put back into their cup for the next service.)

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have ever had to stand up against something that you knew was wrong? (Allow responses) What did you need in order to do that? Courage, boldness, trust in God. Today we are going to learn about a man named Elijah who had to stand up to over 850 people because they were worshipping a false god named Baal. Elijah wanted to prove to them that his God was the one and only true God. Elijah was bold and strong in standing up for God. As we sing this last song, think about how you can trust in God to be faithful when you stand up for Him with courage and boldness.

6) Skit

Standing Up In Faith

ProPresenter:

Slide: I Kings 18:36-37 [NLT] – Elijah's prayer

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Newsie Wordsmith (town newspaper reporter)

Props:

Notebook

Pencil

Script:

Storyteller: Welcome to Camp Grace! I'm _____. I don't know about you, but I just love coming here each week and learning more about God through His Word. We really have studied a lot of God's Word so far and it's been a lot of fun! For example, last week we studied in I Kings and learned about Solomon. Do you remember what we learned about Solomon? He was humble and came to God in his weakness of not knowing how to lead the Israelites. God was pleased with Solomon's humility and blessed him with wisdom and wealth. Solomon was thankful and showed his thanks by sharing the blessings God gave him with others, including Queen Sheba. Today we are going to continue studying in I Kings and begin learning about Elijah. We are going to see his incredible faith in God through showing courage, trust, and boldness.

Newsie Wordsmith: (Walks in from the back of the room. Looks around as he/she takes notes in a notebook. The newspaper reporter notices the Storyteller on stage.) Oh...excuse me. I'm looking for the (looks down at notebook as if checking the name) Camp Grace Big Group room.

Storyteller: You've found it. This is the Camp Grace Big Group room. How can I help you?

Newsie Wordsmith: (Walks on stage with the Storyteller.) Hi! My name is Newsie Wordsmith. I'm the top reporter of the town newspaper, "The Daily Chronicle." I'm sure you've read my many award winning articles.

Storyteller: Oh, "The Daily Chronicle"! I read your newspaper every day. It's an honor to meet you, Mr./Ms. Wordsmith. My name is ____ and I am, well, sort of in the same business. See, I'm a storyteller here at Camp Grace.

Newsie Wordsmith: A storyteller? And, have you been published? Anything I might have read?

Storyteller: Well, no, no, I haven't been published. I tell stories that have already been written. I tell the true stories from God's Word, The Bible.

Newsie Wordsmith: (Writes in notebook.) I see. Well, the person with whom I need to speak is actually a camper at Camp Grace, Penny Pointer. Penny Pointer. The name struck me immediately because of the alliteration. Penny Pointer. Is she here in this Camp Grace *Large* Group room?

Storyteller: It's actually the *Big* Group room and I don't think Penny is here. She went on a hike with another group. I'm sorry, but I could try to help you.

Newsie Wordsmith: Well, I was supposed to meet Penny Pointer (checks notes) here in the Camp Grace *Colossal* Group room. She is the writer of a recent letter to the editor, actually the most inspirational letter, about standing up for what is right, even when no one else does. Or, should that be, even though others do not. Or even when one is alone in the stand? Oh, well, I'll work on the wording another time. The letter was so inspirational, in fact, that I would personally like to interview Miss Pointer for an article in our paper. Perhaps the interview can take place right here in the Camp Grace *Gigantic* Group room.

Storyteller: Someone has been hitting the thesaurus a little hard. Well, since Penny is on the hike, you're welcome to wait here with us. Maybe you could tell us about Penny's letter.

Newsie Wordsworth: I would be delighted to share from Penny's letter or her correspondence, as it were, with you and your campers here in the *Enormous* Group room. (Fumbles through notes.) Ah, here it is – the aforementioned letter. In this letter, Penny pours out her heart about an issue where a company is marketing a new board game which requires the player to insult the other players in an effort to make them cry. It's based on a popular movie, "Tough Guys Don't Cry."

Storyteller: Oh, I know the game! I've seen some of the campers playing the game in the rec room. I heard some harsh insults being thrown around and asked the campers to play something else. People were hurt by the mean things. I thought it was wrong.

Newsie Wordsworth: Well, Penny Pointer was quick to point out that this game was wrong. She wrote letters to the company that created the game. She tried to tell her friends that God did not approve of hurting other people just to win a game. No one listened. She felt she was standing up for what was right all alone. She then mentioned Elijah. She talked about a great battle between Elijah and the priests of Baal. That's why I'm here. I am unfamiliar with Elijah and the priests of Baal. I'd like to question Penny about these people.

Storyteller: I know why Penny mentioned Elijah and the prophets of Baal. We're learning about Elijah right now in Camp Grace.

Newsie Wordsworth: Where will this subject be discussed – here in the Camp Grace *Spacious* room?

Storyteller: Yes, in fact, we were going to talk about Elijah just before you came into the Camp Grace *Big Group* room. You're welcome to listen while we wait for Penny.

Newsie Wordsworth: (Gets notebook ready.) I'm ready.

Storyteller: Well, there was a king named Ahab. He was the king of Israel. While he was king, everyone began worshiping a false god named Baal. They had turned away from the one true God to worship a false god. So, Elijah told King Ahab to gather the prophets of Baal and the prophets of Asherah, another false god, and meet him at Mount Carmel. So, Ahab gathered 850 prophets and met Elijah at Mt. Carmel.

Newsie Wordsworth: So, let me check the facts here. Elijah was only one person and he was going to stand up to 850 others?

Storyteller: That's right. Elijah knew that standing up for what was right was important, even if he stood alone. He trusted that God would be with him.

Newsie Wordsworth: Please continue. What happened?

Storyteller: Elijah told the prophets to get two bulls, one for themselves and one for him. They were to cut the bull into pieces and lay it on the altar. Elijah prepared his own bull. Then, Elijah told them to call upon their god, Baal to light the fire under the bull. So, from morning until noon, the prophets began to call on Baal to light the fire. There was no answer.

Newsie Wordsworth: They shouted from morning until noon with no answer. I assume they gave up at this point.

Storyteller: No, Elijah told them to shout louder. He joked with them that their god must be sleeping. They shouted even louder for Baal to hear them, but by evening, there was still no answer.

Newsie Wordsworth: What did Elijah do? (Refrains from taking notes during the rest of the story. Gives full attention to the Storyteller.)

Storyteller: (Tell this story with great drama and emotion.) He called the people over. He arranged 12 stones, for each of the 12 tribes of Israel, as an altar. He dug a very deep trench around the altar. Elijah asked the people to fill four jars of water and pour it into the trench. They did it and then, he asked them to do it again. Elijah asked them to pour four jars of water in the trench a total of 3 times. (**Slide) 1 Kings 18:36–37 says, “At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD,

answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.” Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!”

Newsie Wordsworth: That's an amazing story. The people were able to see that God was the true God and that Baal was nothing at all. Elijah was courageous and faithful. He stood up to 850 prophets for what was right. I understand now why Penny used this story as an example. It's important to stand up for what is right, even when you're alone.

Storyteller: You're right. It is important to stand up for what is right. The thing is, just like Elijah, we can know that we are never alone. God is with us – always. If we have to stand up for what is right against 850 people or 8,050 people, God is right there with us. Will you pray with me?

Father, You are great and You are mighty. You have the power to burn stones, soil and even water. Thank You for the examples in Your Word of how powerful You are. Help us to have courage like Elijah and stand up for You, knowing that we're never alone. You are always with us. Amen.

Newsie Wordsworth: That was an amazing story. I can't wait to interview Penny so that I can include all of this in my article.

Storyteller: Well, Penny should be along any minute. While you wait, I'm going to dismiss the campers back to their cabins.



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