



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 40 SKIT

Principle: Humility, faith, and compassion.

Bible Character(s): Elisha, Naaman

Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 5



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read through 2 Kings 5.

Naaman (nay-mun) was a great soldier and a well-respected leader. He had a skin disease, which some translations say was leprosy. His wife's assistant, an Israelite servant girl, told him to go see the prophet Elisha in Samaria. She believed God could heal Naaman through Elisha. Naaman went to Israel to see Elisha, but initially he balked at Elisha's instructions because they were not what he expected; he responded out of his pride. Elisha told him to wash himself seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman's traveling companions provided wise counsel, who persuaded Naaman to follow Elisha's instructions, and he was healed through his humility, obedience, and faith. How do you struggle with pride, instead of being humble and having faith in what God is doing? What steps do you need to take to turn from your pride, humble yourself before God, and trust in His plan? Do you need to seek and listen to the counsel of others? Spend some time in prayer for God to reveal any pride in your heart and to repent of it.



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

Cabin Ninja, Cowboy, Ape

This competition involves everyone. Pair cabins up, and explain that they are playing “Ninja, Cowboy, Ape” as a cabin against another cabin. They will be given 10 seconds before each round starts to choose, as a cabin, whether they will show ninja, cowboy, or ape against the other cabin. Pair winners up after each round, and continue until you have an overall winner.

“Ninja beats cowboy, cowboy beats ape, ape beats ninja, you tie, you die. 1, 2, 3!”

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector: Do you know what pride and humility mean? When we are mean to others or when we disobey our parents we are being prideful because we are thinking about ourselves and what we want rather than what God wants for us or how God wants us to act. When we obey our parents and are kind to others we are being humble; we are *treating others better than ourselves*. Today we are going to talk about being humble and about trusting in God instead of ourselves. As we sing this next song, think about how you can become more humble and how we need to trust in God rather than ourselves. Remember there is no one like our God, and His Son Jesus teaches us about what true obedience and humility is.

6) Skit

Humble Leader and Faithful Child

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller: Town Scientist (this character should be disheveled and a bit clumsy. He or she can wear a lab coat, glasses, pencils, etc.)

Staff Member #1: Winner of the Camp Award for Best Camp Sing-a-Long Leader

Props:

Easel with a large tablet for writing (should have at least two pages)

The top page will be blank. The second page will have a list of the following: David, David, Solomon, Little girl

Papers in a file folder

Paper sash with the words: Best Camp Sing-Along Leader

Script:

The Storyteller brings the easel to the stage. He/She checks notes, which may be some papers shoved into a file in a disorganized way. He/She may even drop the file of papers. Use comedy in the introduction, but as the Bible story progresses, stay in character, without distracting from the Bible story.

Storyteller: Oh, hello there. I apologize for not speaking to you right away. I'm just so distracted by my own excitement. Why so excited? Well, I've just made an interesting discovery. First, let me

introduce myself. I am the scientist in the town near Camp Grace. My name is Dr. Klutz and I gather facts and information at Camp Grace for my studies. Now, where was I? Oh, yes... I was about to tell you the reason for my excitement. (Looks down at the paper.) Ah, very interesting. Yes, yes, just as I thought. (Marks something on the paper with a pencil.) Oh, I apologize. I just saw an interesting fact that...well, let me get back on track. I am here to share my exciting new discovery with you. Let's all turn our attention to the board. (Walks to the easel.) I will write the word CHILD. (Writes CHILD.) Yes, child, the root word of the word children. This, boys and girls, is the subject of my discovery: a very important word. I have reviewed all of the Bible stories we've discussed so far in Camp Grace recently and have discovered the most interesting fact. Do you realize all of the times we have learned about God using a child?

Let's look together. (Flip page of the chart) Now, we could talk about so many more stories where God used children, but just in this year of Camp Grace alone, we've seen God use children. (Point to each item listed on the paper.) There was David, who was just a boy when God chose him as king of Israel. Also, God used David to kill a giant when David was just a boy. Then, there was Solomon, who was also chosen as king as a boy. And, today we're going to talk about a little girl who the Bible doesn't name, but that God used in a mighty way. I have come to the conclusion that God thinks children are very valuable.

You know, sometimes adults do not see children as valuable. Sometimes adults treat children as if they are not as valuable as them. It's sad, but true. Well, in the Bible Story for today, the little girl was.

Staff Member #1: (Enters wearing the sash.) Hello everyone. I know, I know, you all want my autograph. I don't blame you. I, too, would want the autograph of the Camp Grace Camp Sing-Along Leader. (Sing the next phrase.) I do not have time, I do not have time to sign your autographs right now. (Go back to regular speaking voice.)

Storyteller: Oh, that is correct. You are an official award winner. Congratulations are in order.

Staff Member #1: Thank you. I've been leading the camp sing-alongs for a long time. I knew it was just a matter of time before I won the award. (Sing the next phrase.) It was just a matter of time, just a matter of time, just a matter of *tiimme!*

Storyteller: I assume that you're here to help me with telling today's Bible Story. So, let me ask you, if one of these children here today offered to help you with leading a camp sing-along, what would your response be? (Take notes on the paper from the folder.)

Staff Member #1: Certainly not! I have led the sing-alongs for some time now. I am experienced. No offense, of course, but there is nothing that a *child* could do that would help me in any way.

Storyteller: I was just about to tell the children about a little girl who was a slave. She was taken from her family and brought to serve Naaman and his family. Naaman was a very powerful adult. He was a great soldier, who was regarded highly by the king.

Staff Member #1: Would you like me to come up with a song about Naaman to help you tell the story?

Storyteller: That might be something you could do later. But, back to the story. Naaman had leprosy. Leprosy, as you may know, was a terrible skin disease that was highly contagious and in most cases, incurable. The slave girl who worked for Naaman's family had faith in God. She had heard about the prophet Elisha. She knew God had the power to heal Naaman. So, she went to Naaman's wife and told her that Naaman should go to Elisha.

Staff Member #1: I'm sure that a great man like (sing the name) Naaman would not listen to the advice of a slave girl.

Storyteller: Well, he did listen. He went to Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger out to tell him to wash himself seven times in the river Jordan.

Staff Member #1: A messenger? Elisha sent a messenger out to such a great man?

Storyteller: That is correct. Naaman was offended at first, but after his servant talked to him, Naaman calmed down and did as Elisha told him. He was healed. A little girl's faith in God and her courage to tell others, even those who were older and more powerful, helped Naaman. God used this little girl's faith and courage. I just pointed out to the campers that I have discovered, by looking at the Bible stories we've talked about so far, that God used other children, as well. God values children.

Staff Member #1: You asked earlier if I would allow a child to assist me in leading a sing-along. I said no, but you know there are children here, who, believe it or not, (Storyteller might shake head in agreement here) sing even better than I. I should value them and let them help me.

Storyteller: That's right, kids. God calls you to respect the authority that He has placed over you. But never feel that just because you are a child that you are not as important as they are. God uses children. So, have faith and courage like the little slave girl. We're going to go back to our cabins and learn more about Naaman and the little girl. Let's pray first.

Father, thank You for being faithful to us; help us to repent from any pride in our life and learn how to come before You with humility. Let us have faith like the servant girl, believing in Your power and sovereignty. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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