



LESSON 46 SKIT

Principle: Faithfulness to God.

Bible Character: Daniel

Scripture Reference: Daniel 6



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read Daniel 6. As you read, notice Daniel's faithfulness throughout his life. He was characterized by integrity. Daniel 6:5 says, "So they concluded, 'Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.'" Take time to reflect on every part of your life and see if you are characterized by faithfulness and integrity. Do you stay faithful to God no matter what? Is your faith in God known by those around you? Does your integrity and character change in different environments? Do you model the love of Christ in every situation?



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

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Defy Gravity

Give one camper from each cabin a pair of blown up balloons (don't use helium, the balloons should not float on their own). Tell the campers that they have to keep the balloons off the ground using one hand. If a balloon falls to the ground, that camper is out. The camper who keeps the balloons off the ground the longest wins. If more than one camper is still in at the end of a minute, have them play rock, paper, scissors to determine the winner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector: Can anyone remember what happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (Allow responses.) We saw how they trusted God in every situation; obeying the authority placed over them, and making the choice to worship God alone and being thrown into a fiery furnace for that. Today we will see how Daniel trusted God. He was faithful to continue to worship God, even when things got tough. We also go through tough times. We can trust God just like Daniel did and continue to be faithful to serve Him. As we sing this last song, think about how you can always trust and obey God.

6) Skit

Follow God, Even When Others Do Not

ProPresenter:

None

AV: Pay attention to the places where the lights go down and up again (in italics). Also, pay attention to the sound of the lion's roar, written in bold and marked with an asterisk.

Characters:

Staff Member #1 - follows the map on the hike

Staff Member #2 - good leader, who does not follow a map

Staff Member #3 - just follows Staff Member #2

Props:

Back Packs

Map

Chicken Drumstick (Need One Per Service – Staff Member Will Eat One In Each Service)

Sound fx of a lion's roar

Script:

The lights should dim after the worship team exits. As the hiker begins to move toward the stage, bring only the front spotlights up.

Staff Member #1: (Pretends to be unaware of the campers. He is on a hike. Holding his open map, he hikes to the stage. He faces the audience, but is not speaking to the campers.) **Let's see...hum...according to the map, I should go this way.** (Point to the left.)

Staff Member #2 and Staff Member #3: (Enter from the left side of the stage. They are hiking as well, but are carrying no map.) **Oh, hi!**

Staff Member #1: **Are you guys hiking the Fox Tail Trail?**

Staff Member #2: **Yep! We couldn't wait to hike the new trail. They've been working to get it ready for**

several months. They officially opened it for hiking just this morning.

Staff Member #3: It's supposed to be a trail full of great scenery. I can't wait to see it.

Staff Member #1: Well, I'm hiking the Fox Tail Trail, too. According to my map, the trail will start over here. (Point to the left.) There are no signs, yet, but I picked up this map at the camp gift shop.

Staff Member #2: I didn't get a map, but I'm pretty sure the trail starts in this direction. (Points to the right.)

Staff Member #3: I didn't get a map either, but I trust (Staff Member #2). He/She's a pretty good leader. So, I'm just going to go along with whatever he/she says.

Staff Member #1: I'm sure I'm reading the map correctly. It's clear that the trail starts here. (Point left again.) Do you guys want to hike with me?

Staff Member #2: It can't start in that direction. It has to start here. (Point to the right.) Trust me. I'm headed this way.

Staff Member #3: Well, we're going to go ahead so that we can get back before Ms. Bea serves her fried chicken for lunch today. I don't want to miss out on that. You're welcome to join us. Like I said, (Staff Member #2) is a good leader. I'm just following him/her. You should follow along.

Both staff members hike off the stage to the right and then exit.

Staff Member #1: I don't know what to do. I have a map that clearly shows the way to go, but (Staff Member #2) is a good leader. Maybe I should just follow along. I don't want to be the only one going by the map. (Pause.) No, I am going to trust the map. It clearly shows the way to go. Even if I'm the only one following the map, I've got to do what's right. (Staff Member #1 hikes off stage and out the door.)

Lights dim. When Staff Member #3 takes position on stage, the front spotlights go up.

Staff Member #3: (Enters the stage without a backpack or hiking gear.) Campers, this has been a very long day in my life. I followed (Staff Member #2) to the brand new hiking trail, Fox Tail Trail. I was sure we were going the right way. I trusted (Staff Member #2) because he/she had led so many hikes before. I never thought to look at the map. If only I had listened to (Staff Member #1). To make a long story short, we got lost...terribly lost. We went in circles for the longest time until finally, we got so tired that we sat under a tree and prayed someone would rescue us. It was cold. We got so hungry and all I could think about every time my stomach growled was how we were missing Ms. Bea's fried chicken. I just sat there crying. When we were finally rescued, I thought about how I would give anything to tell (Staff Member #1) how right he/she was to follow the map in the right direction, even if no one else did.

Staff Member #1: (Enters with a piece of fried chicken drumstick in mouth.) Wow! This has got to be the best chicken ever!

Staff Member #3: Oh, that chicken looks good. I'm so hungry. (**SOUND FX of lion's roar.) (Staff Member #3 grabs his/her stomach.)

Staff Member #1: (Sees Staff Member #3.) Oh, hey! That was a great trail. The scenery was incredible. Did you guys find the trail?

Staff Member #3: Not exactly. I'll tell you the long story later. Right now, I need to tell you that you were right to follow the map and go the right way, even if no one else did.

Staff Member #1: Thanks for saying that. I just wish you guys had come along.

Staff Member #3: By doing what was right even when no one else did, you reminded me of Daniel. Do you remember Daniel from the Bible?

Staff Member #1: Sure. He was taken from his home along with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and forced to work for the king. Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, he followed God no matter what. He worked so hard at the work he was required to do and he tried to always do what was right in God's sight. He won the respect of the kings, even though they did not worship the one true God. Eventually, Daniel was appointed to an important job as a ruler under King Darius.

Staff Member #3: As a ruler, he was so well liked by King Darius that some other people in authority got jealous. They went to King Darius and convinced him to make a ruling that all people should pray to King Darius. And, of course, King Darius liked that idea. So, it became the law.

Staff Member #1: Daniel did not pray to King Darius. He only prayed to the one true God. Because King Darius had passed the law, Daniel had to be punished. His punishment was to be thrown into a pit full of hungry lions. (**SOUND FX of lion's roar. Staff Member #3 should look at his/her stomach.)

Staff Member #3: King Darius was so sad that his law affected his friend, Daniel. He couldn't go back on the law. He tried desperately, but it was too late. There was another law that said no law could be changed once it was passed. So King Darius could not change the law about praying. That might be a little confusing, but nonetheless, Daniel was thrown into the pit and King Darius didn't eat or sleep all night. As soon as the sun came up the next day, the king rushed to the lion's den. Daniel was there, unharmed. He told the king that God had sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. King Darius issued a decree that everyone in his kingdom should worship the God of Daniel, our God.

Staff Member #1: Even when everyone else obeyed the king and worshiped him, Daniel worshipped God. God rewarded Daniel's faithfulness and saved him from the hungry lions. Because of Daniel's faithfulness, a whole nation began to pray to the one true God.

Staff Member #3: When I was lost in the woods, I thought about how you followed the map. Even when others were going a different way, you followed the map. God's Word is our map for life. There are times when everyone is doing something that we know is not what God wants. We are tempted to follow them.

Staff Member #1: I see where you're going with this. I was tempted to follow you guys because I didn't want to be the only one following the map. But I followed the map alone and got to experience an incredible hike. Following God's Word, our map in life, is always the right thing to do, even if we're alone.

Staff Member #3: You may be the only person in your family who believes in God. You may be the only person in your class at school or in your neighborhood that believes in God. People might make fun of you and call you names for believing in God. But stay strong. Remember Daniel. He never stopped following God, no matter what. God rewarded his faithfulness and others were led to God.

Staff Member #1: Because of your faithfulness in following God, others could come to know him. That's exciting. And hey, remember, you may feel alone in following God, but you're never alone. God is always with you just as He was with Daniel in the lion's den. Let's pray.

Father, when we don't follow after You, we're lost. Following You, obeying Your Word, is the only way to have the life You've planned for us. Help us to be faithful in following You, even when we feel alone. Thank You for always being here with us. Amen.

Staff Member #3: We're going to let you guys go back to your cabins. I'm going to go to the cafeteria and see if Ms. Bea has any fried chicken left. *(***SOUND FX of lion's roar.)*



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