



LESSON 48 SKIT

Principle: Jesus always existed. John the Baptist prepared the way.

Bible Character(s): Jesus, John the Baptist

Scripture Reference: John 1, Luke 1



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Luke 1 and John 1. We will

introduce two separate truths addressed in John 1. The first doctrine explains Jesus as a part of the Trinity. We will present the concept that Jesus has and will always exist. He was born as man while being fully God. Keep in mind that this is hard for everyone to grasp. All of us struggle to understand the Trinity. It is important for the campers to know and believe that Jesus is God and that He created everything. We will also discuss John the Baptist's birth and his purpose to prepare the way for Jesus and spread the gospel. Spend time praying for your campers as we begin to study the New Testament and lay out the events that lead to Christ's death and resurrection.



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, mic check, pray)

2) Welcome Cabins

Band member says, "Welcome to Camp Grace!" before Intro song

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Spell G-R-A-C-E

Remind campers that in Camp Grace we "live out G-R-A-C-E" as we
Glorify God

Respect All Leaders
Accept Responsibility
Celebrate Christ
Encourage Others

Cabins will compete in heats, with five campers from two cabins competing at the front at a time. Give each cabin a set of letter cards – one for each camper. Tell them to keep the letters face down until the leader says go, at which time they will unscramble the cards to spell out GRACE. In case of a tie, see which cabin can tell what “G-R-A-C-E” stands for in Camp Grace.

5) Worship

Worship Connector: How many of you love celebrating birthdays? Well today we are going to talk about one person’s birthday as we start our study of the New Testament. We will study in the book of John to talk about the birth of John the Baptist, a man who came to prepare the way for Jesus. We are going to learn some amazing things about who Jesus is and how God used John the Baptist, even in his birth, to bring glory to Jesus. As we sing this next song, let’s thank and praise God for His love for us. There is no one like our God.

6) Skit

Who Came First?

7) Dismiss Cabins

Drama member dismisses cabins

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

Jesus picket sign

John the Baptist picket sign

Script:

Storyteller: Welcome to another day at Camp Grace. I hope you guys are enjoying Camp Grace as much as I am. It’s such a fun place to learn about God through His Word, the Bible. You know, we’ve learned so much this year. We’ve read about different characters in the Bible and looked at what we could learn from their lives. Let’s see if we can remember some of the characters we’ve talked about. There was Jonah. He learned to follow God’s plan or there could be consequences. He came out smelling like a fish because he wanted to go to Tarshish! (Make the sound of the drum after a joke.) But ump bump (tap mic). Is this thing on? Okay, and there were Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel. They all stood up for what they believed when everyone else was doing something wrong.

They showed real courage even when it seemed they might be barbequed or eaten. Can you guys remember some other characters from the Bible that we've studied this year? (Encourage the children to name some of the characters they remember. Here are some of the characters in the event that the children are not able to recall: Job, Esther, Nehemiah, King Josiah and King Hezekiah, Elijah.) It seems to me that you guys have been learning a lot. Great job!

Well, today is a very exciting day for us. We've finished the Old Testament. We're moving out of the Old Testament of the Bible and into the New Testament. So, if we're moving to the New Testament, can you take a guess and tell me the next character we'll study? (Let the children shout out answers.)

Staff Member #1 and Staff Member #2: (Each staff member enters carrying a sign like a picket sign. Staff Member #1's sign will say Jesus. Staff Member #2's sign will say John the Baptist. They will parade through the audience and then in front of the audience holding up their signs. They will each chant the word on their sign.)

Storyteller: (To children) This looks interesting. Let's find out what's going on. (To staff members and a little louder) Hey! What's going on you guys? Can you come up on stage with me and help us understand what the signs are for? (Both staff members respond and go onto the stage.)

Staff Member #1: Well, it's quite obvious what's going on. You asked who would be the next Bible character we'll study. Since we're going into the New Testament, that character will be Jesus. The first person we learn about in the New Testament is Jesus.

Staff Member #2: I disagree. I think the next character will be John the Baptist. He was born before Jesus was born. So, the next character to study is John the Baptist.

Storyteller: Well, there's nothing wrong with a little debate. What do you guys think? Do you think we'll study about Jesus first or John the Baptist first? Okay, okay, I have an idea. If you think we'll study Jesus first, raise your hand with (Staff Member #1) when I point to him/her (Staff Member #1 walks in to the audience and stands against one wall. Hold up sign when pointed to.) Now, if you think we'll study John the Baptist first, you will raise your hand with (Staff Member #2). (Staff Member #2 walks into the audience and stands against another wall. Hold up sign when pointed to.) When I point to the staff member, raise your hand and shout out the name on your sign. (Point to each staff member and allow the campers to raise their hands and shout the name just a few times each.) Are you ready to know who it is? Are you sure? All right, I'll point to the staff member of the character we'll study first. (Dramatically, keep the audience in suspense before you finally point to both staff members at once. Allow the audience to react for a few seconds.) Okay, okay. Everyone have a seat and I'll explain. Go back to your carpets and I'll tell you why you're both right. (Staff Member #1 and Staff Member #2 go to the stage still holding signs.)

Staff Member #1: What do you mean that we'll study them at the same time? How can we do that? I thought Jesus came first?

Staff Member #2: I know for a fact that John the Baptist came before Jesus. What are you up to?

Storyteller: Well, check this out. The Bible tells us that John the Baptist was born about 6 months

before Jesus.

Staff Member #2: I knew it.

Storyteller: You seem to be a John the Baptist fan. Tell us what you know about him.

Staff Member #2: Okay. I know that John the Baptist was born before Jesus. Actually, John the Baptist's mother and Jesus' mother were cousins. An angel came to John the Baptist's mother to tell her that she would give birth to a special child who would prepare the way for the Messiah – Jesus. John the Baptist spent his life telling others that Jesus was coming. He lived in the desert. His clothes were made of camel hair. For food, he ate locusts. He didn't care about having a nice house, nice clothes, or eating great food. He was completely focused on telling people about Jesus.

Storyteller: He was an incredible man. He only lived to tell others about Jesus. His message was so powerful that many came to hear him preach. They were moved by all that he said and they repented of their sin.

Staff Member #1: Okay. I get it now. John the Baptist came first because he spent his life telling people that Jesus was coming. So, why did you say we were both right?

Storyteller: Here's the twist. Even though John the Baptist was born about 6 months before Jesus was born, Jesus actually came first. You know how I know that? Well, when I read John 1, I find out that before John the Baptist, before anyone else, before the world was even created, Jesus existed. The Bible tells us that Jesus has always been here. See, God has three parts to Himself. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus humbled Himself to become a baby in a manger, He was here and He was God.

Staff Member #1: I think I get it. Jesus is God. So, Jesus has always been here. He was here before anyone or anything because He is God.

Storyteller: That's right.

Staff Member #2: Jesus, who is God, became a little baby so that He could come to the earth and save people from death. People needed to be told about this so God sent John the Baptist to prepare them. John the Baptist had to tell people about the One who would come and save them from their sin. I understand why we're studying about Jesus and John the Baptist at the same time.

Staff Member #1: I get it, too. It's a lot to understand, though. I hope we can talk more about it in our cabins.

Storyteller: That's exactly what we should do. Thank you everyone for listening and trying to understand this with us. We'll go to our cabins and learn more now. First, let's pray that God will help us understand His plan in sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus.

Father, Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son, Jesus to save us from our sins. Thank You for sending John the Baptist to help prepare the way. Help us understand more about Your

plan. Amen.



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