



LESSON 4 SKIT

Principle: Envy, anger, and mastering sin.

Bible Character: Cain and Abel

Scripture Reference: Genesis 4:1-15



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Genesis 4:1-15. After Cain

and Abel both presented offerings to God, God only accepted Abel's offering. Cain became angry and jealous, and ended up killing Abel. God punished Cain by making him a "restless wanderer on the earth", and putting a mark on him to protect him from being killed by anyone. We may not know exactly why Cain's offering was not accepted by God, but we can assume that Cain did not come to worship God with his offering in the right way. 1 John 3:12 says, "We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous." We can see that Cain had evil intentions in his heart, and God recognized that Cain was not worshipping Him with a heart filled with worship. Are there times in your life when you do the right thing, but your heart is not on the same page? How often do you approach God with a heart of worship? God knows the condition of your heart at all times, and He desires for us to always be filled with worship for Him. Pray about any sin you recognize in your heart that prevents you from worshipping God with a heart fully His.



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

Tissue Pull

Give one camper from each cabin an unopened tissue box. Tell them that when the game begins, they have to pull all of the tissues out of the box one at a time. The camper who pulls out all of tissues first wins the camp banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have been in a situation that seemed unfair to you? Did it make you feel angry? It's easy to feel this way when we feel like something was done against us. But God wants us to ask Him for help to fight against sin so that we can make choices that bring glory to His name. God is always faithful to help us so that we can master sin instead of letting sin take control, and when we do sin, He is always gracious when we come to Him with a repenting heart and ask forgiveness. If you believe and trust in Jesus, then you should desire to live for Him and glorify Him in all you do. Think about that as we sing this next song.

6) Skit

Out of Control

ProPresenter:

Slide: Genesis 4:7 "But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Contestant #1 (A guy who collects whistles. He will wear a few around his neck.)

Staff Member #2: Contestant #2 (This part is written for a female, but could easily be played by a male.)

Props:

Table for placing the cakes

One sad looking cake

One normal looking cake

Whistles for Contestant #1 to wear (the more, the better)

Remote control

Towel

Script:

Worship team exits stage. Storyteller enters.

Storyteller: Hi everybody! I'm pretty excited. Ms. Bea's birthday is today. Ms. Bea is the cafeteria lady here at Camp Grace and she makes the most delicious food I've ever eaten. Those of you who have eaten her fudge brownies know what I mean when I say they are the bomb! Oh, and what about her biscuits?! I need to stop. Just talking about Ms. Bea's food makes me hungry.

Anyway, as I said, Ms. Bea is having a birthday. She always makes the best birthday cakes for all of the staff. I decided it would be a good idea to have a cake-baking contest for the staff to see who could make the best cake for Ms. Bea. I had to keep the contest on the “down-low” because I didn’t want Ms. Bea to hear about it. Because of that, not many people heard about the caking baking contest. I only had two staff members sign up. I can’t wait to see the two cakes. Let’s start the contest. You guys can be the judges. Will the first contestant please come out with our first cake?

(Contestant #1 walks onto the stage with a very pitiful looking cake. It can be a tiny cake that might even look as if someone stepped on it. He places his cake on the table and immediately begins to mess with his whistles.)

Storyteller: Hi! That’s, that’s an *interesting* cake. Thank you for participating in our contest.

Contestant #1: Yeah, well, I heard there was a day off in this deal for the winner. I could really use a day off to organize my whistle collection.

Storyteller: Whistle collection? I’ve never known anyone with a whistle collection.

Contestant #1: Yeah, well, whistles are fascinating, actually. I have a whistle for every year that Camp Grace has been in existence.

Storyteller: That *is* fascinating. Let’s get on with the contest, though. Will the next contestant please come out?

(Contestant #2 walks on stage with a pleasant attitude and a beautiful cake. She places her cake on the table.)

Storyteller: Nice cake! You must have spent a lot of time on this.

Contestant #2: I *did* spend a lot of time on this. I’ve never baked a cake before, but I got excited about the contest. Ms. Bea is so special to all of us. I wanted to make something special for her.

Storyteller: Well, let’s have the vote from our distinguished judges. Vote with applause. All those who vote for cake #1, let me hear your applause. (Pause.) Okay. Now, all those who vote for cake #2, let me hear your applause. (Pause.) Well, there’s no doubt, the winner is: CAKE #2! Congratulations. I know Ms. Bea will be thrilled with her birthday cake.

Contestant #2: Thank you. I hope Ms. Bea has a great birthday. She deserves it.

Contestant #1: This is totally unfair! I deserve a day off.

Storyteller: I know it’s upsetting to lose.

Contestant #1: How can you know? You didn’t lose. I’ve wanted a day off for a while. This was my chance. My cake looks just as good as that sorry cake.

Contestant #2: If it's a day off you want, I'll give you the prize. I really just wanted to make a cake for Ms. Bea. I don't really care about the day off.

Contestant #1: (Mocks Contestant #2) "I don't really care about the day off." Well, guess what. I don't need your pity. You can keep your day off. And, here, you can keep my cake, too.

(Contestant #1 picks his cake up and goes to smash the cake into Contestant #2's face. Just as the cake is about to hit, the Storyteller should point the remote at both Contestants and hit "Pause" so both contestants freeze and stand completely motionless on stage.)

Storyteller: (Walks on stage, still pointing the remote control in the direction of the actors.) Don't worry I hit *pause* before the cake hit. I'm so sorry you had to see that. He really lost his temper, didn't he? Well, he's not the only one who lost his temper. I've gotten pretty mad before, haven't you? Have you ever gotten so mad that you said or did something that you wish you could take back? I have. There have been times when I wished I had a rewind button so I could just rewind and start over.

This is just a skit. I can pretend to pause or rewind the action before something gets out of control. In real life, that's just not possible. That's why it's so important that we realize when our feelings are getting out of control. We have to be able to stop them from getting out of control so that we don't sin. We don't want to be what I call "Cainabels." What's a "Cainabel"? Well, listen closely and I'll explain.

We have talked about Adam and Eve, the first people God created. Well, Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. They all lived outside the garden and had to work hard for their food. Cain was a farmer. Abel was a shepherd.

One day the two came to bring an offering to the LORD. The LORD was very pleased with the offering that Abel brought, but not so happy with Cain's. Well, that made Cain mad. God told Cain that there was no reason to be angry. He told Cain that if Cain would do the right thing, his offering would be accepted. (SLIDE)

God told Cain, "But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master." That was a warning for Cain to get his anger under control before he did something he would regret. Well, Cain didn't get control of his anger and he killed his brother, Abel.

When we let our feelings control us and we do something we regret, we become "Cainabels." You guys are going to talk about mastering sin in your cabins, today. Mastering sin means asking God to help you get control of your feelings and responses so that sin doesn't come through the door. In a way, it's like hitting a pause button. It's stopping and taking time to ask God for help before we let things get out of control through our words and actions...before we become "Cainabels."

I'm going to have to figure out how to keep this cake from being smashed into Contestant #2's face, but I'll do that after you campers are dismissed. You're going to go back to your cabins to learn more about this, but let's pray first.

Dear God, Help us to learn from Your Word how to master sin. Help us to learn to get control of our feelings and not let sin in the door. Prepare our hearts and minds for what You have to teach us today. Amen.



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