



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 5I SKIT

Principle: We must grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and people.

Bible Character(s): Jesus

Scripture Reference: Luke 2:40-52



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Luke 2:40-52. As Jesus grew

up, He had to study and learn just as we do. He sat in the temple to learn and grow. Jesus, who came to fulfill the law, took time to learn the law. He placed himself under the authority of the rabbis. Jesus' actions came from a heart that believed and trusted in His Father.

Do your actions come from a heart rooted in belief and trust in God, or do you act like others expect you to act? Do your campers follow rules because of a changed heart, or do their actions come from selfish motives?



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

Bottle Flip

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front. Tell them that they will all take turns flipping a partially filled water bottle and trying to get it to land upright. Let the campers continue taking turns flipping the bottle until one does it successfully. That camper is the winner and gets the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have grown a lot taller in the past year? All of you are still growing because you are still young. Did you know that Jesus grew just as you do? Today we are going to talk about different ways that Jesus grew and some of the choices He made so that He would grow. He grew taller just as you do, but He also grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and people. We will talk about how we can follow Jesus' example and grow in all of these areas as well. As we sing this next song, think about ways you can obey God so that you too can grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and people.

6) Skit

Grow in Wisdom, Stature, and Favor

ProPresenter:

Slide: Luke 2:52 "...the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom and God's favor was on him."

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Props:

Box

Photo Album

Script:

Band exits stage.

Storyteller: Good morning and welcome to Camp Grace! I hope you're enjoying your time here at Camp Grace. Did you know that when you grow up, you'll look back at these days with your friends as a fun memory?

Staff Member: (Brings in a package.) Hi! I hope I'm not late. I took a moment to stop by the camp post office to pick up a package that an old friend of mine sent. I can't wait to see what's in the package!

Storyteller: Cool! Who's the friend?

Staff Member: This friend was my *best* friend when we were kids. We did *everything* together. We had sleepovers almost every weekend. We rode our bikes all over the neighborhood. Once, when we were about 7 years old, we climbed up in our tree house and dropped water balloons on my big brother and his friends when they walked by. We took the rope ladder in so that they couldn't climb up and get us. I don't get to see him as much, now. I wonder what he sent. (Open the package.) Oh, cool! It's a photo album.

Storyteller: A photo album? Is it full of pictures of the two of you?

Staff Member: It is. This is so neat. Oh, here's one of the time we had a watermelon spitting contest and it turned into a watermelon fight. I had sticky watermelon all over me. Wow! That seems like so long ago.

Storyteller: It's fun to think back to fun times like that. You know I was just telling the campers how they'll look back on their days at Camp Grace one day and remember all their friends.

Staff Member: Oh, you will. Your days as a kid will be some of your most fun memories. You know, it's fun to look at these pictures of me as a kid. I wonder what Jesus was like as a kid. I wish we had some sort of picture of Him. I wonder if He had food fights and sleepovers.

Storyteller: Have you guys ever thought about what Jesus must have been like as a kid? We don't have a lot of information from the Bible to tell us what He was like. But we do know that He was Jewish. His parents talked with Him about God's Word. He attended school like some of you. He learned from the rabbi about God's Word. He also talked to God in prayer. Jesus probably helped his dad out in the carpentry shop. He may have even helped his mom with chores around the house. He probably ran, played and laughed with his seven younger brothers and sisters.

Staff Member: We know from the Bible that Jesus never sinned. So, that means when He was a boy, He always obeyed His parents. He always treated His little brothers and sisters with love and respect.

Storyteller: We do have one story in the Bible that helps us know more about Jesus as a boy. Some of you have heard this story. At 12 years old, Jesus went with his family on a trip to Jerusalem. All the families in the community traveled together. They went to observe the Jewish festivals. Now, they didn't have DVD players in their SUVs in those days. So, on the journey to and from Jerusalem, the children probably ran and played with each other. On the way home, Mary and Joseph must have thought Jesus was playing with friends. At some point, they realized that Jesus was missing.

Staff Member: I can't imagine how she must have felt. She probably ran frantically from family to family asking if they had seen her son. She and Joseph searched for their little boy for three days.

Storyteller: They finally found Him. Do you guys know where they found Him? (In the temple.) That's right. Jesus was still in Jerusalem. They found Him in the temple with the religious teachers. His mother was astonished. After searching for Him for three days, she asked Him why He had treated them that way.

Staff Member: Jesus thought they would naturally know that He would be sitting at His Father's feet. He was drawn to the temple where the teachers were talking about His Father, God.

Storyteller: In this story, we find the best description of what Jesus was like as a boy. Luke 2:40 tells us that Jesus grew strong. He was a healthy and strong little boy. This verse also tells us that Jesus was a very wise little boy. Another thing that we learn from this verse is that people liked Jesus. Most importantly, we learn that God was pleased with Jesus.

Staff Member: I know that verse. (**SLIDE) "...the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him." You know, it's fun to remember my childhood, but I hope that as I look through this photo album of memories with my best friend, I'll see that I've grown in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. I want to be like Jesus.

Storyteller: That's something we all should want for our lives. We can pray that God will work in our hearts to help us grow wiser so that we can please God more and be who He wants us to be so that we can share His love with others around us. Let's pray.

Father, thank You for showing us a picture of Jesus as a boy. Work in our hearts, God, and help us to grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Amen.



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