



LESSON 52 SKIT

Principle: We must repent of sin. God was pleased with Jesus. Jesus came to save.

Bible Character(s): Jesus and John the Baptist

Scripture Reference: Luke 3: 1-18, Matthew 3: 1-17



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Luke 3 and Matthew 3. Focus

on John's words in Matthew 3:7-10. John's preaching prepares the way for Jesus. How do you prepare your heart for Christ? Is there an unforgiving spirit, bitterness, or other sin in your heart that prevents your growth? As you prepare to teach your campers about repentance and baptism, think about the difference between trying to change your actions as opposed to allowing Christ to change your heart and having your actions flow from a renewed heart. We want our campers to focus on their need for Christ because of their sin, not just trying to change their behavior. We will also discuss baptism and how Jesus began His ministry by being baptized. Baptism is an outward act symbolizing a changed heart. God calls us to follow Jesus by repenting and being baptized. Have you ever followed Jesus by being baptized as a believer? Spend some time in prayer and ask God to reveal how He can change your heart so that you live in a way that brings glory to God in every area of your life.



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

Mummy Time

Give each cabin one roll of toilet paper. Instruct the campers to work together to wrap the toilet paper around one counselor, using up the entire roll. The first cabin to use their whole roll of toilet paper wins the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector: Does anyone know what repentance means? It means turning from sin to God. This is what John the Baptist preached to the Israelites to help them begin to prepare their hearts for Jesus. John the Baptist's words are not just for the Israelites. They apply to us as well. Our hearts are sinful and we need to repent to be right with God. Jesus came to earth to be the sacrifice for our sin. He wants us to put our belief and trust in Him, and to turn from our sinful ways. God is pleased with us when we repent. As we sing this next song, use this time to prepare your heart for the things you will hear today.

6) Skit

Real Repentance

Characters:

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

1 plate of cookies

Script:

(Staff Member #1 and Staff Member #2 come on stage. Staff Member #1 has a plate of cookies.)

Staff Member #1: Good morning Camp Grace campers! Welcome to Camp Grace!

Staff Member #2: What do you have there?

Staff Member #1: Oh, I stopped by to see Ms. Bea this morning before coming over. She gave me this plate of cookies to take to Nurse Lovepain's for the sick children there.

Staff Member #2: Good idea. I hope they enjoy them. Hey, kids, we've been talking about Jesus for the last couple of weeks. We talked about the miracle of His birth. We talked about how He was recognized by the Magi, Simeon, and Ana.

Staff Member #1: We also talked about what Jesus was like as a boy.

Staff Member #2: We're going to continue talking about Jesus today. But first, who remembers talking about John the Baptist?

(Staff Member #2 grabs a cookie, takes a small bite and puts it back on the plate.)

Staff Member #1: Hey! What are you doing?

Staff Member #2: Oh, I'm so sorry. I couldn't help myself. I won't do it again.

Staff Member #1: I forgive you. I know they look good and they're hard to resist.

Staff Member #2: John the Baptist. Let's see, he was Jesus' cousin. He lived in the desert. He wore camel hair clothes and ate locusts.

Staff Member #1: I imagine lots of people thought he was strange. Enormous crowds came to see John and it wasn't to look at his strange clothes or to watch him eat locusts. They came to hear his powerful and unique preaching.

(Staff Member #2 grabs a cookie, takes a small bite and puts it back on the plate.)

Staff Member #1: You did it again! These are for the sick children.

Staff Member #2: I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. Please forgive me.

Staff Member #1: I forgive you. Please try to control yourself.

Staff Member #2: John the Baptist was a man that God sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Each day John told the people that God loved them so much that He was sending a Deliverer to them. John's powerful message to the people was different than anything they had heard before. He told them to repent from their sins and live new lives.

(Staff Member #2 grabs a cookie, takes a small bite and puts it back on the plate.)

Staff Member #1: Hey! Now, look, this has got to stop. You keep eating the cookies. You say you're sorry. I forgive you and then, you turn right around and do it again. What's going on?

Staff Member #2: I shouldn't eat the cookies. I just thought this would be a good way to make an important point in the Bible story.

Staff Member #1: This better be a good point.

Staff Member #2: It is. One of the things that John the Baptist kept telling the people was to "prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins," or "produce fruit in keeping with repentance."

Staff Member #1: What does that mean?

Staff Member #2: Well, each time I took a bite of the cookies, I said I'm sorry, right?

Staff Member #1: Yes, you did say you were sorry. But, then you would turn right around and do it again. I've got to tell you that the words, "I'm sorry" lose their meaning when you just keep repeating the behavior.

Staff Member #2: Exactly! That's what John was telling the people. They said they were sorry for their sins, but continued to live the same old lives. Their repentance wasn't real. Their lives didn't show that they wanted to live their lives to please God. Real repentance of sin is when we realize that our sin is something Jesus died for. He gave His life for our sin. When we realize how much our sin hurts Him, we are truly sorry.

Staff Member #1: Just like when you were eating the cookies – if you were truly sorry, you would try not to eat anymore. If we are truly sorry for our sin, we try, with God's help, to not repeat the sin.

Staff Member #2: When the people truly repented of their sins, John baptized them.

Staff Member #1: Baptism is a symbol. The water can't truly wash our sins away. Only Jesus' blood can wash sin away when we repent and ask forgiveness. But baptism symbolizes our sin being washed away, leaving us clean again. Baptism is a symbol for new life.

Staff Member #2: I think of baptism being a symbol like a wedding ring is a symbol. My mom's wedding ring is just a symbol that she is married to my dad. When she takes it off to wash dishes, is she still married? (Yes.) Right. Even if she takes the ring off, she's still married. But when people see the ring, they know she's married. When I confess my sins, ask for forgiveness, and realize that Jesus died to save me from those sins, I am saved. At that point, I begin a new life. Baptism is a symbol of my new life with Jesus. It's something others can see.

Staff Member #1: One day as John the Baptist was preaching to the people, Jesus came to be baptized. Remember, Jesus had no sin in His life.

Staff Member #2: That's right, and John realized he was unworthy to baptize Jesus, the perfect Son of God, but Jesus asked him to and John obeyed. Jesus had no need to be forgiven for anything.

Staff Member #1: God was pleased with Jesus. He sent the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove to rest on Jesus. Then, the sky opened up and God said, "This is my Son, Whom I love and with Him I am well pleased."

Staff Member #2: We've talked about repentance, which is being truly sorry for our sins. We've also talked about baptism, which is a symbol for our new lives when we accept Jesus as our Savior. Those two things might be a little difficult for you to understand. But don't worry; you'll talk more about those things in your cabins. Let's pray and ask God to help us to understand.

Father, We thank You that You sent Your one and only Son to save us from our sins. Without the price He paid for us, we would die for our sins. Help us to truly understand the way You have made for us to come to You. Be with us in our cabins as we look at repentance and baptism. Amen.



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