



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 55 SKIT

Principle: You must believe in Christ to be born again.

Bible Character(s): Jesus and Nicodemus

Scripture Reference: John 3:1-18



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read John 3:1-18, and Ephesians

2:1-9. As you read, focus on how Jesus moves Nicodemus from the physical reality to the spiritual reality. Spend some time praying that your campers will be able to move from thinking of birth in the physical sense to understanding the spiritual reality of new life through Jesus Christ.

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

Lung Capacity

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front and give each a balloon. Explain that each camper only gets one breath to blow up his or her balloon as big as possible. Give the campers a countdown from three, then let them blow up their balloons. After the campers have blown up their balloons, compare sizes and give the banner to the camper with the largest balloon.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

We just finished singing about how God is faithful forever and his love never fails. Our next song talks about God's amazing grace. It is through this love and grace that God breaks the power of sin in our lives and gives us a new life when we believe in his son, Jesus. He is worthy to be praised! Let's worship him by singing for all that he has done for us.

6) Skit

The Best Birthday

ProPresenter:

none

Characters:

Staff Member #1 (Has a black eye and a bandage on his head.)

Staff Member #2

Props:

Birthday party hats and noisemakers

Some make-up to make a black eye and bandages for Staff Member #1's head

Script:

Staff Members enter wearing party hats and using noisemakers.

Staff Member #1: Wow! That was some birthday party!!

Staff Member #2: I know! My favorite part was when you played pin the tail on the donkey.

Staff Member #1: How was I supposed to know it was a real donkey? That was just cruel...for the donkey *and* for me. (Rubs eye.)

Staff Member #2: When you stuck that pin in that donkey's behind and he...

Staff Member #1: Well, at least I hit my target.

Staff Member #2: So did he! (Touches the black eye.)

Staff Member #1: Apparently, some of us are better at finding targets with a blindfold on than others. (Rubs head.)

Staff Member #2: Again, I'm sorry I hit you with the stick. You shouldn't have been standing so close to the piñata, though.

Staff Member #1: I was standing on the other side of the yard! (Rubs head.)

Staff Member #2: At least you'll have some scars to remember the party by. I just love birthday

parties. Hey, when's your birthday, by the way?

Staff Member #1: Which one?

Staff Member #2: Which one?! Maybe you did get hit a little hard. You can only have *one* birthday.

Staff Member #1: Oh, not true, my party hat-wearing friend. I have two birthdays.

Staff Member #2: Now, I know you've got a serious head injury. You can't have two birthdays. Hey, that reminds me! You used to say you had two birthdays when you were two. I was at your birthday party when you were two. My mom has it on video. Your mom asked, "How old are you, snookems?" You were so cute. You said, "I two birfdays." It was simply precious.

Staff Member #1: Well, precious or not, I do have two birthdays. I have the one when I was born, and I have another birthday. I celebrate the day I was born again.

Staff Member #2: Maybe I had better put in a call to the doctor. You're not making a lot of sense.

Staff Member #1: You're not the first to be confused about being born again. In fact there was a guy named Nicodemus who asked Jesus about being born again. The story is in the John 3:1-8. Jesus explained the difference between spiritual birth and physical birth. See, when I came into the world, I was a sinner.

Staff Member #2: No, I saw the videos of you as a baby. You were the cutest, most precious thing. There's no way you were a sinner.

Staff Member #1: Even as a cute, innocent looking baby, a person is a sinner. It goes back to Adam. Remember him? Because of his sin against God, we all are sinners. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Staff Member #2: The Bible also says that the cost of being a sinner is death.

Staff Member #1: That's right. Sin separates us from God. We cannot have a relationship with a holy God and have sin in our lives. The only way to live with God forever is to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who came to save us from our sin. When we believe that Jesus paid the price for our sin when He died on the cross and then rose again, we become like new. We have the Holy Spirit living inside us and our sins are forgiven. We can live forever with Jesus in heaven.

Staff Member #2: So, you're saying that when we believe that God loved us enough to send His only Son to save us from our sin, we will not die for our sin, but have eternal life.

Staff Member #1: Right. And, believing that is like being born again. When we are sinners we are spiritually dead because of our sin. We are separated from God. When we believe in Jesus Christ we are given a new life.

Staff Member #2: You celebrate the day you were born into the world and you celebrate that you

now believe that Jesus came to save you from sin.

Staff Member #1: That's two birthdays. I have to say, though, that my favorite birthday is the one where I was born again. Eternal life! Can you think of a better birthday present?

Staff Member #2: That's cool. It's a lot to understand, though. Are we going to talk more about being born again in our cabins?

Staff Member #1: Yes. Let's pray first.

Father, thank You for sending Your only Son to die for our sins. When He died in my place, He gave me the chance to have a new eternal life. Help us to understand this as we learn more about it in our cabins. Amen.



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