



Grace Church Elementary

# Camp Grace

## LESSON 56 SKIT

**Principle:** Jesus has the power to heal and the power to forgive.

**Bible Character(s):** Jesus and the paralytic

**Scripture Reference:** Mark 2:1-12



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, read Mark 2:1-12. As you read

through the verses, focus on the faith of the friends and the paralyzed man in seeking Jesus for healing. They believed Jesus could heal the physical need of their paralyzed friend. In verse 5, Jesus responded by forgiving the man's sin. What is more important, to have our sins forgiven or our circumstances changed? Jesus' purpose for coming to earth was to die for our sins and provide spiritual healing. He has the power to change our circumstances and heal us physically, but this is not His focus. The condition of our heart is His priority. Do you dwell on your circumstances as you pray or do you focus on the condition of your heart? Are you more concerned with your outward circumstances, with getting what you want now, or are you seeking to bring glory to God in all that you say and do despite your circumstances?



### **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**

## Coin Flip

Each cabin has a coin to flip. They flip with the host on the count of three. If the cabin matches the host coin they remain in the competition (stay standing). If the cabin does not match the host coin, the cabin is eliminated (sit down). Last cabin standing wins.

## **5) Worship Set**

### Worship Connector

Do any of you know someone who is sick or hurt? How amazing would it be to see them healed without using medicine or doctors or surgery? Today we are going to see Jesus heal a man who could not walk. But you know what? This is actually not the most amazing thing about the story we are learning about today. The amazing thing is that Jesus forgave this man's sins; He healed this man's heart, not just his legs. Let's continue to praise God for how awesome He is. He loves us enough to forgive our sins so that we can live with Him forever.

## **6) Skit**

Jesus Has the Power

### **ProPresenter:**

none

### **Characters:**

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2 (Staff Member #2 has plastic fish in his hair, artificial plants around his neck and water on his clothes.)

### **Props:**

Plastic fish

Artificial ivy

### **Script:**

Staff Member #1 comes in and sits in a chair or on the edge of the stage. He/She should appear to be upset or worried. Staff Member #1 should continue to appear preoccupied with worry as Staff Member #2 tells his fish story. The only humor in the skit is in the fish story. Staff Member #2 should add his/her own creativity to the story to pull the children in through humor and get their attention on the Bible story.

Staff Member #2: (Pull fish out of hair during the story.) I'm glad I found you. I looked at the canteen, where we were supposed to meet, but I guess you got tired of waiting there. I'm so sorry I'm late. You won't believe what happened to me. I was on the way to meet with you when I saw one of our campers on the dock trying to reel in a fish. I could tell this fish was going to be a whopper and that our friend might need a little help reeling it in. Well, I went over to help and it felt like the fish called for his own reinforcements. That fish and his fish friends pulled me right in. Everyone laughed. You would have loved it. You know how you laugh so hard when I... Hey! Are you with me here? You seem to be in your own little world.

Staff Member #1: What? Oh, I'm sorry. I'm just, well, it's just that I have a lot on my mind. I'm worried about something.

Staff Member #2: Whatever it is, it must really have you worried. I've never seen you so quiet. But, you know, you don't have to worry.

Staff Member #1: You don't even know what's going on. If you had a problem like this, you'd be worried, too.

Staff Member #2: No matter how big your problem may seem, you don't have to handle it on your own. Check this out. You know when Jesus began his ministry, crowds gathered around Him to hear Him speak. One time He was speaking in a house. There were people crowded together like sardines on the inside of the house, and people packed tightly around the house. They were all just trying to hear Him speak! Everyone wanted to hear what Jesus had to say.

Staff Member #1: I hope no one had to get out or get in. It doesn't sound like they would be able to.

Staff Member #2: Exactly! In fact, there were four men who needed to get in. They desperately wanted to see Jesus. See, they had a friend who was paralyzed. Does anyone know what it means to be paralyzed? (Unable to move.) You're right. Their friend couldn't move. They put him on something like a stretcher and took him to the place where Jesus was. Do you know why they were taking the friend to Jesus? (They had faith that Jesus could heal him.)

Staff Member #1: I bet they were disappointed when they got there. They probably couldn't get through the crowd, it was packed so tightly around the house and packed inside the house.

Staff Member #2: They didn't give up, though. In those days, the Jewish people live in houses with flat roofs. The top of the roof was covered with either thick thorns or reeds. They got to the top of the house with their friend. They must have worked hard to get him to the top of the roof. Then, they worked to make a hole in the roof big enough to fit their friend through. They lowered their friend in to Jesus.

Staff Member #1: Jesus was right in the middle of teaching. Was He upset they interrupted?

Staff Member #2: Jesus wasn't upset at all. He saw the amazing love these four men had for their friend, that they would work so hard just to get the friend to Jesus. He also saw how much faith they had. They believed that Jesus was the Son of God and that He had the power to heal. The first thing Jesus did was forgive the man of his sin. This was not what everyone expected. They were amazed that Jesus forgave his sins. Many people didn't think Jesus could forgive someone's sin, so then Jesus healed him. The people had never seen anything like it. The man got up and walked. The people saw a spiritual and a physical miracle. They realized that Jesus had the power to forgive and the power to heal.

Staff Member #1: What great friends! They went through so much to lead their friend to Jesus, the One with the power to forgive and the power to heal.

Staff Member #2: You've got great friends, too. I'm one of them. I told you that story to remind you that Jesus is never too busy for you. He loves you and wants you to bring whatever is bothering you to Him. I want to remind you to go to Jesus with your problems. He is all-powerful. He can forgive you. He can heal you. You just need to trust Him.

Staff Member #1: You're right. I don't need to try to figure my problem out alone. Just like the man who was paralyzed, I cannot help myself. All I have to do is go to Jesus. He has all the power to help me, no matter what my problem is. You reminded me of something else, too. I have friends who need Jesus. I need to be willing to work as hard as those four men to lead my friends to Jesus.

Staff Member #2: That's right. We can see from this story that Jesus has the power to forgive and to heal, not just ourselves, but our friends too. Let's pray.

Jesus, You have the power to heal. You have the power to forgive. Help us to remember that just like the paralytic, we can't help ourselves. We need You. You can do all things. Help us to love enough to lead others to You. Amen.



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