



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 57 SKIT

Principle: The character traits Jesus calls us to have.

Bible Character(s): Jesus

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:3-12



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Matthew 5:3-12. Focus on

the character traits and the blessings that come with them. Notice how the characteristics we are called to have are counter to what the world calls us to be. The blessings of following Christ also differ from the rewards the world values. Salvation by God, and an inward contentedness and joy, are much greater than any temporary pleasure or reward here on earth. How are these character traits displayed in your life? Do you struggle displaying any of them? Be prepared to share with your campers any struggles you have, or how you see God working in you through manifesting certain character traits. Spend some time in prayer this week asking God to use you to communicate this truth to your campers.



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

Stack Attack

Each cabin will be given 15 plastic cups. Explain they must work together to stack their cups in a triangle shape, in a sequence of 5 cups on the first layer, then 4, then 3, then 2, then 1. If the cups fall they must start over. The first cabin to finish wins the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have had your parents tell you that you need to work on your attitude? Sometimes it's hard to have a good attitude when you have to do something that you don't like to do. Today we are going to look at what Jesus says about attitudes. We are going to learn about the kind of attitude and character traits that God calls us to have. As we continue worshiping this morning, think about your attitude right now. Are you going through the motions and singing because everyone else is doing that, or do you have an attitude of worship? Are you praising God as you sing? Let's truly worship and praise God and ask Him to open our hearts to see how He desires our hearts to overflow and reflect His love and character.

6) Skit

Beatitude Attitude

ProPresenter:

Slide 1: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Campers"

Slide 2: "Beatitude Attitude"

Slide 3: Give up my rights to serve others.

Slide 4: Point to the One who is the best: JESUS

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Mr. Motivational (a motivational speaker hired to teach the campers "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Campers" Speak with great enthusiasm and excitement.)

Props:

High energy music to play when Mr. Motivational enters

Script:

Storyteller: Campers, we have something very exciting planned for you. We have a guest speaker for you today. This person is someone who travels all over the country motivating campers just like yourselves to be the best they can be. Let's give a big Camp Grace welcome to Mr. Motivational!

Mr. Motivational: Thank you! Thank you! It's fantastic to be with you today. Let's get right to it. I'm Mr. Motivational and I'm here today to teach you "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Campers."

*** SLIDE 1—"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Campers"

Everyone hold up your hand. Hold it high in the air like this. Now, repeat after me: I am great. (I am great.) I am great. (I am great.) I am great. (I am great.) Now, turn your hand like so and pat your back. You deserve it. You are great. But, you're an ordinary kind of great. You can stop patting now. I'm here to show you just how great you can be. I want to help you reach your highest potential. That's right. You have the potential inside of you to be a highly effective camper.

Let's imagine that Camp Grace is a highway. You're in your car. Everyone hold your steering wheel like this. We're driving together down the highway of Camp Grace. We're all ordinary campers in ordinary cars. We see a speed bump up ahead. What do we do? Come on, shout it out. What do we do? (Slow down!) Okay, now, we see a stop sign up ahead. What are we going to do? (Stop.) Exactly. We slowed down. We stopped. Why? Because we're ordinary campers. Well, ordinary campers, park those cars right now. Pull over. Get out of that ordinary car and get ready to get a brand new car. What kind of car? A sports car. From now on, we're going to go down the Camp Grace highway as highly effective campers in highly effective cars.

What is a highly effective camper? Well, a highly effective camper is popular. Everyone likes this camper. This camper is rich. This camper has it all. This camper is never bothered by anyone else's problems. You can be that camper. That's right you can get out of your ordinary car on the Camp Grace highway and begin driving a sports car. Sound good?

Storyteller: I don't want to interrupt you, but I just have to. I know you've put a lot into your car driving motivational speech and I respect that. The things you're talking about, though: being rich, having it all, being liked by everyone, and not worrying about anyone's problems - those are things that the world wants. At Camp Grace, we do things a little differently than the world does. See, we're not ordinary campers at all. We have "Beatitude Attitudes."

***SLIDE 2 – "Beatitude Attitude"

Mr. Motivational: "Beatitude Attitudes"? That's catchy. You've got my attention. I'm listening. Tell me more about these "Beatitude Attitudes."

Storyteller: It started with Jesus. He taught the "Beatitude Attitude" to his followers. He taught that to have real joy in life, we have to be willing to give up our rights and serve others.

***SLIDE 3 – Give up my rights to serve others.

We do that knowing that God has blessings stored up for us.

Mr. Motivational: Give up my rights to serve others? What does that mean? Can we put in a car analogy?

Storyteller: Hmm, a car analogy, okay. Try this. Get in your ordinary cars again. Hands on your steering wheels at 10 and 2 like so. Okay, we're driving along the Camp Grace highway. We see someone walking with a heavy load. See him? He's really struggling to carry all those packages. Oh, and look, he's limping, too. We're going to pull over and offer him a ride.

Mr. Motivational: Offer him a ride? We can't do that! If we get off the highway, we lose time in trying to get to the finish line. We're driving to a goal of being the best. If we get off to offer someone a ride, we'll be last. Everyone else will beat us.

Storyteller: That's okay. We're having a "Beatitude Attitude." God will take care of us. Now, we've dropped our new friend off with his packages and we're going down the Camp Grace highway again. Oh, look someone's car has broken down. She's crying. Let's pull over and find out what's going on. It seems she is on her way to the airport. She is going on a mission trip to Nicaragua. If she misses the

plane, she can't go on the mission trip to help all those people. Let's give her a ride to the airport.

Mr. Motivational: No, no, no! The airport is back that way. We'll be going in the opposite direction. We'll be even further behind everyone. We can't take her to the airport.

Storyteller: It's okay if everyone else races by us. God will take care of us. See, we're not ordinary campers, at all. Everyone else is racing to get to the goal of being great or being the best. We're stopping along the way to give up our rights and help others reach their goals. That's the "Beatitude Attitude."

Mr. Motivational: So, your goal is not to be the best.

Storyteller: Our goal is to point to the One who is the best: Jesus.

***SLIDE 4 – Point to the One who is the best: JESUS

We put our rights aside to serve others. That way they can see how great Jesus is. We put our rights aside, knowing that God will take care of all we need. It's a "Beatitude Attitude."

Mr. Motivational: Let me get this straight. You put your rights aside. You serve others. That points them to Jesus (point to slide). And, you do all of this trusting that God will take care of you. This is the "Beatitude Attitude." Well, I have to say you guys are far from being ordinary campers. This is very different.

Storyteller: You've got it. And, I just want to add that we can't do this on our own. The Holy Spirit works in us to help us give up our rights to serve others when we believe and trust in Jesus. We can't have a "Beatitude Attitude" on our own. Let's pray.

Jesus, we can only have a "Beatitude Attitude" when we believe and trust in You. Help us to believe and trust in You. Amen.



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