



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 58 SKIT

Principle: How and what to pray.

Bible Character(s): Jesus

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:5-15



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Matthew 6:5-15. Spend the

week journaling your prayers. See if you have seen a pattern in your prayers. Do you spend time in communion with God? Do you spend time honoring Him, or is prayer a time to list your needs and wants? God desires fellowship with us, and prayer is an important part of our relationship with Him. Jesus himself went away to pray to the Father while here on earth. It is important for us to be intentional in our prayer life by setting aside time to be still before God in prayer. Prayer is a powerful tool God has given us, and it is important that we are faithful in prayer.



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

Cotton Ball Competition

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front, and have all of the classes move to the side of the room. Explain to the campers that they need to move as many cotton balls from one line to the other (tape lines will be on the floor). They will have Vaseline put on their nose and that is the only way they can transfer the cotton balls. They cannot use their hands, can only shake off the cotton ball from

their nose. Give each team a pile of cotton balls. The camper who moves the most cotton balls in 2 minutes wins the camp banner for his/her cabin.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

There is one specific thing that we do in Camp Grace every week that's very important. Does anyone want to guess what that is? (Allow responses.) We pray! When we pray, we are talking to God. Do you spend time talking to your friends? If you didn't spend time talking with them, you wouldn't be able to get to know them. Talking to God is very important. If we don't spend time praying, we'll never fully know who God is and how much He loves us. He wants to talk with us. Let's continue to worship and praise God because He wants to hear from us and He listens to what we have to say.

6) Skit

Prayer That God Accepts

ProPresenter:

Slide 1: Pray with respect for God and for His name.

Slide 2: God is our only audience in prayer. He is our audience of One.

Slide 3: Pray that God's plans are accomplished on earth. Pray for your physical and spiritual needs.

Characters:

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

A big sign announcing Parents Weekend at Camp Grace

A very long piece of paper, rolled up, with several items written upon it.

Notebook and pen

Script:

Staff Member #1: (Sits on the edge of the stage holding the scrolled list. He or she writes more on the list. He or she is very focused on the task.)

Staff Member #2: (Walks in holding a notebook and pen. Acts as if he or she is checking things off a list.) **Oh, hey! I'm just checking off some of the things I need to do to get ready for Parents' Weekend. Are you working on a to-do list for Parents' Weekend, too?**

Staff Member #1: **No, no, actually, (very proudly) the Camp Director asked me to lead the prayer before the dinner at Parents' Weekend.**

Staff Member #2: **That's nice. I'm sure you're honored.**

Staff Member #1: **It is an honor, but I totally get why I would be asked. I mean, I don't know if you've**

noticed, but I've been praying some very nice prayers at different camp events, lately. Everyone has been telling me how they liked my prayers. Right now, I'm working on the list of things I think I'll put in my Parents' Weekend prayer. I'm going to start with the basics: blessings on the camp, good weather, health, yada, yada, yada, but then, I thought while I'm praying, I would add a few of my own requests. I need a few new things in my cabin. My brother would like a new play station. I might ask for a new staff shirt. (Roll out list.)

Staff Member #2: **Wow! You've got quite a list there. Since you're working on your prayer, you might want to look at Matthew 6:5-15. In that scripture, Jesus teaches us about the kind of prayer that God accepts.**

Staff Member #1: **You're saying that there's a kind of prayer that God *does not* accept? I never thought about that. Tell me more.**

Staff Member #2: **Well, Jesus gave us a model prayer. We call this prayer "The Lord's Prayer."**

Staff Member #1: **Oh, I know that prayer. Do you think I should scrap all of this and just pray "The Lord's Prayer"?**

Staff Member #2: **There's nothing wrong with praying "The Lord's Prayer." But, Jesus gave it to us as a model. God wants our prayer to be a prayer from our own hearts, not necessarily a prayer that we've learned to recite. We can look at "The Lord's Prayer" as an example.**

First, we learn that it is a privilege to talk to God. Have you ever thought about that? The God who made the entire universe takes the time to listen to our prayers. So, when we talk to Him, we do it with great respect for Him and for His very name.

***SLIDE 1 – Pray with respect for God and for His name.

Second, Jesus says that we should focus on God and not on any of the people who might be praying with us. We don't need to think of those people as our audience. We need to think of God as our only audience.

***SLIDE 2 – God is our only audience in prayer. He is an audience of One.

Staff Member #1: **I never thought of that. I'm preparing to pray the perfect prayer that will impress all these people at Parents' Weekend. The thing is, I'm not praying to them. I'm praying to God. He should be the only one I'm thinking about.**

Staff Member #2: **Right. When we pray we have an audience of One. Also, when we look at "The Lord's Prayer," we see what God wants us to ask for. He wants us to pray that His plans on earth will be accomplished. He wants us to pray to Him about our physical needs like our food and health. He wants us to pray to Him about our spiritual life, asking for forgiveness of sin and protection from temptation.**

***SLIDE 3 – Pray that God's plans are accomplished on earth. Pray for physical and spiritual needs.

Staff Member #1: **So, my whole list of things here is probably not how God wants me to pray.**

Staff Member #2: **Well, God wants us to pray for what we need and even what we want, but we should not treat a prayer like a wish list.**

Staff Member #1: **I'm trashing my list. I'm off track. I got so caught up in praying in front of a crowd that I was focused on praying a prayer that the people would accept. I'm going to go back to my cabin and study Matthew 6:5-15. I want to pray a prayer that is acceptable to God.**

Staff Member #2: **We're going to study more about prayer in our cabins, too. We want to pray prayers that are acceptable to God. Let's just pray together now before we go back to our cabins.**

Father, thank You for caring so much for us that You hear our prayers. Help us to learn to pray to you in a way that is pleasing to you Lord, a way that glorifies and magnifies you. Amen.



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