



# Grace Church Elementary

# Camp Grace

## LESSON 62 SKIT

**Principle:** The outward appearance does not determine our standing before God.

The condition of our heart does.

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

**Scripture Reference:** Mark 7:1-23



### **PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, please read Mark 7:1-23. Certain

customs and rituals had been developed and elevated in importance above God's Law. The Pharisees strove to observe these religious traditions. They were more concerned with keeping these traditions than allowing God to change their hearts to live for Him. As you read about the ceremonies and traditions of the Pharisees, think about the different rituals or traditions you keep that do not accurately reflect your heart. It might be a routine prayer before a meal, communion, a worship response, or serving others. What are your motives behind your behavior? Are you more concerned with how others see you, or with how God sees you? Are your behaviors and actions based on Biblical truth or man-made rules? Do you judge others who do not follow your rules? Spend a few minutes in prayer and ask God to reveal how you live for yourself and how you appear to others, instead of living for Him.



### **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

### Tissue Pull

Give one camper from each cabin an unopened tissue box. Tell them that when the game begins, they have to pull all the tissues out of the box one at a time. The camper who pulls out all the tissues first wins the camp banner for the week.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector:

How many of you have ever followed a rule because you wanted everyone around you to think you were a good person? (Allow responses.) Today we are going to look at whether we do things because of our desire to love and please God, or because we are trying to please ourselves. We'll see that our actions do not make us right with God. The condition of our heart is what matters to Him. God cares about your heart, not your outward appearance or the rules that you follow. As we sing this next song, let's thank God for loving us enough to care about the condition of our heart, and for being our trustworthy God!

## 6) Skit

### Condition of the Heart

#### **Characters:**

Host

Staff Member #1-wears Camp Grace T-shirt, is nicely groomed

Staff Member #2- wears Camp Grace T-shirt, is nicely groomed

Staff Member #3-not wearing Camp Grace T-shirt, has mud on self

Staff Member #4- Drill Sergeant

#### **Pro-Presenter:**

None

#### **Props:**

2 Camp Grace T-Shirts

Dirty/Muddy T-Shirt

Drill Sargent Uniform

#### **Script:**

Host: What's up? It's good to see you at Camp Grace. Have you wondered where some of our staff members have been lately? Well, you may not be aware of this, but our staff goes through strenuous and tough training to work here. We want to make sure that the best of the best is wearing the Camp Grace staff uniform. Most of our staff has been going through that training.

(Staff Members #1 & #2 enter in a line with the drill sergeant along side them. They are doing a chant military style.)

Drill Sergeant: **Left, right, left, right, left.**

Host: (Speaking to campers) **Wow, Perfect timing to see some of this training! Let's listen in. Shhh.** (Puts finger over his mouth to have campers be quite and stands to the side to listen in.)

Drill Sergeant: **Left, right, left, right, left. Up in the morning to the rising sun...**

Staff Members: **Up in the morning to the rising sun...**

Drill Sergeant: **Gonna run all day til the running's done.**

Staff Members: **Gonna run all day til the running's done.**

Drill Sergeant: **PT**

Staff Members: **PT**

Drill Sergeant: **Good for you.**

Staff Members: **Good for you.**

Drill Sergeant: **Good for me.**

Staff Members: **Good for me.**

(Staff Members #1 & #2 line up to face the drill sergeant. He paces back and forth in front of them.)

Drill Sergeant: **Attention!** (The staff members snap to attention.) **Do you wear the uniform of my beloved Camp Grace?**

Staff Members: **Sir, yes sir!**

Drill Sergeant: **Do you wear this uniform well? Is your shirt neatly pressed? Are you cleaned and well groomed?**

Staff Members: **Sir, yes sir!**

Staff Member #3: (Runs in and stands in line beside the other staffers.) **Sorry I'm late, sir. Ms. Bea had to carry this huge platter of sandwiches to a meeting. She had to walk up this hill and the platter looked heavy. I stopped to help, of course. I couldn't let her do that alone. Oh, and then, on the way over here, I noticed a camper crying. I stopped to talk to her. Turns out...she was missing her parents. She was homesick. So, I let her call them on my cell phone. She was much better after talking to them.**

Drill Sergeant: (Yells) **Are you finished, staffer?**

Staff Member #3: **Sir, yes sir.**

Drill Sergeant: Staffer, where is your Camp Grace uniform?

Staff Member #3: Oh, that. I can explain. I used my Camp Grace T-shirt to make a sling. See, there was this camper who fell on a hike yesterday. Long story short, I think he broke his arm. I made a sling out of my uniform to hold his arm in place until I could get him to Nurse Lovepain.

Drill Sergeant: (Yells) Staffer!

Staff Member #3: Sir, yes sir!

Drill Sergeant: Staffer, you are covered in filth.

Staff Member #3: Yes sir. I can explain. A fellow staff member dropped some money in the mud. I stopped to help dig it out. I got a little dirty.

Drill Sergeant: Staffer, you are out of uniform. You are late. You are unclean. You are unfit to be a Camp Grace staffer.

Staff Member #3: With all due respect, I know that being late and being out of uniform looks bad. I know that being a little muddy makes a bad impression, too. But, sir, I really want to be a Camp Grace staffer. See, sir, to me, it's more important to love others by helping them than to look good. Loving others like Jesus loves them is what being a Camp Grace staffer means to me.

Drill Sergeant: Is this information from the Camp Grace training manual?

Staff Member #3: Well, no, sir. It's from the Bible. See, the Bible tells us that God cares more about what's in our heart than the way we look on the outside. In Mark 7, some Pharisees were giving Jesus a hard time because they saw the disciples eat some food without going through this whole ceremony of washing first. Jesus told the Pharisees that the ceremonial washing was much less important than what was in the disciples' hearts. I should have been on time. I should have worn my uniform. I should have been clean. But, I gave all that up to love others in different situations. Don't you think that is more important?

Drill Sergeant: I'll ask the questions here, staffer. You say this information comes from the Bible?

Staff Member #3: Sir, yes sir. Mark, Chapter 7, sir.

Drill Sergeant: You say that God looks at the heart and not at our outward appearance or actions?

Staff Member #3: Sir, yes sir!

Drill Sergeant: Staffer, I'll read this chapter. I may need to add something to the training manual for Camp Grace staffers. Consider yourself a Camp Grace staffer.

Staff Member #3: Thank you sir!

Drill Sergeant: Dismissed.

(Staff Members #1, #2, & Drill Sargent exit in various directions.)

Host: Wow! Our staffers sure go through some tough training. I learned an important lesson from watching them. God cares more about what's in our hearts than our outward appearance or actions. Let's pray and thank Him for that.

Father God, thank You for teaching us that You care about what is in our hearts and not our outward appearances. If that is what You care about, let it be what we care about, as well. Amen.



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