



## LESSON 64 SKIT

Principle: Judgment belongs to God.

Bible Character(s): Jesus and a sinful woman

Scripture Reference: John 8:5-11



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, read through John 8:5-11. As you read, ask yourself which person you represent in this story? Are you the one wanting to cast stones, or are you the sinner? So often we forget our own sin and the grace given to us, and we focus on the sins of others. We are quick to judge others and point out their sins, but slow to recognize our own sin. Judgment is not in our hands; God is the only one who has the right to judge. We are free to forgive and show mercy to those who sin because God has done that for us. Spend some time thinking of ways you can extend grace to others and allow God to be the judge.



### **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**

##### Penguin Waddle

Get one camper from each cabin to volunteer. Give each camper one blown up balloon. The campers must put the balloon between their knees and walk from a start line to a finish line (can be from one end of a room to the other if an appropriate size). If the camper drops the balloon, they are out. The first camper to make it to the finish like without dropping or popping the balloon wins.

## 5) Living Out G.R.A.C.E. Reminders

WELCOME TO CAMP GRACE! (Let kids scream.) That was great! We are so happy you are here and excited about how you get to learn more about God in Camp Grace. In order for you to have the most fun and really learn about God, there are a few reminders we want to review about how we want you to live out GRACE during Big Group. These are our 5 expectations in Camp Grace.

Every letter of the word GRACE represents an expectation that your camp counselors and staff have of you. Help me review what these are:

### **"G" stands for Glorify God** \*\*\*SLIDE

Each week in Big Group you will have an opportunity to glorify God. When we sing our worship songs, think about how good and great God is! Tell Him you are thankful for His love and kindness.

### **"R" stands for Respect All Leaders** \*\*\*SLIDE

It is important to be respectful and obedient to all camp counselors and staff. Respecting all leaders means listening and not talking whenever someone is on stage and following instructions. When our drama team is performing the skit, we need you to sit quietly on your carpet with your eyes up front.

### **"A" stands for Accept Responsibility** \*\*\*SLIDE

When you are given a task to help out, to lead, or to participate, we want you to accept that responsibility with a willing heart. We want you to accept the responsibility to get to Big Group on time and in an orderly way (not running down the hallway). We want you to accept responsibility to find your cabin's carpet and participate. This means you join in the singing of our worship songs and motions.

### **"C" stands for Celebrate Christ** \*\*\*SLIDE

When we are in Big Group we will see skits that teach us about God and His Story in a fun way! We will celebrate together the gift of Jesus Christ and how he made a way for us to have a right relationship with God. When we celebrate what Christ did for us, our actions will overflow into joy and love for others.

### **"E" stands for Encourage Others** \*\*\*SLIDE

In Big Group it is important that you encourage others with your words and actions. Let only encouraging words come out of your mouth. During camp competition, encourage and cheer on your teammates! You can also encourage others by your example and participation. Do not distract others.

Now, let's worship together and Live Out GRACE in worship...

## 6) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

Do you know what it means to judge someone? When you judge someone, you decide if someone is right or wrong. You form an opinion of someone based on the things they do. It can be easy to look down on others when we see their sin, and even think they are a bad person. We forget that we are all sinners. None of us should judge another person because we all sin. The only one who is without sin,

the only one that can judge us, is Jesus Christ. When we see others sin, we need to remember that we are also sinners and that Jesus has saved all of us from sin. As we sing this next song, let's ask God to help us to see how wonderful His forgiveness is!

## 7) Skit

Casting Stones

### ProPresenter:

G.R.A.C.E. Reminder slides

### Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

### Props:

Campfire in the middle of the stage with fake flames

Small pebbles in a pouch

Stick

## Script:

(DIM LIGHTS after worship.)

As hikers move toward the stage, BRING UP FRONT SPOTLIGHTS.

Staff Members and Storytellers hike to the stage seemingly unaware of the campers.

Staff Members sit in front of the fire, facing the audience. Storyteller sits closer to the left side of the stage, a little bit away from the two staff members, looking at rocks from a pouch.

\*\*\*Note: As the three begin to interact conversationally, there will be a slight challenge in making eye contact. The most important thing is to face the audience while speaking.

Staff Member #1: I'm glad we got our campfire going before our little hike. I got pretty cold on the mountain.

Staff Member #2: Me, too. Hey, (Storyteller), do you want to get a little closer to the fire?

Storyteller: No thanks. I'll be fine over here. I'm going to look at some of the rocks we found in the river. Some of them looked pretty cool.

Staff Member #1: (After a short pause) Oh, I almost forgot to ask you (to Staff Member #2), did you hear about Kim?

Staff Member #2: Which Kim?

Staff Member #1: The counselor from Cabin 21. Did you hear that she got caught stealing money from the canteen?

Staff Member #2: (Gasp) **No way!**

Staff Member #1: **Yep! If I'm a lyin', I'm a cryin'. And do you hear me cryin'?**

Staff Member #2: **Spill it. Tell me everything.**

Storyteller: (Toss one of the pebbles gently in front of you as if discarding one that you don't like. Be cautious! The pebble shouldn't hit anyone.)

Staff Member #1: **The totals just weren't adding up from the canteen. They put a hidden camera in the canteen and busted her. Apparently, she had been taking a little money out of the cash register every time she worked.**

Storyteller: (Toss one of the pebbles gently in front of you as if discarding one that you don't like.)

Staff Member #2: **Did they fire her?**

Staff Member #1: **No. It seems she was desperately trying to find a way to help pay for her grandmother's surgery. They forgave her and gave her a second chance.**

Storyteller: (Toss one of the pebbles gently in front of you as if discarding one that you don't like.)

Staff Member #2: **Well, I don't care why she stole the money. Stealing is a sin and I don't think they should trust her to be a counselor again.**

Staff Member #1: **My friend, we are here!** (Make a gesture with two fingers pointing to your own eyes and back to SM #2 eyes.) **I don't think they should give her a second chance, either. They should kick her out of Camp Grace!**

Storyteller: (Toss one of the pebbles gently in front of you as if discarding one that you don't like.)

Staff Member #2: **I won't be hanging out with her. I don't associate with sinners.**

Staff Member #1: (In a frustrated tone) **What are you doing? Why do you keep tossing those pebbles?**

Storyteller: **I'm doing exactly what you're doing. I'm tossing stones.**

Staff Member #2: **I haven't tossed any stones. We're trying to have a conversation here. That stone tossing is irritating.**

Storyteller: **You are tossing stones with your words.**

Staff Member #1: **What do you mean?**

Storyteller: **Your words are hard and hurtful – like stones. Do you remember that story in the book of John about the lady who had sinned? There was a group gathered around her ready to throw stones at her to kill her for her sin.**

Staff Member #2: People did that as punishment in those days. It was so brutal.

Storyteller: Jesus stopped them from stoning her to death. He said to the group, “let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” Then, he stooped down and wrote in the sand. (Take a stick beside you and move it as if you are writing something in the dirt.) We don’t know for sure what Jesus wrote in the dirt. Some think He may have written the sins of the group in the sand. As the people read whatever Jesus wrote in the dirt, they dropped their stones and walked away. (Put down the stick.)

Staff Member #1: We’re not like those people. Is that what you’re saying? We are not ready to stone Kim for her sin.

Storyteller: Well, you know that saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”? Well, it’s not true. Words do hurt. In some ways, they hurt worse than sticks and stones. Your words about Kim are full of judgment. You are judging Kim just like that group was judging the sinful woman in the book of John. Your judgmental words are like stones.

Staff Member #2: Oh, wow! You’re right. We *are* like those people. We want the worst to happen to Kim because of her sin.

Storyteller: Remember, Jesus said, “let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” We are not without sin. I have sin. You sin. Everyone at Camp Grace has sin. So, who are we to judge someone else?

Staff Member #1: How would I feel if someone were judging me for something I’ve done wrong. I shouldn’t judge Kim. We are sinning right now by judging Kim with our harsh words. We need to ask Jesus to forgive us for judging Kim.

Storyteller: That’s a great idea. What if we all think of ways we’ve looked down on others for something they’ve done wrong? I know I have done it, too. About whom have we had judgmental thoughts or words? Our words of judgment are like stones. They are hurtful. We have no right to stone someone for his or her sin when we have sin ourselves. Let’s all ask forgiveness. Let’s pray silently and ask forgiveness right now. Then, I’ll close us in prayer.

Jesus, we are not without sin. We have no right to stone others with judgmental words and thoughts. Forgive us and help us to remember not to judge others. Amen.



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