



LESSON 65 SKIT

Principle: We are to love everyone.

Bible Character: Jesus and a lawyer

Scripture Reference: Luke 10:25-37



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Luke 10:25-37. The

greatest commandments are to love God and love others. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He has already shown us how to love others through His love for us by giving His life as a sacrifice for our sin. Jesus had compassion for us, and He wants us to have compassion for others. We can love others because Jesus first loved us.

Consider this quote:

"In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action."
- R.C. Sproul

As you teach the campers this week, challenge them to think of ways to love fellow students, neighbors, family, teachers and other people they come in contact with. We are not called to love just our family and friends, but we are called to be intentional in loving every person we come in contact with. This includes people we may consider enemies. How do you intentionally love the people that surround you? Do you view every situation or person you come in contact with as an opportunity to love? Do you find it difficult to love people? How has God helped you to love people, even when it has been difficult? Spend a few minutes in prayer, asking God to reveal how you struggle with loving others and to help you learn to love as He loves.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

I) 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

Bucket Head

Have one camp counselor and one camper come up to the front. Line the camp counselors up side-by-side and tell them to kneel on both knees. Place the 1st and 2nd grade campers 3 feet away and the 3rd and 4th grade campers 5 feet away (use tape to mark the lines, if needed). Counselors will put the buckets on their heads. Campers get a bowl of Ping-Pong balls. Explain that the first camper to toss 3 balls in the bucket wins the camp banner. You may want to have the counselors wear safety goggles (more for humor than for safety!). Compete in heats as number of buckets and amount of space allows.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Who are some people in your life who you love? Why do you love these people? (Allow responses.) Do you think God calls us to love only the people we want to love? God calls us to love everyone. It is easy to love people who love us, but it's hard to love people who are different from us. We need Jesus to change our hearts so we can love everyone. As we sing this next song, let's remember that because Jesus frees us to love, our hearts can sing and celebrate and overflow into love for everyone!

6) Skit

Loving As Much As Self

ProPresenter:

None

Props:

Small toy fish in a plastic bag with water

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2 (Dressed differently than most people dress at Grace. We want to make the children question their ability to love their neighbor who might be different, so make it convincing.)

Script:

Storyteller: It's great to see you. I'm enjoying getting to know all of you. Have you ever thought about how different we all are? Take hair color, for example. Look around the room at all the different hair colors. And, what about noses? Have you noticed how no two people in your cabin have the same shaped nose? See, no two people in this room are alike. You might know sets of twins. Even if those twins look exactly alike, they like different things and do things differently. I'm glad that God made

us all different. How boring would life be if we were all exactly alike – if we all did the same things in the very same way? BORING! Our differences make life on earth interesting and exciting.

Staff Member #1: (Enters carrying a “dead” fish in a plastic bag.) Hey, everyone! I’m running a little late today. I had a little problem in my cabin.

Storyteller: What do you have there? Oh, it’s a cute little fishy. Hello little fishy wishy. You’re a cute little fella. Yes you are. You are...you are...you are dead.

Staff Member #1: I know. It’s so sad. I just scooped him out of my aquarium. I was on my way to dispose of him, but knew I was late. So, I came here first.

Storyteller: What happened?

Staff Member #1: I have the aquarium in my cabin. All the fish inside are the same type. When I was in a pet store on my day off, I saw this little guy and decided to add him to my collection. All the other fish swam around him for a while, checking him out. Then, suddenly, without warning (break down just a little) they...they...just attacked. (This is the most important point; so try to say it clearly through your break down. Blow your nose honk-style on Storyteller’s shirt.) They rejected him because he was different. I’m so sorry. I’m just so upset.

Storyteller: It’s okay. I feel your pain. They wouldn’t even let the little fella be a part of them because he was not like them. It’s very sad.

Staff Member #2: (As Staff Member #2 enters, Staff Member #1 stares in judgment.) I’m sorry to interrupt. I seem to be lost. I’m here to interview for a job as a camp counselor. I am trying to find the Camp Director’s office.

Storyteller: You’re not the first to get lost looking for the Camp Director’s office. It’s very difficult to find. Go out that door, turn left, and head back that way. You’ll see signs.

Staff Member #2: Oh, thanks. I must have missed the signs.

Storyteller: No problem. I hope your interview goes well.

Staff Member #2: Thanks! (Exits)

Staff Member #1: (Laugh) What a strange looking guy (or girl)! He’ll never get a job here. Not looking like that! He’ll never fit in here.

Storyteller: Have you ever heard the story of the Good Samaritan?

Staff Member #1: Sure. A guy was traveling when some robbers beat him up and took everything he had – even his clothes. They left him on the side of the road to die.

Storyteller: Right. A priest saw him, but crossed over the opposite side of the road to avoid the dying man. Then, another man came along. Instead of helping the dying man, he passed to the other side of

the road.

Staff Member #1: But then, a Samaritan came along. In those days, Samaritans and Jews didn't like each other. They didn't even talk to each other. The man dying on the side of the road was a Jew. Instead of passing him by, the Samaritan stopped immediately to help him.

Storyteller: The Samaritan bandaged the Jew. Then, he took him to an inn and took care of him. He went out of his way to make sure the man was okay.

Staff Member #1: Jesus told this story and then said, "Go and do likewise."

Storyteller: Jesus wants us to love everyone...even those that may be different from us. Your fish wouldn't accept the new fish because the new fish was different. They rejected your fish.

Staff Member #1: Don't remind me. How could my fish be so cruel to this guy just because he was different?

Storyteller: I hate to tell you this, but you just acted like your fish.

Staff Member #1: I did? When?

Storyteller: That person came in here looking a little different from you and you rejected him (or her).

Staff Member #1: I did do that. You know, I do that a lot. I see people who are different from me and I think I'm somehow better than them.

Storyteller: We all do that at times. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to tell us to go and do likewise. "Go and do likewise" means that we love everyone...even those who are different from us. The Good Samaritan went out of his way to help someone different than himself. The Good Samaritan loved his neighbor, even though his neighbor was different. Jesus wants us to love our neighbor...no matter how different our neighbor might be. He wants us to love others as much we love ourselves.

Staff Member #1: You know, I'm going to go to the Camp Director's office. Maybe the person interviewing will still be there. I think I'll take him (her) for an ice cream at the canteen - after I dispose of my fish, of course.

Storyteller: That would be a great way to get to know him (her). Let's pray that God, who loves us, will help us love others as much as we love ourselves.

Let's pray. Jesus, You told us to go and do likewise. You wanted us to be like the Good Samaritan. Help us love others as much as much as we love ourselves. Amen.



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