



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 67 SKIT

Principle: Submission to God's will.

Bible Character(s): Jesus and Judas

Scripture Reference: Matthew 26:36-56



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Matthew 26:36-56.

Jesus was about to begin the final stages of fulfilling His purpose on earth as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. He was overwhelmed with sorrow and distress as He prepared Himself to face the cross. The ultimate temptation was before Him, to give up His mission, but Jesus willingly chose to drink from this cup of suffering in order to obey God's will. As you read through the text, notice each time that Jesus makes a choice to submit to God's will. Jesus knew who was in charge and submitted willingly, despite the agony of what He was about to endure. Do you willingly submit to God's will each day? Do you think about God's sovereignty as you make daily choices to submit to His will? If we know and believe we are submitting to a God who is our true authority, and who is sovereign and in control of everything, how much easier will it be for us to submit? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to reveal how you do not submit to His will. Ask God for strength and courage to choose His will over your own.



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

Cabin Ninja, Cowboy, Ape

Explain the game to the campers by showing them the different actions (**APE** has arms swinging while making an ape sound, **NINJA** goes into a fighting stance, and **COWBOY** pretends to throw a lasso) and singing through the phrase: **“Ninja beats the cowboy, cowboy beats ape, ape beats the ninja, you tie, you die, 1, 2, 3.”** Have each cabin play this game by pairing up against each other, and continuing rounds until they have a winner to represent their cabin. Then bring all of the cabin winners up to the front. Continue rounds with cabin winners until there is one overall winner, who wins the camp banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

We can obey and trust God because He is good and His plan is best! Today in our cabins we are going to talk about the word “submission.” Submission means to willingly come under instruction that is given and to own another’s mission. Did you know that Jesus submitted to God’s will? He took on God’s mission by choosing suffering and pain on the cross. Jesus knew that God’s plan was great and needed to be accomplished. God’s word tells us that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life”...He is the one WAY to God – He is the TRUTH – and He is one that gives us LIFE abundantly and LIFE eternally (forever with God!). Today we are going to sing a song together and rejoice that Jesus submitted to God’s plan and provided a way for us to be right with God!

6) Skit

God’s Plan, Not My Plan

ProPresenter:

Slide #1: ‘Talk Show’ slide

Slide #2: APPLAUSE

Audio: ‘Talk Show’ theme music

Characters:

Storyteller/Host: ‘Talk Show’ Host

Staff Member #1: Quarter Back (He lost his football career dream.)

Staff Member #2: Balla Rena (She lost her dreams of being a dancer.)

Staff Member #3: Dr. Smith (Lost dream of being a scientist.)

Staff Member #4: Announcer (Can be sound person if needed.)

Props:

4 chairs placed in talk show style, one slightly separated from the others for the host

Script:

SLIDE #1: ‘Talk Show’ slide

Announcer: And now, put your hands together and welcome America’s favorite TV talk show host, [‘Talk Show’ Host].

(‘Talk Show’ theme)

Talk Show Host: Thank you everyone. Thank you. Thank you. (Becomes frustrated with the ongoing music.) Thank you! THANK YOU! Okay, stop the music! (End theme) I'm sorry about that. We have an exciting show for you today. Have you ever had a dream? I'm not talking about the snug-in-your-bed, sugarplums-dancing type dream. I'm talking about a dream of what you'd become one day. Some dream of being a famous writer, an actor, even a television talk show host. For some, like me, those dreams really do come true. For others, dreams are crushed...crushed like a chunk of ice in a smoothie machine. Today, we'll meet people who live daily with the ache of their crushed dreams. We'll find out how they make it from day to day knowing they'll never become all they've dreamed of. Let's meet such a person now. Please welcome to our show, Quarter (pause) Back.

SLIDE #2: APPLAUSE

Go back to 'Talk Show' slide.

Quarter enters. He poses in a few quarterback-style poses, pretends to throw a football and sits right of 'Talk Show' Host.

Talk Show Host: Welcome to the show, Mr. Back. Tell us your story.

Quarter: Thank you for having me on your show. I've always dreamed of being on TV, but in my dreams, I would be running for a touchdown with thousands of fans screaming my name. See, I dreamed of being a star quarterback for an NFL team.

Talk Show Host: Interesting. When did this dream begin?

Quarter: I can't remember NOT dreaming of being a star quarterback. It's all I've ever wanted. Even as a baby, my mama said I'd throw my bottle in a perfect spiral across the room when I finished my milk. I guess you could say I was born to be a quarterback.

Talk Show Host: I know the feeling. My mother says I interviewed the doctor at birth. I was born to be a talk show host. Only, my dream came true. Your dream, however, did not come true. So, tell us what happened. How was your dream crushed like a cardboard box underneath the wheels of a monster truck?

Quarter: (Wince at Talk Show Host's painful and insensitive analogy.) Well, I was about 9 years old. I was playing on the youth football league. I was the third string quarterback for my team. I was practicing everyday and waiting for my big chance to come off the bench and quarterback like no one has quarterbacked in the history of football. Then, the big day came. The other two quarterbacks came down with a brutal stomach virus. The coach asked everyone from the center to the referee to step in, but no one wanted to. I was all he had left. I stood out on that field and listened to cheers of that crowd. My heart pounded. The ball snapped. I held it in my hand and peered down the field looking for an opening. Then, I saw them. Two of the biggest 9 year olds I'd ever seen in my life came tearing down the field straight for ME. I did the only thing I could do. I ran. I ran all the way HOME. The coach never let me play again. No one wanted me on a team. I lost my dream. In one game, I lost my lifelong dream.

Talk Show Host: How very sad. (Quickly, with no compassion.) Now, let's welcome our next guest, Balla (pause) Rena.

SLIDE #2: APPLAUSE

Go back to 'Talk Show' slide.

Talk Show Host: (Balla twirls onto the stage.) Welcome to our show, Miss Rena.

Balla: Thank you, (Talk Show Host). It's an honor.

Talk Show Host: As you know, Balla, my dreams have come true. I couldn't ask for more. But, please tell us how it feels to have your dreams crushed like a tiny peanut underneath a herd of circus elephants on parade.

Balla: (Wince at Talk Show Host's painful and insensitive analogy.) Well, I've never thought of it quite like that, but I've always wanted to dance. I've been taking lessons since I was just a toddler. I could plié and arabesque with the best of them. Sadly, one day, during a performance, I leaped into the air with grace and agility. My dance partner caught me and tried to hold me in the air, but we both crashed to the ground and lay wounded on the floor like a Swan Lake puddle. It was the end of my ballet career. I never danced again.

Talk Show Host: Another dream crushed – so sad. Let's hear from our next guest. Our next guest also had a dream – a dream crushed like a delicate butterfly crashing into the windshield of a car racing in the Indy 500 at 148 mph. This guest dreamed of being an astronaut, but didn't make the cut. BUT, unlike our other guests, is not holding onto a dream that will never be. Instead, our next guest works as a doctor in a children's hospital. Welcome to the show, Dr. Smith.

SLIDE #2: APPLAUSE

Go back to 'Talk Show' slide.

Dr. Smith enters

Talk Show Host: Dr. Smith, unlike our other guests, you have gone on with your life to do other things. Can you tell us how you can pick up the pieces and go on?

Dr. Smith: Well, [Talk Show Host] there's no question that it's sad to dream and plan something for your life only to realize that it's just not meant to be. But, I have to remember that God has a plan for my life. I want His plan for my life more than my own plan. Here's an example of what I mean from the Bible. We know that Jesus came to earth to live as a man. He walked, talked, laughed, and prayed with His disciples everyday. But, one of them, Judas, wanted his plans to come true. He wanted Jesus to rise up and conquer the Romans. But that was not Jesus' plan, so Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Judas led the Roman soldiers of the priests to the place where Jesus was. They carried swords and clubs with them. When one of the disciples, Peter, saw them, he drew his sword and cut off the ear of a soldier. Jesus commanded them to put the swords away. He healed the man's ear and then, went *with* the soldiers, allowing them to arrest Him.

Talk Show Host: Jesus was the Son of God. He had the power to stop Judas from ratting Him out. He had the power to stop the soldiers from arresting Him. Why didn't He?

Dr. Smith: Jesus could have stopped it all. He could have called thousands and thousands of angels to fight for Him if He wanted. The point is, He didn't. He wanted God's plan. He was willing to be betrayed by a close friend. He was willing to be arrested. He was willing to go through anything He had to go through for God's plan to be accomplished.

Talk Show Host: What advice do you have for our guests and our audience?

Dr. Smith: We can learn from Jesus. Sometimes things don't work out the way we plan. It can be very disappointing. But we can stop and ask God to help us to want His plan for our lives more than our own. Sure I hoped to be an astronaut, but it wasn't God's plan. He wanted me to be a doctor and you know what? My life is more rewarding than I ever dreamed it could be. God can do more than we ever imagined with our lives.

Talk Show Host: God can do more than we ever imagined with our lives. Audience, let's remember to want God's plan for our lives because He can do more than we ever imagined. Thank you, Dr. Smith. And, thank you guests. That's all our time. See you next time on the [Talk Show Host] Show.



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