



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 70 SKIT

Principle: Jesus dies on the cross and restores man to God. He is resurrected and triumphs over death.

Bible Character(s): Jesus Christ, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, and Mary.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 15:33-47



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through the above scripture references. Jesus was crucified, taking on the sin of the world, to pay the punishment for our sin. On the third day, He was resurrected to show His power over death. Jesus gave His life so that we could have life.

As you prepare, spend time praying for the hearts of the children to be open and for the lesson to come alive for them. The desire and purpose of this lesson is to teach the events of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, but also to focus on the reason for them and how they apply to each of us personally. Focus on the fact that we are all sinners and in need of a Savior. We have a choice to believe this or to not believe this. Additional verses are listed at the end of the lesson to assist in answering questions or directing conversations with the campers.



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

Defy Gravity

Give one camper from each cabin a pair of blown up balloons (don't use helium, the balloons should not float on their own). Tell the campers that they have to keep the balloons off the ground using one hand. If a balloon falls to the ground, that camper is out. The camper who keeps the balloons off the ground the longest wins. If more than one camper is still in at the end of a minute, have them play rock, paper, scissors to determine the winner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Did Jesus deserve his death on the cross? (Allow answers.) No! He was punished, even though he did not deserve it. He died for our sin. We are all sinners, and the Bible says the punishment for sin is death. The only way we can avoid death is for us to live a perfect life. Are any of us perfect? If none of us are perfect, then how can we pay the penalty for our sin? We can't! But Jesus Christ lived a sinless, perfect life. He gave His life so that we could be saved from our sin. We need a Savior to pay for our sin, and God has provided us with a Savior through Jesus. All we need to do is believe and trust in Jesus as our Savior, and follow Him all of our lives. As we sing this last song, let's praise God for providing us with a Savior in Jesus.

6) Skit

Jesus' Death on the Cross

ProPresenter:

Slide #1: Image of Jesus on the cross

Slide #2: Image of the tomb

Slide #3: Image of the empty tomb

Slide #4: Image of the sun shining through the clouds

Characters:

Storyteller

Script:

Storyteller: Welcome to Camp Grace! Today we're here to celebrate something amazing! Remember last week when we talked about Jesus hanging between the two criminals? Had Jesus done anything wrong? No! He was completely innocent. Do you remember last week that one of the criminals that hung on the cross beside Jesus believed? What happened to that criminal when Jesus believed? Right! Jesus forgave him of his sin and promised that he would be in heaven. Let's find out what happened next.

As Jesus hung on the cross, it became dark...

(Dim Lights)

SLIDE #1: Image of Jesus on the cross.

Storyteller: Jesus took the sin of every person in the world, including yours and mine, on himself. Remember, God is holy and cannot be in the presence of sin. At that moment God had to turn away

from His only Son, who was covered in our sin. The pain of being temporarily separated from His Father was great and Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" The crowd below laughed and mocked Jesus, even with the darkness all around them. Jesus cried out in one last breath and died.

Jesus was beaten, spit upon, laughed at, and nailed to the cross all to pay the price of our sin. See, the price of sin is death. Jesus didn't want us to die for our sins. So, He died in our place. He died a cruel and painful death. But the story doesn't end there.

Slide #2: Image of tomb

Storyteller: Joseph of Arimathea went boldly to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body. Joseph brought linen cloth to wrap the body of Jesus. Jesus had no place to be buried. So Joseph placed Jesus' body in his own tomb. A tomb was like a cave on the side of a mountain. After the body was buried, a huge stone was rolled over the opening.

Slide #3: Image of an empty tomb

Storyteller: On the third day, Mary Magdalene and another Mary went to the tomb. They wanted to honor Jesus by anointing His body with perfume. When they got there, the stone had been rolled away from the opening. They ran inside and saw that Jesus' body was gone.

Slide #4: Image of the sun shining through the clouds

Storyteller: Do you know what that means? It means Jesus did everything He said He was going to do. It means He paid the price for our sin and broke the power that death has over us. We can live with Him forever when we believe and trust in Him. Jesus is alive. We have hope, because He's alive.

Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for sending Your only Son Jesus to earth. Thank You for the perfect, sinless life He lived. Thank You, Jesus, for taking on the weight of our sin, so that we might be reconciled back to God. Help us trust that you have overcome and defeated sin and death. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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