



LESSON 73 SKIT

Principle: True fellowship of believers.

Bible Character(s): Believers

Scripture Reference: Acts 2:42-47



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 2:42-47. Paul illustrates a model of community in the early church. Apply this text to your class and think of ways to encourage your campers to engage and have fellowship with one another. Stress that living this way is not about changing our actions, but about changing our heart so that these things flow out of a new heart, one that has been crucified with Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we teach these campers biblical truths, we also want to teach them how to be in community with each other. Spend some time in prayer for your campers to understand God's purpose for community, and for your campers to grow together in faith to learn what it looks like to live in community.



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

Coin Flip

Each cabin has a coin to flip. They flip with the host on the count of three. If the cabin matches the host coin they remain in the competition (stay standing). If the cabin does not match the host coin, the cabin is eliminated from the competition (sit down). Last cabin standing wins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you love to hang out with your friends? God wants each of us to have friends and share our lives with them. He designed us to be in fellowship or community with each other. God surrounds us with other people who believe and trust in Jesus because He wants us to discover more about Him and how to be like His Son Jesus by learning from other believers, teaching them, praying with them, encouraging them, comforting them in times of need, and ultimately loving them in order to bring glory to God. One community God has given you is your cabin here at Camp Grace. Think about ways you can fellowship with your cabin as we sing this last song.

6) Skit

The Early Church

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Staff Member #3: Ape (Staff Member in an ape suit...should wear staff shirt and shorts to look like a camp staff member)

Props:

Stack of blankets (Staff Member #2 will carry these to the stage.)

3 flashlights (Staff Member #1 will have these in their backpack.)

3 bags of chips (Ape will have these in his backpack.)

3 candy bars (Ape will have these in his backpack.)

3 drinks (Ape will have these in his backpack.)

Backpacks for the staff members

Script:

DIM LIGHTS after worship. Use only the front stage lights.

Staff Member #1: (Hikes to the stage as if hiking to a campsite. Kneels down and begins to open backpack.)

Staff Member #2 and Ape: (Hike to the stage. They talk a little as they hike together. Of course, the gorilla won't use words, but grunts.)

Staff Member #1: Hi! I'm glad you guys are here. I thought I heard you on the trail behind me. It's funny though, I thought I was hearing a wild animal. Oh, well. We have just enough time to get the campsite ready for the campers. (To Ape.) Oh, you must be the new staff member. I'm _____. It's a pleasure to meet you. We're so glad to have you as a part of our Camp Grace team.

Ape: (Extend hand to shake. Grunt a few things in response.)

Staff Member #1: **Nice to meet you, Ape. You're right. It is a tough hike, but you'll get used to it after a while. You seem to be built for climbing.**

Staff Member #2: (Get beside Staff Member #1, leaving Staff Member #1 in the middle.) **Well, we had better get to work if we're going to get the campsite ready for the Camp Grace campers.** (All staff members kneel down to begin work.)

Staff Member #1: **I've got extra flashlights to share.** (Take out the three flashlights.)

Staff Member #2: **I brought blankets. It's supposed to be a little chilly tonight. So, I thought I would share these blankets.**

Ape: (Open a bag of chips and begin eating some even if you have to fake eating them because of the costume.)

Staff Member #1: **That's great! Flashlights...blankets...what about food? Did you bring any food?**

Staff Member #2: **No. I didn't bring anything to eat.**

Staff Member #1: **I didn't bring any, either. How about you, Ape?**

Ape: (Pulls bag of chips closer to him and grunts a few phrases.)

Staff Member #2: **Okay, good point. You've had your hands all in that bag. But, would you happen to have any other food with you?**

Ape: (Open the backpack showing the candy bars, chips and drinks.)

Staff Member #1: **Great! Let's put it with our extra stuff to share.**

Ape: (Becomes upset. Grunts. Pounds chest. Shakes head no.)

Staff Member #2: **You don't want to share your food? Come on, stop monkeying around. We need to get the campsite ready. Share your food.**

Ape: (Continue to react with upset.)

Staff Member #1: **Well, you're new. You're not familiar with the way we do things at Camp Grace. It's okay.**

Ape: (Calms down.)

Staff Member #2: **Right. At Camp Grace, we share our things.**

Ape: (Becomes upset again.)

Staff Member #1: Well, wait a minute. Let me explain why we share our things. See, in God's Word, in the book of Acts, we read about the very first church. We use that first church as a model for how we do things at Camp Grace. The first church wasn't in a big beautiful building. Actually, the first believers met together in each other's homes to teach, pray, break bread together, and fellowship. They also helped each other by sharing what they had. If someone needed something, someone else gave of what they had. They thought of themselves as one big family. That's what we want to do at Camp Grace. We're a family and we want to share what we have with each other.

Staff Member #2: See, I'm sharing blankets. (Staff Member #1) is sharing flashlights. When the other campers get here, they will share things they have that we might not have. No one goes without. We do that because God gave us the example of the early church sharing all they had with each other. We want to be like them.

Ape: (Sweep potato chip crumbs into a pile with hand towards the blankets and flashlights. Put new bags, candy bars and drinks there as well. Grunt an apology.)

Staff Member #1: No need to apologize, Ape. We understand that you're new here. We're all trying to follow God's plan. We're all learning together. (To the audience.) It's not always easy to share, is it? God wants us to share with others from what He has given us. He wants us to think of others as part of our family. Let's pray, and then go back to our cabins and learn more about how the early church shared.

Jesus, thank You for creating us to be in community with one another, and to have fellowship with other believers. Help us to learn how we can be in community with one another so that we can be unified in faith.



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