



LESSON 75 SKIT

Principle: Live for Christ in spite of persecution.

Bible Character(s): Peter, John

Scripture Reference: Acts 4:1-22



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 4:1-22 and Matthew 28:16-20. Following the healing of the lame beggar, Peter and John have an opportunity to preach to the crowd that surrounded them. They proclaim Jesus' name in healing the lame man, and consequently are put in jail for preaching that "through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead." (4:2) Peter and John stand before the Sanhedrin, the council of all the rulers, elders, and teachers of religious law (71 members total), under trial and testify to their cause. They boldly and courageously stand firm in their faith, proclaiming "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (4:12)

Peter and John risked their lives before the powerful Sanhedrin in order to share their faith and stay true to the purpose of Christ. Think about why trusting in Christ is worthwhile. Why is it worth risking everything to share Christ with others? Where do you place your hope? What shapes your daily response to those around you – your desire for others' acceptance, or a desire for them to know the love of Christ? Spend some time thinking about how Jesus has impacted you, and God's desire for you to be faithful to Him in all circumstances.



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 the 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 line without dropping or popping the balloon wins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have had other kids laugh at you? How did it make you feel? It can be hurtful when someone laughs at or makes fun of you for acting a certain way or sharing what you believe. Two of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John, put their faith and trust in Jesus, and followed His command to teach others about Him. They suffered for sharing what they believed about Jesus. They were arrested for teaching others about Jesus. But it was worth it to them because Jesus changed their lives and they wanted others to know Him, too. As we sing this next song, think about how you can follow Jesus and boldly tell the others about him!

6) Skit

Let Your Light Shine

ProPresenter:

None

Roles:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Camp Grace Safety Inspector

Props:

Measuring tape

Clipboard

Script:

Storyteller: I learned a lot from our last Bible story. Remember? It was the one from Acts 3 about John and Peter healing the beggar. The beggar, who had never been able to walk, jumped up and could walk and leap! When people began to hear about this miracle, they came to Peter and John asking how they could do such a thing? How did Peter and John heal this crippled beggar? (To the campers.) That's right. They were able to heal him with the power of the Holy Spirit. God used this miracle to give Peter and John the opportunity to tell more and more people about Jesus. In fact, thousands of people came to know Jesus through the news of this miracle.

Safety Inspector: **Pardon me.** (Use measuring tape to measure the height of the stage. Pretend to jot something on clipboard.) **Hmmm. Yes, this meets the standard.**

Storyteller: Hi, Mr. Safety Inspector. Campers, this is the Camp Grace Safety Inspector. He makes sure everything is up to code so that we'll all be safe here at Camp Grace.

Safety Inspector: Hello. I've met many of you as I've inspected the campgrounds to make sure you're all safe. It's nice to see you. I've been listening to your story. You've just shared that 5,000 people came to know Jesus through the news of the miracle.

Storyteller: Yes! Isn't that exciting?

Safety Inspector: It's very exciting – very exciting, indeed. However, I assume that you are now ready to encourage these campers to be like Peter and John by telling others about Jesus.

Storyteller: Of course I am. Telling people about Jesus is what every disciple should do.

Safety Inspector: I understand that, but unfortunately, as the Camp Grace Safety Inspector, I cannot allow it.

Storyteller: You can't allow it? What do you mean?

Safety Inspector: I've read ahead in this story about Peter and John. It seems that they were arrested for talking about Jesus. That's a risk that I cannot allow our campers to take.

Storyteller: Peter and John were arrested and thrown in jail for talking about Jesus. But, 5,000 people came to know Jesus. We're in America and most likely, our campers will not be arrested for talking about Jesus.

Safety Inspector: We do have freedoms in America and it's possible that our campers would not be arrested, but they could be laughed at, called names, and even mocked. As the safety inspector for Camp Grace, I cannot allow our campers to talk about Jesus.

Storyteller: You do a wonderful job as our safety inspector. You are always looking out for all of us. Thank you so much for doing your job so well. But when it comes to telling others about Jesus, risks are okay. Jesus loved us enough to lay down His life for us. He was arrested, beaten, laughed at, mocked, and nailed to a cross for us. If He did that for me, I can take risks for Him. No sacrifice I make is too great for Him.

Safety Inspector: Hmmm. Jesus did lay down His life for us. Why should I worry about risking anything for Him? (Toss aside the clipboard.) Campers, I will toss the safety codes aside when it comes to telling others about Jesus.

Storyteller: Great! Jesus said in Matthew 10 that when we talk about Him to others, He would talk about us with His Father. Isn't that cool? Let's go back to our cabins and learn more about telling others about Jesus. Let's pray.

Jesus, when we tell others about You, some people may make fun of us because they don't understand. Help us to be like Peter and John, willing to risk anything to tell about You. Help us to remember that You sacrificed everything for us. Amen.



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