



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 78 SKIT

Principle: Sharing faith.

Bible Character: Philip and the Ethiopian

Scripture Reference: Acts 8:26-40



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 8:26-40. Also

read Matthew 26:63-64 and 27:57-60, which are passages that parallel the Isaiah 53 passage found in Acts 8:26-40. We will see how Philip shared his faith with a stranger. Unlike the lessons so far, Philip had no immediate threat of arrest, prison, or death. Philip's obedience, availability and willingness to care and share with another can be applied directly to the campers' lives. We will also look at the Isaiah and Matthew passages to further equip the campers to share about Jesus and know more of who He is. Do you look for opportunities to share your faith, no matter how strange the opportunities seem to be, or do you wait for them to come to you? Do you initiate conversations with others? Are you excited about telling others what God has done in your life?



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

Tissue Pull

Give one camper from each cabin an unopened tissue box. Tell them that when the game begins, they have to pull all the tissues out of the box one at a time. The camper who pulls out all of the tissues first wins the camp banner for the week

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Every day we all see lots of different people – our family, our friends, our teacher, our bus driver, and so on. Do you know what that could mean if you believe and trust in Jesus? It means there can be many opportunities to share your faith everyday! God wants us to share our faith with others, and He provides us many different chances to share...we just have to be looking for those opportunities. Oftentimes we have to be the one to start a conversation with someone, which can be hard, but we have already learned that God is with us all of the time and we do not have to be afraid to share our faith. If you believe and trust in Jesus, then think about some people in your life that you can share your faith with as we finish this last song.

6) Skit

Keep It Simple

ProPresenter:

None

Props:

Bag/backpack full of Bible reference materials

Ficus tree (on stage)

Backpack (for Storyteller)

Roles:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2: Bible Scholar

Script:

The stage should be set up like a campsite. Lights dim after worship. Staff member takes position in front of the fire reading the Bible. Backlights stay down while spotlights on stage go up.

Storyteller: (Hikes to the stage.) Hey ____! I didn't know you'd be here already. (Puts backpack down and sits by the fire.)

Staff Member: I came up a little early to try to study this passage of scripture.

Storyteller: This a great place to have a little quiet time to study God's Word.

Staff Member: I've been studying for a while, but I'm getting so frustrated.

Storyteller: Why are you so frustrated?

Staff Member: I have a friend who doesn't know Jesus. I want to tell her about Jesus. We've been talking a lot at Camp Grace about "The Great Commission." I realize that even though I'm a staff member here at Camp Grace, my most important job is to tell others about Jesus. The problem is this – I just don't feel like I know enough. I feel like I need to understand every detail in the Bible before I talk to my friend. I'm reading this passage of scripture in Isaiah right now and I've got to tell you, I don't understand a word of it. How can I tell someone about Jesus if I don't even understand everything in the Bible?

Bible Scholar: (Appear from behind the ficus trees, if possible. If not, make a surprise entrance.) Did someone say they need help with understanding the Bible? Never fear, Bible Scholar is here!

Staff Member: Oh, thank you, Bible Scholar. You're just in time. What would I do without you?

Storyteller: Bible Scholar? Is it a bird... a plane...?

Bible Scholar: It is I, Bible Scholar. (Enter stage, if not already on stage.)

Storyteller: I got that the first time, but what is it that you do?

Bible Scholar: I travel thither and fro throughout the paths of Camp Grace helping people understand the Bible.

Storyteller: Thither and fro?

Bible Scholar: Yes, I, Bible Scholar, travel thither and fro and bring with me my bag of Bible Scholar tools.

Staff Member: Oh, like your super powers?

Bible Scholar: Yes, I, Bible Scholar, am equipped with all sorts of tools for understanding the Bible. (Open bag or backpack.) I have the Holy Bible in every known translation. I also have concordances from Ryrie, Strong, and Nave's, to name a few. I have dictionaries, encyclopedias, and lexicons. (As you're talking, rifle through backpack. Take out a few of the books and hand them to the staff member.)

Staff Member: Wow! This all seems very complicated. Are you saying that I need to study all of this in order to help my friend know the truth about Jesus?

Bible Scholar: Yes, I, Bible Scholar, am saying you need to keep all of these tools on hand and understand it *all* before talking to someone about Jesus. You must be prepared. I, Bible Scholar, am happy to help. (Wipe hands together as if finishing a tough job.)

Staff Member: (Look completely overwhelmed). There's got to be a better way, Bible Scholar.

Storyteller: Bible Scholar, why don't you sit with us? (Bible Scholar sits.) I think it's great to use all of those tools to help understand the Bible. However, I'm not so sure that you need to know and understand *every single word* in the Bible before talking to someone about Jesus.

Staff Member: Sure you do. For instance, what if my friend asks a lot of questions? I just don't feel like I know enough. I'm not a pastor. I'm not Bible Scholar. If I don't know *all the answers*, my friend might not believe in Jesus.

Storyteller: Well, I've been reading Acts 8. In this passage, a man from Ethiopia was on the side of the road in the desert. He was reading some scripture from Isaiah and was having trouble understanding what he was reading.

Staff Member: Sounds like me.

Bible Scholar: I have maps of Ethiopia and even have a Bible translated in the language of Ethiopia. Would you like to see?

Storyteller: That's interesting, but I don't think we'll need that right now. Now, Philip was in the city and the Holy Spirit told him to go to the desert to help the man understand the scripture. Philip found the man there and asked the Ethiopian if he understood what he was reading.

Bible Scholar: Never fear, Bible Scholar is here.

Storyteller: Well, Bible Scholar wasn't around. Philip didn't even have a bag full of lexicons, concordances, and various translations of scripture. Philip just obeyed the Holy Spirit and went to help the man. He didn't worry about the questions the man might ask. He just obeyed, knowing that Jesus was right there with him.

Staff Member: What did Philip do?

Bible Scholar: Like any good Bible Scholar, Philip must have started from Genesis and explained everything in the Bible to the Ethiopian, using maps and concordances, etc.

Storyteller: Philip kept it simple. He read the passage the Ethiopian was reading out loud. When the Ethiopian had questions about the scripture, Philip answered them simply. Philip was able to help the Ethiopian come to know Jesus. There was some water nearby and the Ethiopian asked Philip to baptize him.

Bible Scholar: So, you're saying that Philip just answered some questions? He didn't have tools like these? He didn't have years of scripture study under his belt? He just kept it simple?

Storyteller: I want you to understand that there is nothing wrong with studying to understand the Bible better. But, you never have to feel that you need to know all the answers to tell someone about Jesus. It can be as simple as it was with Philip and the Ethiopian. He just answered a few simple questions.

Staff Member: What if the questions are ones that I don't have answers for?

Storyteller: Then, we can tell the person that we will do all we can to find out the answers for them. The important thing is to not let fear stand in the way of telling others about Jesus. We need to obey Him and trust Him. We're never alone. Jesus is always with us.

Staff Member: I feel better knowing that I don't have to know all the answers. I can continue to study, but I don't have to know everything to tell others about Jesus.

Bible Scholar: So, you're saying keep it simple. You're saying to obey Jesus and trust Him to help us know what to say because He is always with us.

Storyteller: Exactly. Let's pray. Jesus, help us to obey Your command to love others enough to tell them about You. Help us not be afraid, but to trust You, knowing You are always there with us. You will lead us and help us know what to say. Amen.



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