



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 79 SKIT

Principle: God changes the direction of our lives.

Bible Character(s): Saul

Scripture Reference: Acts 9:1-19



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 9. Saul persecuted Christians for following Jesus. While on his way to Damascus, probably to arrest any Christians he found there, God appeared. Saul was blinded by a light from heaven, and heard God speaking to him as he fell to the ground. He was led into Damascus, where he regained his sight, was baptized and began following Jesus. Saul's life is a beautiful example of God's redemptive love and mercy.

Reflect on when God intervened in your life and changed the direction you were heading in. Perhaps you may not have had a Damascus road experience like Saul, but there was a time when you recognized and understood who God is, and your life began to change. After the Lord changed your heart and mind, your focus shifted from yourself to God's kingdom and He gave you the desire to pursue Him and His Word. Be prepared to share that with your campers. Consider the following quote as you think through this lesson.

"We often times get our own agenda – and God can change that in an instant: 'You are not your own; you are bought with a price. You will be told what to do.' That is what conversion is: It is a change from thinking that you can run your own life, to an acknowledgment that God holds the program in his hands, and he has the right to tell you what to do. This was the first thing Paul experienced when he became a Christian, this right of Jesus Christ to be Lord, and to tell him what he was to do." Beloved Enemy by Ray C. Stedman

God's loving, redemptive plan for us includes a radical change in the direction of our lives, much like Saul's. As believers, our goal is to abide in Him daily, as He changes our heart to become more like Jesus. If we trust Him, we will submit to His direction for our lives instead of pushing for our own desires and plans.



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

Lung Capacity

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front and give each a balloon. Explain that each camper only gets one breath to blow up his or her balloon as big as possible. Give the campers a countdown from three, then let them blow up their balloons. Compare balloon sizes and give the camp banner to the camper with the largest balloon.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have goals for your life? Many times we think we have the best idea of what to do in our life, and we do what we want to do. Did you know there is someone who has a better plan for your life? Someone who has the right to tell you what to do because He knows it is better for you? We have a God who wants us to trust Him with our life. He wants us to trust Him to direct us and guide us, and wants us to know that by obeying Him, our life will be better than if we followed our own path. If you believe and trust in Jesus, then God will give you direction for your life, and even change the direction of your life if you are not following Him. As we sing this next song, think about how you can trust that God's plan is best.

6) Skit

God Can Use Anyone

ProPresenter:

None

Roles:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2 – this character could be surfer lifeguard, or similar character

Props:

A big box with a top
A few envelopes

Script:

The storyteller sits in a camp chair on the stage and reads the Bible. The two staff members walk to the stage carrying a box. The storyteller and the two staff members should acknowledge each other, but then, the storyteller goes back to reading the Bible. They should act as if the box is extremely heavy. The two staff members place the box in the center of the stage and sit on the edge of the stage. Staff Member #1 pulls out a couple of envelopes.

Staff Member #1: What's up Camp Grace? We're going to hang out with you guys for a while.

Staff Member #2: Yeah. We've been working in a tiny little office all morning. At some point, I said, "Hey, the campers are in the Camp Grace big group room this morning." Then, I said to myself, "You're right." Then, myself said, "We should hang out with them for a while." And, I said to myself, "You're right. They're always fun."

Staff Member #1: Long story short, we decided to come finish our work with you guys and get out of that tiny office. We've been reviewing applications for a new job at Camp Grace. Like we said, we've been at it all morning.

Staff Member #2: It's a cool job and we've had soooo many applications. See this summer we worked hard to clean up around Lake Swim or Drown so that we could do a historical boat tour. We need a tour guide for the boat tour. You could take a boat tour, but without a tour guide, you might just float with no direction, you know?

Staff Member #1: That's something to think about. Anyway, there are lots of interesting sites along the tour. There's a place where Native Americans once had a village. There's a cabin where the first English settler to this area lived.

Staff Member #2: Oh, and there's a tree with some initials carved into it. That's where Ms. Bea got her first kiss.

Staff Member #1: I'm not sure how historical that is.

Staff Member #2: Oh, how about the waterfall where Outdoor Guide was being chased by a baby bear, slipped on a rock, fell down the waterfall, and got sprayed by a skunk at the bottom?

Staff Member #1: I'll have to make sure that gets on the tour. Anyway, we're going through applications for the job of tour guide. It's an important job. The person will be telling people from all over about the area and about Camp Grace. We have to choose the perfect person. So far we haven't had a lot of luck. This entire heavy box is filled with no's.

Staff Member #2: You wouldn't believe some of these applications. There's one from a river rafting tour guide who knocked a little old lady out of the raft with her paddle. Oh, and there's another one from a guy who once was in the navy, but admits to being a little sea sick. Obviously, big fat NO!

Staff Member #1: As you can see, it's going to be tough to find the perfect person for such an important job.

Storyteller: (Walk over to the staff members and sit with them.) I couldn't help over hearing. You have a lot of NOs in that box.

Staff Member #2: It's tough to find the perfect person for such an important job.

Storyteller: I think I can help you. I was just reading in Acts 9 about Saul.

Staff Member #1: Saul was a killer. He made it his mission to kill all the Christians. He was even one of the people who helped stone Stephen.

Staff Member #2: I've read about Saul. He was ruthless.

Storyteller: Well, did you know that Saul's life was changed and he spent the rest of his life telling others about Jesus?

Staff Member #2: I'm confused. Saul told people about Jesus? I thought he hated Christians!

Storyteller: He did, but God changed his heart. One day as Saul was traveling, God sent a tremendous light from heaven that blinded Saul. Jesus' voice said from above, "Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Needless to say, that got Saul's attention. Jesus told Saul to go to a place called Damascus. The people who were with Saul took him to Damascus.

Staff Member #2: Way to go, Jesus! He blinded the guy who was killing all the Christians. Way to stop him in his tracks!

Storyteller: Jesus spoke to another man...a man named Ananias and told him to go to Damascus. Jesus instructed Ananias to put his hands on Saul's eyes, restoring his sight.

Staff Member #2: I don't get it. Why would Jesus help the man who was killing all the Christians? Why would he give him his sight back?

Storyteller: Ananias wondered the same thing. He didn't understand. But, he obeyed Jesus. When Ananias got to Saul and restored his sight, Saul believed, for the first time, that Jesus was the Messiah who had come to save people from their sin. Saul spent time with the disciples. Then, he began telling others about Jesus, the Savior.

Staff Member #1: I can't imagine how afraid the disciples must have been when Saul came knocking at their door. I bet it was shocking for people to hear Saul, the guy who spent his time killing Christians, telling others about Jesus.

Storyteller: That's just it. Jesus knew of Saul's sin. He knew Saul had killed so many Christians. He forgave Saul and used Saul's life in a powerful way. Like we said, most of the New Testament was written by this man who once killed Christians.

Staff Member #1: That's amazing, but how does that help us find the perfect person for the tour guide job?

Storyteller: I shared that with you so that you would know there are no perfect people. People make mistakes. People sin. But, Jesus forgives and is able to change the direction of their lives. We cannot hold past mistakes against someone. If Jesus forgives, we can forgive.

Staff Member #2: I think we should go back through all of these applications.

Storyteller: I'll help you. After the campers go back to their cabins, we'll do it together. First, let's pray.

Jesus, thank You that You forgive our sins. Thank You that You can change the direction of our lives and use us like You used Saul. Amen.



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