



LESSON 86 SKIT

Principle: Sin is punished. Salvation is not complete until Jesus returns, and we are to hope for His return.

Bible Character: Satan, Jesus, and God

Scripture Reference: Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-4



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-4. As you prepare for this weekend, focus on the promises we find in Revelation. We often get caught up in the details and theology of Revelation, instead of holding on to the hope that is presented through the final chapter of God's story. In this book, God reveals the end of the world. Jesus' victory is complete, and all of God's children share a "new heaven and a new earth." (Rev. 21:1) God, in His power and holiness, defeats Satan forever. We will be sanctified, and Jesus will "wipe away every tear from [your] eyes." God will reverse the curse that sin brought into the world, and we will live in harmonious relationship with God in the new world He will create for His children. This is the eternal hope offered to all believers.

How do you live your life, holding onto this hope for eternal life with Jesus? Do you look for satisfaction in the world, or do you realize that this truth is the only way you will be fulfilled? As we look at this final chapter, spend time praying for your campers' hearts to hear the truth, respond to the Gospel truth, and be changed by God's power.



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

Toe Strength

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front. They are competing to see who can stand on their tip-toes the longest. If they come down off their toes, they are out and can go back to their carpet. Add things in like jumping and landing in the tip-toe position or waving their arms like they're flying. The last one standing wins the camp banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

What are some things that cause you pain and suffering? (Allow responses.) There are lots of different things in our world today that bring us pain. Sometimes the pain can be so bad that everything seems hopeless. There is someone we can put our hope in. If you believe and trust in Jesus as Lord, then the Bible tells us in the book of Revelation that you are promised to live in fellowship with God forever. Not only will God defeat Satan so that Satan will never tempt us to sin again, but God will also create a new world for all of those who believe and trust in Jesus to live with Him. This world will be free from anything that causes pain or suffering. What an exciting thing to look forward to! As we sing this last song, remember that God does love all of us, and He wants us to choose to believe and trust in Jesus so that we can live with Him forever!

6) Skit

Happily Ever After

ProPresenter:

None

Roles:

Storyteller (not a comedy part)

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Props:

Sign: Camp Grace Book Club

2 copies of the same book

1 book (hand made) that looks similar to the copies of the above books, but it has been dropped into Lake Swim or Drown

3 chairs

Script:

Set up chairs in front of stage, and hang sign from music stand (or on easel if available).

All characters enter and sit on chairs, with books in hand. The sign should be visible to the audience.

Storyteller: I'm glad you all could make it to our book club meeting. I thought this might be a nice place for our last discussion of this book. Has everyone finished the book?

Staff Member #1: I am right at the end. I have two pages to go. I would have finished this morning, but I had to help a camper with a scraped knee. I can't wait to finish. This is one of the best books I've ever read.

Staff Member #2: (Excited and dramatic.) Me too! Me too! I've never read such a good book. I'm right

there at the end – the most exciting part. There’s that evil dragon terrorizing the whole village. Everyone lives in fear of his attacks. They know that if the dragon could be destroyed, they could live in peace. Only one can destroy this terrible creature and that’s the mighty prince. They all hope for the prince to come riding in on his white horse to slay this awful dragon for good.

Storyteller: (To Staff Member #2) You’re almost at the end. What has kept you from finishing?

Staff Member #2: Well, there I was, sitting on the dock of Lake Swim or Drown. I had my feet dangling in the water and my book in hand. I was lost in the story as the evil dragon was terrorizing the village. I was at the part where he appeared before the whole village. He opened his mouth and was just about to burn them all with one big ball of fire from his lungs when one of the campers snuck up right behind me and yelled, “Boo!” Well, thinking that dragon was right there behind me with his fireball, I jumped right out of my skin and onto the water. I ran on water for about a mile, screaming all the way. Long story short, I dropped my book in the water. It took a couple of days to fish it out. I have about a page to go, but I can’t make out all the words. (Show the book, which could still be dripping wet, if possible.)

Storyteller: That’s quite a story. Maybe you should write a book. I’ll tell you what. Why don’t we let you two share a book and finish together? I’ll read the last page of my book, too. Now, control your reaction until you’ve both finished. You wouldn’t want to give away the ending.

Staff Member #1 and Staff Member #2 read together. Staff Member #1 remains relatively calm, but Staff Member #2 should be biting his nails, pulling his hair, and finally, he should hold his hand over his mouth as if he has something to say and just cannot hold it in. When Staff Member #1 closes the book, Staff Member #2 jumps up and yells in celebration.

Staff Member #2: Ewwweee! That was exciting! Can you believe that ending? I almost couldn’t hold back my reaction. That prince came right out of the sky on a horse bigger than life. He had a sword that lit up the sky as he came down on that dragon. In one swoop of that sword, the dragon was beheaded and tossed into the lake of fire like yesterday’s toast. Whew! Good book, man.

Staff Member #1: It was a good book. I really enjoyed it. But, I think we should read something that doesn’t end with, “And, they all lived happily ever after.”

Storyteller: So, you didn’t like the happy ending? Why is that?

Staff Member #1: Sure, everybody would like a happy ending, but happy endings just don’t exist in real life.

Staff Member #2: You sure know how to take the wind out of someone’s sail, (Staff Member #1), Here I was all excited about the dragon being gone and the people of the village getting to live in peace. But, you’re right. That wouldn’t happen in real life. People don’t get happy endings. Happy endings are for fairy tales.

Staff Member #1: Life is hard. There’s bad stuff happening all around us. I know firsthand, as a nurse, about the pain people live in everyday. As long as there is Satan, there will be heartache, pain, anger, unhappiness, jealousy, murder, disease, and more. With Satan around, no one gets to live happily ever after.

Staff Member #2: (Staff Member #1), you have officially busted my bubble. (Look dejected.)

Storyteller: Wait a minute, you two. Think back to the story. The dragon in the story terrorized the villagers. They lived in constant fear. Their lives were pretty miserable. But they had something to hold on to. What was it?

Staff Member #2: They had hope. They knew the prince had not forgotten about them. They knew he would come rescue them from the fire-breathing dragon.

Staff Member #1: But, again, that's a fairytale. That doesn't happen in real life.

Storyteller: Actually, it will.

Staff Member #2: Say what?

Storyteller: Think of all we've studied in Camp Grace. Before Jesus left us to go to heaven, what did he promise us?

Staff Member #2: I've got this one, (Staff Member #1). He promised He would always be with us. He promised that He was going to get us a house ready so we could go live with Him. Then, He promised that He would be back to get us.

Storyteller: You're exactly right, (Staff Member #2). When Jesus left the earth, He promised that He would be back for us. He gave us hope to hold on to. Well, in the book of Revelation, John has a vision of how that will come to be.

Staff Member #1: I've read the book of Revelation and it's hard to understand. The book is about John's dream.

Staff Member #2: My dreams are hard to understand, too. Like there was this one time when I was sliding down a chocolate mountain in a scuba diving suit and....

Storyteller: (Staff Member #2), let's stick with one dream at a time. Continue, (Staff Member #1).

Staff Member #1: Well, like I said, John's dream is not the easiest to understand. God gave John the dream and maybe we're not meant to totally understand it all. But here's what I understand. There's one part of the dream where everyone will be judged for all they've done. There's another part where the Beast and Satan unite to do battle against God.

Staff Member #2: There may be two against one, but they can't defeat God.

Staff Member #1: Right, (Staff Member #2). God lets John know in this dream that Satan and the Beast are defeated. The Beast and all his forces are thrown into a lake of fire. Then, fire from heaven comes down and devours Satan. No contest. In that moment, evil is wiped out forever. Then, there will suddenly be a new place where God will live with all His children.

Staff Member #2: (Jumps up in excitement.) Ewweeee! That's even better than the book we're reading. God's going to destroy Satan and his evil. Then, He's going to live with His followers in a

new, beautiful place. That's a happy ending!

Storyteller: The best part is that it's not just a story. It's not a fairytale. It will really happen. Jesus says in Revelation 22:12, "Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Jesus will give us a "happily ever after" ending.

Staff Member #1: I was wrong. There are happy endings in real life. Only Jesus gives happy endings.

Staff Member #2: I can't wait for that day.

Storyteller: That's what Jesus wants for us. He wants us to be excited and to anticipate that day when all evil is vanquished and Jesus comes for us. We can hold on to that hope when bad things are happening all around us. This was the best meeting of the book club we've ever had. Thanks for meeting me here. Let's pray before we head out.

Father, You have given us a hope that one day Jesus will come back for us. We can remember this when life around us gets tough. Let us not lose sight of what You have in store for us. Amen.



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