



LESSON 9 SKIT

Principle: Trust in God instead of money, things, and status

Bible Character(s): Abram, Lot

Scripture Reference: Genesis 14:14-24



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Genesis 14. Lot had chosen the fertile land near Sodom to settle with his family and possessions after Abram allowed him first choice of land. However his selfish choice brought repercussions when he was taken captive after an alliance of kings invaded the Jordan Valley and defeated the local kings. In response to hearing of his nephew's captivity, Abram assembled his men and defeated the forces holding Lot. Abram recovered Lot, his household, and all of his possessions. After, Abram is greeted by the King of Sodom and Melchizedek, the King of Salem. Melchizedek provides food and wine for Abram and his men and blessed Abram, attributing his victory to the power of God. Abram recognizes God's sovereignty and provision and presents a portion of his goods to Melchizedek. When the King of Sodom displays no gratitude or honor to God but presents Abram with an offer for goods, Abram rejects the offer and takes nothing for himself. His dependence on God to make him into "a great nation," outweighs the opportunities provided through the gifts of earthly kings.

As you reflect on the principles taught in this chapter, think about your dependence on God. Do you trust Him to be your sovereign provider? Do you live with the belief that everything comes from Him and you are only a steward, or do you view all of your belongings as your own? How do you recognize God's provision by giving back to Him? How do you struggle with sacrificing for the sake of the Gospel? Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to teach the principle of trust this weekend.



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

Band member says, "Welcome to Camp Grace!" before intro song.

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Reverse Hot Potato

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front. Have them form a circle, and sit so that they are side by side. Pass out a variety of sized/textured balls to as many campers as there are, minus 1. Explain that when the music starts they will hand the ball to the person on their left. They will continue this until the music stops. The camper without a ball will be out. Continue rounds, taking out a ball each round, until there are 2 campers left. Have these 2 campers sit across from each other for this last round. The camper with a ball when the music stops wins the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you want to grow up and get a great job earning lots of money? Do you think that will help you to have a happier life? (Allow responses.) When we put our trust in money, our status, or just things in this world they will fail us. The only way to true happiness is through faith in God. God wants us to believe and trust in Him because He offers us a life better than we could ever imagine. He has a plan for each of us and all He wants us to do is trust in Him. As we sing this last song, think about what it looks like for you to trust Him with all your heart, soul, and mind.

6) Skit

Money, Things, Status

ProPresenter:

Talk show theme music

Rap music (tasteful)

Characters:

Host: Talk show host (Pebbles Phillips, Bobbie Barker, Dr. Spill, or Stone Rogers)

Staff Member #1: Lil' Brat – hot new rapper (dressed in the latest rapper fashions like baggy basketball attire, a big clunky necklace, hat, sunglasses, cell phone – the works)

Staff Member #2: Doris or Carl Ledbetter – winner of the Dark Fizzy Cola Billion Dollar Give Away

Staff Member #3: Stage hand to bring note to stage and take objects from Lil' Brat

Props:

Three chairs set up like a talk show

Cancelled contract

Script

Play talk show music as talk show host enters.

Talk Show Host: **Good Morning everyone! Thanks for letting us tape our talk show from Camp Grace. Our staff has had the most glorious time here all week. My personal trainer and I hiked to the top of Mount Whack-a- Mole every day. What a gorgeous view from the top of Mount Whack-a- Mole! Am I right? Well, of course, I**

am.

We've got the most exciting show for you today. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have more money than well, me? Have you ever wondered what it would be like if everyone knew your name? Have you ever wished you could just buy everything you wanted without ever having to think about the price? Well, I haven't wondered that because I am _____. But you - the common and ordinary person - may have wondered such things. Am I right? Well, of course I am. Our guests today are people who have dreamed of being rich and famous and their dreams came true.

Let's bring them out now. Our first guest is a brand new musical artist who was recently discovered. Please welcome Lil' Brat!

(Play rap music. Lil' Brat walks onto the stage as one of his songs plays in the background. He takes a seat near the host.)

Talk Show Host: **Welcome to our show, Lil' Brat.**

Lil' Brat: **Yeah! It's all good.**

Talk Show Host: **Tell us, Lil' Brat, how did you become a rapper?**

Lil' Brat: **Well, you know, I was poor. I didn't have nothin' but my rap. One day, I was shootin' hoops in the hood and spittin' out rhythm and rhyme. It's what I do all the time. I get a thought in my head and through rap it gets said. Next thing I know some dude is all up on me talking 'bout do I have an agent. Bim Bang Boom! I'm signing a recording contract. It was off the chain!**

Talk Show Host: **I'm not sure I understood everything you said Lil' Brat, but I think you're saying that you were discovered on the basketball court. Am I right? Of course, I am. You signed a contract to record for a studio. From looking at you, I would imagine they gave you a bonus for signing the contract. Your necklace looks like it cost quite a bit.**

Lil' Brat: **You know, just doin' my thang. This bling isn't even paid for, yet. I gotta make payments on it. But as soon as my CD comes out, I'll have major bank.**

Talk Show Host: **Could you tell our audience how it feels to know that very soon you will have your own CD on iTunes and in all the music stores?**

Lil' Brat: **I gotta tell ya, _____, I'm gonna have everything I ever wanted and more. I won't have to worry about anything ever again. When my CDs come out, I'll be set. I be rolling in the money. Peep dis' (hold up cell phone) I got Austin & Ally, T Swift, and even the guys from One Direction on speed dial. I'll have it all, _____ - money and fame. (Stage Hand walks to the stage and hands the talk show host a note.)**

Talk Show Host: **Excuse me just a second Lil' Brat.** (Talk show host reads the note.) **Oh dear, Lil' Brat, I've got some terrible news. Your recording contract has been cancelled. The record company has decided to go in a different direction.** (Stagehand comes on stage and takes the necklace.)

Lil' Brat: **What? What's going on? How can they cancel the contract? I'm calling my agent right now.** (Stage Hand comes on stage and takes the cell phone.)

Talk Show Host: **Oh dear, Lil' Brat, it looks like you're losing everything. You'll be back to rapping on the basketball court. Am I right? Well, of course I am.** (Lil' Brat runs off the stage crying.)

That's a shame. Well, let's bring out our next guest, Doris Ledbetter. She's the winner of the Dark Fizzy Cola Billion Dollar Giveaway! (Doris enters and takes a seat.)

Doris: **Hello, everybody. It's nice to be here.**

Talk Show Host: **Now, Doris I just announced to our audience that you were the winner of the Dark Fizzy Cola Billion Dollar Giveaway. It must still be a shock to hear those words. Am I right? Of course, I am.**

Doris: **You are right, _____. I've never won anything in my life. I was just drinking a Dark Fizzy Cola one day on the front porch with my husband Carl. I flipped the cap over to read what was written on the inside and there were the letters as plain as the nose on my face: YOU ARE A WINNER. Well, I looked at Carl and said, "Land sakes, Carl, I think we just won a billion dollars."**

Talk Show Host: **And what did your husband Carl say?**

Doris: **Well, Carl ain't much for words. He just scratched his head and said, "We've been needin' to get that John Deere tractor fixed. We could use the extry money."**

Talk Show Host: **How has winning a billion dollars changed your life, Doris? I would imagine you have everything you ever wanted. Am I right? Well, of course I am.**

Doris: **No, _____, in this case, you're not right.** (Talk show host looks shocked and offended.) **We already had everything we ever wanted or needed.**

Talk Show Host: **How can that be? In my notes, I have that you and your husband Carl were poor farmers.**

Doris: **Yep! Carl and me don't have much in the way of money or material things. But we have everything because we have Jesus. He's all we need.**

Talk Show Host: **All you need? Surely you took the check from the Dark Fizzy Cola Company.**

Doris: **We did take that money, _____. The first thing we did with the**

money is give a tenth of it to God. Then we heard about the mission trips some folks were taking to Nicaragua, Kenya, and the Bahamas. We gave them a bunch of the money because we knew they could use that money to help a lot of people come to know Jesus. We knew there were some folks who didn't have a home or food right here in the United States. We sent some of the money to a group of people trying to help them. We had been wantin' to help this lady who lives just down the road a piece. She can't work because of a disease she has and she can't afford the medicines she needs. With the prize money, we were able to help her, too.

Talk Show Host: You gave the money to help other people? I feel faint. Didn't you want to leave the farm and live in luxury?

Doris: _____, as I said before, Carl and I have all we need or will ever need. God tells us that He is our provider, our shield, our very great reward.

Talk Show Host: I'm not sure I can understand how you can give away one billion dollars, Doris, but I would love to find out. It's time to dismiss these campers. Maybe you and I can stay and talk more about this.



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