



LESSON 44 SKIT

Principle: Facing tough times, even when we're living right.

Bible Character(s): Job

Scripture Reference: Job 1-2, 42



Personal Preparation: Before this weekend, please read through Job 1-2 and 42.

These chapters reveal Job as a righteous, wealthy man who trusted and worshipped God even through devastating losses. More importantly, we see that God is sovereign and that Job's holiness is more important to God than his comfort or happiness. God calls us to trust in Him during times of loss and grief as well as joy and security. Ultimately, God is more concerned with our heart attitudes than with our physical circumstances.

Have you ever felt like Job? How do you respond to pain in your life? Is your focus to have a comfortable life or to be like Christ? Meditate on 1 Peter 4:12-13 as you study Job this week.



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

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Coin Flip

Each cabin has a coin to flip. They flip with the host on the count of three. If the cabin matches the host coin, they remain in the competition (stay standing). If the cabin does not match the host coin, the cabin is eliminated (sit down). The last cabin standing wins.

5) Worship

Worship Connector: How many of you have had tough things happen in your life? What kinds of things? (Allow responses.) Did you feel like you were all alone and no one knew what you were going through? God knows everything about us. He knows when we laugh, and even when we cry. He knows when we are going through hard times. Today, we are going to learn about a man named Job who was going through a really difficult time. We will see that God was in control of Job's life, and that He is in control of our lives as well. God wants us to call out to Him and trust Him in difficult times because He is in control.

6) Skit

Trusting God When Bad Things Happen

ProPresenter:

Slide #1: Dude Not Perfect

Slide #2: "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." – Romans 8:28

Characters:

Storyteller: Skyler Pony

Staff Member #1: **Landon Lyles**, former Lego Building Champion

Staff Member #2

Props:

3 camp chairs on stage

Dude, Not Perfect theme song

Script:

(Set up like a YouTube video. Skyler Pony will be interviewing Landon Lyles for his YouTube channel "Dude, Not Perfect.")

Skyler Pony: What's up, guys? I'm Skyler, and welcome to Dude Not Perfect. If you haven't already, please hit the subscribe button and the notification bell so you don't miss any of our content. Today, we are recording live from the Camp Grace Lodge. We have two very special guests joining us. That's right. First, we're going to hear from Landon Lyles, the former Lego Building champion of Camp Grace.

I've waited for an interview with Landon Lyles for some time, so let's get into it.
(Landon Lyles walks on stage.)

Landon Lyles: (Shakes hands with Skyler Pony and takes a seat to the right.) Thanks for having me on today.

Skyler Pony: "Lego Landon", I'm a huge fan. I've waited so long to interview you that I hardly know where to begin. Would you mind telling us your story of how you became the 20_ (Fill in last year) Lego Building Champion?

Landon Lyles: Well, Skyler, it started when I was a boy. All of us in the Lyles family just love living life, building lovely Lego creations. Ever since I was a little boy, building with Legos has always been my thing. I would be able to recreate any masterpiece I came across with my collection of Legos.

Skyler Pony: Did your parents, Liam Lyles and Linda Lou Lyles, recognize that talent?

Landon Lyles: They did. They loved my Lego-building talent. They found a Lego tutor who instructed me in the tedious art of stacking Lego bricks for hours daily. They bought every type of Lego imaginable. I worked every day on my building strategy, timing, and technique. I studied and practiced constantly. I began entering Lego tournaments and traveled all over the world from one tournament to the next.

Skyler Pony: You sound very dedicated, Landon!! How did you finally make your way to the largest tournament in the country - the Camp Grace Lego Building Tournament?

Landon Lyles: The Camp Grace Lego Tournament was everything I ever worked for. It was the goal I trained so hard for. The competition was tough, but I trained my entire life for this. Finally, in 20_ (last year), I won the Camp Grace Lego Building Championship

Skyler Pony: Guys, this really is an inspiring story of someone who worked and trained a lifetime to become a champion. He was undefeated and at the top. But the joy was short-lived because this year at the 20_ (Current year) Camp Grace Lego Building Tournament, Lego Champion Lego Landon Lyles was defeated. Let's bring in the competitor that took the 20_ (current year) championship title away from Landon.

Staff Member #2: Thank you for having me.

Skyler Pony: Can you tell us a little bit about how you entered the tournament?

Staff Member #2: I work here at Camp Grace. I was getting the camp ready for the big tournament. The best we can figure is that while I was working, I must have written my name on one of the official forms, thinking it was something else. Anyway, somehow I ended up on the list of contestants. I had hardly ever even played with Legos in my life. I wasn't sure what I was supposed to do. But when they called my name, I took my seat and competed against the reigning champion, Landon Lyles. We had to build a replica of the Statue of Liberty using Legos. When we were both finished, the judges chose my creation to be the best, and now I'm the champion.

Skyler Pony: So, let me get this straight, you had no training?

Staff Member #2: Nope, none at all.

Skyer Pony: You didn't intentionally enter the tournament?

Staff Member #2: It was a total accident.

Skyler Pony: So you are the 20_ (current year) Camp Grace Lego Building Champion, after doing...well, no training at all to earn that title?

Staff Member #2: Yep. That's about it. Crazy, ain't it? I mean, when you think about all the time, the training, the hard work, and the sacrifice that Landon Lyles put into it....I mean, he was on top. He had it all - Lego commercials, Lego endorsements, a Lamborghini given by Lego, he was a voice-over in the Lego movie, and even had a custom Lego building set with his own mini figure included! I took it all away like that. (Snaps fingers.)

Skyler Pony: Wow. This is an amazing story. I have to ask you, Landon Lyles, how can you be so calm about all of this? You had it all, and it was taken away. Aren't you angry? Don't you feel resentment?

Landon Lyles: Well, Skyler, of course, I'm disappointed. Who wouldn't be? But I learned long ago about someone named Job in the Bible. We read many stories from the Bible in the Lyles home. Job was the greatest man around, back in his day. He truly had it all. He had a wonderful family, lots of land, servants, good friends, and a wonderful relationship with God. But Satan went to God and asked God's permission to mess with Job. He wanted to make Job turn away from God. God gave permission and told Satan that Job was like no one else on earth in the way that he tried to live for God and stay away from evil.

Staff Member #2: You mean God gave Satan permission to mess with Job?

Landon Lyles: Yes, because nothing can happen without God allowing it to happen. God allowed Satan to take away Job's entire family and all of his servants. Satan destroyed everyone that Job loved. Then, he destroyed everything that Job owned. Finally, Satan made Job very sick, with sores all over his body. He wanted to prove to God that Job would turn away from God if things weren't going well.

Staff Member #2: I can't imagine losing my entire family and everything I had. And, then, to get so sick, too! I don't understand why God would allow Satan to take so much from a man who did everything right. I mean, God said there was no one else on earth who tried so hard to live for God, so why would God allow all these terrible things to happen to such a good man?

Landon Lyles: Well, sometimes God allows bad things to happen to people. The tough part is that we don't always understand why. But that's where faith comes in. We have to know that God loves us more than we can imagine. Everything that happens to us is part of God's plan. We just have to trust that God loves us and that everything will work out for good.

Skyler Pony: You prepared for the Lego tournament for years. You did everything you could to be the best Lego champion. Are you saying that you don't hate the person who took all of this from you because you know that God has a plan in your losing?

Landon Lyles: That's right, I trust God. I know he loves me. I trust in His plan for my life. I am not thrilled about losing everything I've worked so hard for, but I know that God has a plan. He loves me, and I will trust Him.

Staff Member #2: That's amazing. I'm really encouraged by that. See, I have a little friend who is very sick right now. He is the best little boy I've ever known. He has cancer. I've been wondering why God would allow a sweet little boy to suffer so much. From listening to you...Well, it reminds me that God loves this little boy even more than his parents love him. Even though we don't understand why he has to suffer, we know that God has a plan.

Landon Lyles: There are lots of things that happen in life that we don't understand. There is sickness, there is death, there are hurricanes, floods, and so much more. We may not understand it all, but we can know that nothing happens without God allowing it. We can know that God loves us more than we love ourselves. We can just trust in God's love and His plan. One verse from the Bible that helps me is in Romans 8:28.

***SLIDE #2

The verse says, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." See, everything works together for our good if we love God and follow Him.

Skyler Pony: This has been fascinating. Thank you so much for sharing with us how you have dealt with such a great disappointment in your life. I'd like to thank both my guests for telling their stories. I know, I for one, am encouraged to simply trust in God when things happen that I don't understand. He loves me and has a plan for me. I'm going to send you all back to your cabins now to discuss this further, and we'll see you in the next one.

(Pray but **refrain from praying in character.**)



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