

Beach House AMPED Lesson

May 22/23, 2010 • Apple Valley and Victorville Campus

Virtue:

PATIENCE

Waiting until later
For what you want now

Bottom Line: Be patient in all you do; God has a plan for you!

Memory Verse: *“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning. It’s better to be patient than proud.”*
- Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)

Supplies Needed (per service):

- Rock
- Shoe
- 2 white t-shirts
- 1 ketchup bottle that squirts
- 1 mustard bottle that squirts
- 1 gift-wrapped box with something cool inside (have some way to keep the box out of the children’s reach)

WHAT DO WE WANT KIDS TO KNOW?

SPONTANEOUS MELODRAMA

“If the Shoe Fits, Crown Him” ...The young David is chosen to be king, 1 Samuel 16:1-13

NOTE: A spontaneous melodrama is a humorous narrative reading, during which actors dramatize the narrative’s action – with a melodramatic exaggeration, and on the spot, with no rehearsals. It looks like this: you call the requisite number of kids up front, assign them their roles – animate or inanimate – and instruct them to do whatever you read. Here are a couple of tips for you:

1. Add some planning to the spontaneity: “Planned spontaneity”? Well, yes, kind of. A little preparation is quality control for your otherwise spontaneous production. The timing and casting are everything. Be sure to read the melodrama through at least once before performing it, look for places in the script which need your attention – where you can make or break a line. Also be sure to select kids who will perform well on stage.

2. Mind your pauses: When a line you read calls for action, pause long enough for the actor(s) to act. No need to race through the scripts. Take your time.

3. Make it big: The bigger, the broader, the more hyperbolic the action, the better. Encourage your kids to go all out! They’ll have more fun doing it and everyone will have more fun watching.

CAST:

- Sam (boy)
- Rock (adult leader)
- Voice of God (deep-voiced male/boy, or use a microphone)
- Jesse (boy)
- Brothers (3-7 kids)
- David (male)
- The audience

PROPS:

- Rock
- Shoe

Beach House AMPED Lesson

May 22/23, 2010 • Apple Valley and Victorville Campus

Virtue:

PATIENCE

Waiting until later
For what you want now

Bottom Line: Be patient in all you do; God has a plan for you!

Memory Verse: *“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning. It’s better to be patient than proud.”*
- Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)

- ❑ Doorway (improvise one if necessary, stage left or right)

AS THE SCENE OPENS...

Jesse and his sons behind the door, stage left. The rock is onstage; Sam is next to it. The Voice of God is offstage and says all his lines from there; he or she is also holding David’s shoe, ready to fling it onstage at the appropriate time. When David walks onstage toward the end of the scene, he wears only one shoe, of course.

One day a prophet named Sam sat on a rock, a very sad expression on his face. He was so sad, in fact, that he began crying softly. His crying became louder. Soon he was sobbing uncontrollably, falling off the rock and beating the ground as he wept.

The rock said in a loud voice, “What’s wrong Sam?”

And Sam replied, “I’m crying about Saul, the no-good king.” And when he realized he was talking to a rock, he cried even louder.

Suddenly a loud voice bellowed, “Sam, stop crying!”

Sam was stunned. He recognized it as the Voice of God. So he stopped crying and looked around. The Voice said, “Don’t mourn for Saul. I’ve chosen a new king.”

And Sam said, “Who, Lord?”

The Voice said, “I’ll show you.” Then in a western accent the Voice said, “Now get on over to Jesse’s place, pardner!”

Sam had never heard God speak that way, so he began to chuckle. His chuckles turned into laughter. Then the rock began laughing. Then the audience began laughing.

And God said, “You laughin’ at me?”

Everyone stopped laughing instantly and shook their heads.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a shoe plopped down next to Sam. And God said, “The person who fits this shoe will be the next king.” Sam picked the shoe up and scratched his head. Something about this scenario seemed familiar to him...he looked around to see if there were any pumpkin carriages. Then he dropped the shoe on the rock to see if it was made of glass. The rock cried out in pain. Sam apologized to the rock as he picked up the shoe.

Well, at least this wasn’t a scene from Cinderella, Sam thought. So he went over to Jesse’s house and knocked on the door. Jesse answered and immediately fell to the ground before Sam. Jesse’s sons all came to the door; when they saw Sam, they fell to the ground too, forming a huge dog pile. Sam thought there had been an earthquake, so he fell to the ground, too.

Beach House AMPED Lesson

May 22/23, 2010 • Apple Valley and Victorville Campus

Virtue:

PATIENCE

Waiting until later
For what you want now

Bottom Line: Be patient in all you do; God has a plan for you!

Memory Verse: *“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning. It’s better to be patient than proud.”*
- Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)

Finally Jesse lifted up his head and said, “Do you come in peace?”

Sam held up a peace sign and said loudly, “Peace!”

So everyone made a peace sign, got up, and gave each other a group hug. Sam stepped out of the huddle and said, “The next king of Israel will be the one who fits this shoe.”

All of Jesse’s sons lined up, took off one of their shoes, and held out their feet. Then the smell hit them, and everyone plugged their noses. Even the audience had to plug their noses.

Sam walked slowly down the line of sons, looking at their feet, holding the shoe up next to each foot. But he saw that none of these feet fit the shoe, and he shook his head sadly.

At that moment David walked in. He waved to his dad and said, “Hi, Dad-have you seen my shoe?”

The brothers glared at him. But Sam grinned at him. He ran over to David, hugged him and kneeled down to place the shoe on his foot. The Voice said, “Rise and anoint him-he’s the one!”

Sam kneeled and said enthusiastically, “Hail to our king!” The brothers kneeled and said quite unenthusiastically, “Hail to out king.” The audience kneeled and said happily, “Hail to out king!”

WHAT DO WE WANT KIDS TO UNDERSTAND?

See, God was ready for a new king because King Saul was not following Him. He was choosing to go his own way and not listening to God. David on the other hand, who was a youngest in his family and had a heart after God’s heart. You know David ended up having to wait many years before he actually became king. He had to go through many some pretty bad things. However, he was patient and always did what God wanted him to do! God has a plan for each and every one of us. But we all have a choice to make. We have to choose to follow God’s way.

Beach House AMPED Lesson

May 22/23, 2010 • Apple Valley and Victorville Campus

Virtue:

PATIENCE

Waiting until later
For what you want now

Bottom Line: Be patient in all you do; God has a plan for you!

Memory Verse: *“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning. It’s better to be patient than proud.”*
- Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)

WHAT DO WE WANT KIDS TO DO?

To choose to follow Christ it is actually very easy. We call it the ABC’s of salvation. The letter “A” stands for the word “Admit.” We admit to God that we have sinned. This isn’t a hard to do, because we’ve all sinned. Sins are things that we do that go against what God wants us to do.

Have student come to the front and put on a white t-shirt. Discuss different types of sin. As you are discussing the sins, squirt ketchup and mustard on the shirt to represent different sins. Discuss how we can’t get rid of it on our own and show how trying to clean it up just rubs it in and makes it worse. Discuss how because we sin we are separated from God.

Next, the letter “B” stands for the word “Believe.” God loved us so much that he didn’t want us to be separated from him. We have to believe in God and believe in His Son Jesus. God sent his son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven. But Jesus didn’t stay dead; he rose again three days later.

The purpose of this activity: *This activity will illustrate that we cannot do anything to earn the gift of salvation on our own. We can only get it by asking Jesus to give it to us.*

Description: *The children will be asked to think of a way to get a gift box without leaving their seat.*

Materials Needed: *1 gift-wrapped box, some way to keep the box out of the children’s reach.*

To introduce this activity, say the following:

- 1. I have a gift for you, but the gift is out of your reach.*
- 2. I want you to think of a way that you can get the gift without leaving your seat.*
- 3. When you think of it, just blurt it out.*

During the activity, say the following:

- 1. When does a gift become yours? (When you take it, when you accept it, when you receive it, etc.)*
- 2. That’s right, a gift becomes yours when you accept it.*
- 3. Let’s open our Bibles to the book of Ephesians 2:8-9. It says, “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” (NLT)*

Finally, the letter “C” stand for the word “Choose.” We choose to accept the free gift of salvation, we choose to follow Jesus and live our lives for God. Discuss how we do not have to do anything to get this free gift

Beach House AMPED Lesson

May 22/23, 2010 • Apple Valley and Victorville Campus

<p><u>Virtue:</u> PATIENCE Waiting until later For what you want now</p>	<p><u>Bottom Line:</u> Be patient in all you do; God has a plan for you!</p>
	<p><u>Memory Verse:</u> <i>“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning. It’s better to be patient than proud.”</i> - Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)</p>

After the activity, say the following: Just like this gift was out of your reach, and only I could get it for you, only Jesus can give you the gift of salvation. What do we do if we choose to believe and accept God’s forgiveness? It’s actually very easy. We call it the ABC’s of salvation. The letter “A” stands for the word “Admit.” We admit to God that we have sinned. This isn’t a hard to do, because we’ve all sinned. Next, the letter “B” stands for the word “Believe.” We have to believe in God and believe in His Son Jesus. We tell God that we believe that Jesus died on a cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven and that He rose again. Finally, the letter “C” stand for the word “Choose.” We choose to accept the gift of salvation, we choose to follow Jesus and live our lives for God. We say each of those things in a prayer to God and He hears us.

Challenge kids to do one of two things: (1) Come forward during the next worship song and meet with one of our leaders to invite Jesus into their life. (2) If children have already done that encourage them to complete their God Time books at home this week and bring them back along with a friend that doesn’t normally come to church. Close the lesson in prayer.