

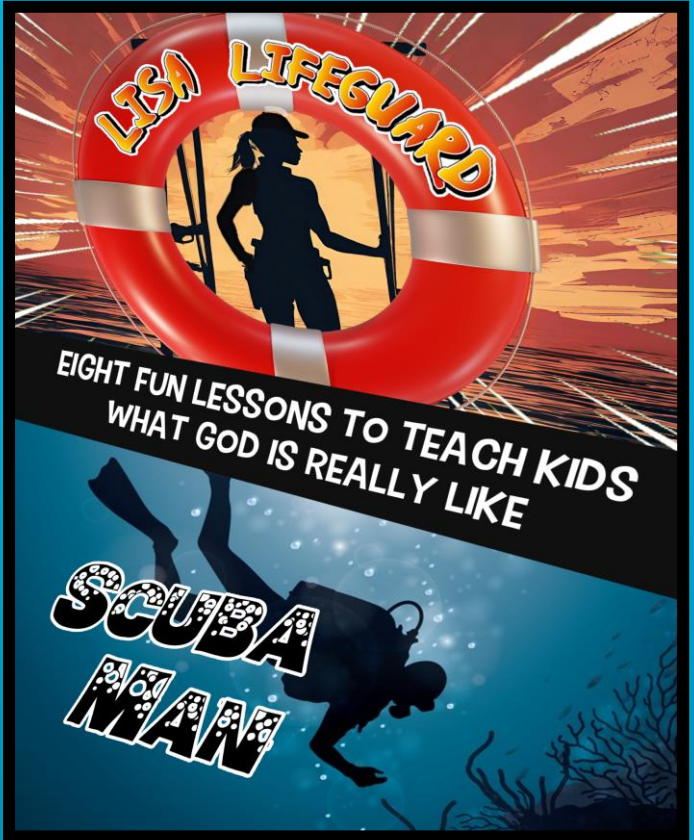


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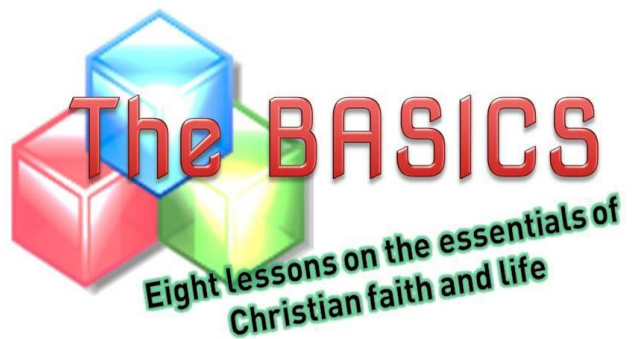
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**WHEN SOMEONE
BECOMES A
CHRISTIAN, THEY
BECOME A BRAND
NEW PERSON
INSIDE.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Acts in Space: Lesson 7

Theme: Anyone can be changed by Jesus.

Acts in Space Ep 6: Return of the Rolo

Cast

- Rolo Ken
- Huey

Props

- Costume for Rolo Ken: Kylo Ren mask, purple suit, bow tie, top hat
- Costume for Huey: Bear suit, wig, 'muzzle' mask, kazoo, bandolier
- Metal Case
- Tube of Rolos
- Control panel (large enough for Rolo Ken to fall behind)
- Medkit (with Huey)
- Pills (inside medkit)

Media

- Narrator Lines recording
 - Computer Voice recordings
 - SFX: Airlock opening, rushing noise
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- Saul
- Flunky
- Narrator
- Jesus (offstage on microphone)
- Ananias
- Spotlight operator

Props

- 3 Bible Costumes for Saul, Flunky, Ananias
 - Scroll (with Flunky)
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- Teacher

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OR
 - Stuffed Caterpillar
 - Stuffed Butterfly
 - Paper Bag (with Butterfly inside)
-

Acts in Space Episode 7: Return of the Rolo

Cast:

- Rolo Ken [14 lines]
- Huey [5 lines]

Props:

- Costume for Rolo Ken: Kylo Ren mask, purple suit, bow tie, top hat
- Costume for Huey: Bear suit, wig, 'muzzle' mask, kazoo, bandolier
- Metal Case
- Tube of Rolos
- Control panel (large enough for Rolo Ken to fall behind)
- Medkit (with Huey)
- Pills (inside medkit)

Media:

- Narrator Lines recording
- Computer Voice recordings
- SFX: Airlock opening, rushing noise

Narrator: Sometime in the future, in a galaxy far, far away, the evil scientist Rolo Ken set out to destroy Captain Tato and the crew of the starship Doorprize...

Rolo Ken enters. He's wearing a Kylo Ren mask, purple suit, bow tie, and top hat.

Rolo Ken: Aha! I have them now! That Captain Tato and his crew are trying to stop the disease I'm spreading through my infected Rolos. But they'll rue the day they crossed evil scientist Rolo Ken! *[evil laughter]* Computer! How close are we to the Starship Doorprize?

Computer Voice: *[recording]* Three point two parsecs. Estimated time of total destruction of your enemies: 2 minutes.

Rolo Ken: Ha ha! That Captain Tato thinks that he can just go around the galaxy giving out the cure to the JarJarVirus. Well, once I blow up his ship, he won't be spreading the cure much further. This calls for a celebration! *[he opens a case with a tube of Rolos, takes it out and smells it]* Ahh, my newest vintage of Rolos!

Rolo Ken pulls out one of the Rolos and takes a bite. Immediately, he starts to hold his head.

Rolo Ken: Agh! My head hurts! Computer! What was in that Rolo I just ate?

Computer Voice: That was your new Jar Jar Express Rolo. All the chocolate, twice the virus!

Acts in Space - Lesson 7

Rolo Ken: Oh no! Now I'm infected too!
You know, this whole infecting the whole galaxy thing maybe wasn't such a great idea after all. Computer! Find me some help!

Computer Voice: Sure. Searching for Malaysian restaurants nearby.

Rolo Ken: I don't need a Malaysian restaurant, I need a cure to the JarJar Virus!

Computer Voice: Okay, a cure to the JarJar Virus. I'm on it. Sorry, there are no YouTube videos with that title.

Rolo Ken: No, I need Help! Send out a distress call!

Computer Voice: No problem. Navigating to the nearest shopping mall.

Rolo Ken: Never mind, I'll do it myself! *[he punches a button on his control panel]*
Mayday! Mayday! This is, um... Ken!
And I've ingested a high concentration of the JarJar Virus! Somebody please help!

Rolo Ken falls over.

Computer Voice: Detecting an incoming being through the service bay. Shall I drop shields and let them in?

Rolo Ken sticks up a 'thumbs up'

Computer Voice: Affirmative.

Huey rushes in, carrying a medkit. He exclaims in surprise and then pulls out some pills and feeds them to Rolo Ken. Rolo Ken immediately sits up.

Rolo Ken: You saved me! I'm alive!

Huey: *[kazoos]* yup.

Rolo Ken: Thank you! You must have received my distress call. What ship are you from?

Huey: *[kazoos]* the Starship Doorprize

Rolo Ken: The Starship Doorprize? Captain Tato's ship?

Huey: *[kazoos]* yup!

Rolo Ken: *[slowly standing up]* Well, this is a bit awkward... You're gonna laugh about this later. I was actually just about to destroy your ship! Pretty funny, hey? But listen, I've realized that this whole JarJar Virus thing is actually a horrible idea and I shouldn't be killing people over candy after all. I'm sorry for how I've acted. Can you forgive me?

Huey: *[shrugs and kazoos]* Sure!

Rolo Ken: Wow, thanks! I feel so much better now. Hey, you know what I'm gonna do? Computer! Destroy all the infected Rolos on board the ship!

Computer Voice: Playing all tracks by the Tragically Hip.

Rolo Ken: Never mind, I'll do it myself!
[presses button on control panel]

SFX: *Airlock opening, rushing noise*

Rolo Ken: There! I just sucked all the infected Rolos out into space. I feel like a new man! Hey, can you come with me to the last planet I visited? I want to give them the antidote and make up for all the mess I've caused.

Huey: *[shrugs and kazoos]* Sure!

Rolo Ken and Huey leave off stage.

Acts in Space - Lesson 7

Narrator: And so, the evil Rolo Ken had a change of heart and realized that what he had been doing was wrong. He decided to stop hurting people and start to help them. Even the worst people can change. This reminds me of today's Bible story, where we will meet the man who became known as the Apostle Paul. But he started off

as a man called Saul, who was on a mission to destroy anyone following Jesus. Let's go back a long time ago, just to the other side of the globe, for today's Bible Story: Saul on the road to Damascus.

Bible Story: Saul on the Road to Damascus

(Acts 9:1-19)

Cast:

- Saul *[9 lines]*
- Flunky *[2 lines]*
- Narrator *[5 lines]*
- Jesus (offstage on microphone) *[5 lines]*
- Ananias *[6 lines]*
- Spotlight operator *[non-speaking]*

Props:

- 3 Bible Costumes for Saul, Flunky, Ananias
- Scroll (with Flunky)
- Bright spotlight shining on one side of the stage
- Ping pong ball halves - cut to roughly eye-shaped (with Saul)

Saul and Flunky walk onstage.

Saul: *[pointing ahead]* Aha! There it is, my friend. Damascus! Do you have the papers?

Flunky: *[pulling out scroll]* Right here, sir. *[reading]* Official permission from the high priest to capture, imprison, or kill anyone belonging to the group of 'Christians' in Damascus. This will put a stop to those Christians!

Saul: Yes it will. We need to stop this dangerous movement, all these people going around and saying that Jesus is the Son of God, saying that they've seen him after he was plainly killed on a cross like he deserved. I live for this kind of thing, protecting the good name of our religion by stopping everyone who thinks differently!

Narrator: Suddenly, a bright light shone down from heaven, knocking Saul to the ground.

Bright spotlight shines down on Saul. He falls to the ground.

Jesus: *[offstage voice into microphone]* Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?

Saul: Whaaa? Who are you, Lord?

Jesus: *[offstage voice into microphone]* I am Jesus. I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do.

Saul: *[standing up and blinking]* Why can't I see anything? Jesus? What happened?

Flunky: Are you all right?

Saul: I think so. But I can't see. Can you lead me into the city?

They exit, Flunky leading Saul who's groping with his eyes closed.

Narrator: And so, Saul and his companion went into the city of Damascus. In the meantime, Jesus appeared to another person. This man's name was Ananias and he was a Christian.

Ananias enters from other side of the stage. Spotlight turns on.

Jesus: [offstage voice into microphone] Ananias!

Ananias: [looking up] Yes, Lord?

Jesus: Go into town, to the house of Judas. You're going to find a man there named Saul, who's praying. I've given him a vision that a man named Ananias will pray for him to get his sight back.

Ananias: Wait a minute, Lord. Did you say SAUL? This is the guy who's come to round up all of us believers and take us away to prison. You want me to pray for HIM? What if he kills me like he's done to other Christians?

Jesus: Go and find him! I've chosen Saul to be my messenger to people who have never heard about me. I have a mission for him.

Ananias: Okay, Lord, you're the boss!
[Ananias exits]

Narrator: And so Ananias found the house that Jesus said, and sure enough, Saul was there.

Saul enters, groping around like he's blind, and praying.

Saul: Okay, Jesus, maybe I was wrong about opposing you. I mean, I saw you with my own eyes, and you spoke to me. If this Ananias guy really does show up and I can see again, then I'll know I'm not crazy and you really are calling me into something new.

Ananias enters.

Ananias: Brother Saul? My name is Ananias.

Saul: Ananias? Did... Jesus send you?

Ananias: Yes he did. He wants me to pray for you so that you will see again.

Saul: I don't think I deserve it after all the bad things I've done, but okay.

Narrator: And so, Ananias prayed for Saul, and something like scales fell off of his eyes. He could see again!

Saul puts his hands on his eyes and drops two ping pong ball halves to the ground. He stands up and puts his hand on Ananias' shoulder.

Saul: Thank you, Ananias, for doing what Jesus asked you to do. Now, I need to get baptized to show everyone that I believe in Jesus and will follow him for the rest of my life! Can you introduce me to the rest of the believers?

Ananias: Sure! [They exit.]

The Point: Saul was a very bad person originally. He was looking for people who were following Jesus and trying to put them in jail or kill them. But then, when Jesus appeared to him, Saul totally turned around and decided to start following Jesus instead. Ananias trusted that Jesus could make the difference in Saul's life and so he obeyed and went and prayed for Saul. It's important for us to remember that there's nobody who's done something too bad for God to forgive. We should always be willing to pray for others to become Christians and do what we can to pray for them.

Object Lesson: The Chemical Cross

Cast:

- Teacher

Props:

- The Chemical cross illusion – 2 chemicals, crystals, wooden cross
- Clear glass of water

Show glass of water.

When God first made the world, everything was perfect. Everything was in harmony, the earth was clean, the water was clean *[take a drink from the glass]*, and people never did anything evil or bad.

But then the first people decided to turn against God and sin. And their kids did, and their kids did, and all the way down to you and I. We're all born with this craving to do the wrong thing.

Put first chemical in to turn water red.

When we sin and disobey God, we can no longer see God or be with Him. Our hearts become dark and there's a barrier between us and God.

Sin messes up your life. This is where Saul was at. He was doing some bad things and he thought he was okay! But he wasn't, he was hurting lots of people with his sin.

So what should we do when we sin? Should we try harder? Pretend nothing is wrong? Cover up our sin?

Put second chemical in to turn water black.

None of the things that we can do can erase our sin. We need help to get our lives clear of sin. And thankfully, God knows that!

Pick up cross.

Jesus came to earth and he died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. He rose again from the dead so we can know him personally. He showed himself to Saul in a very dramatic way and he makes himself real to us as well.

If you decide to follow Jesus, then he comes into your messed-up life. It doesn't matter to him how much sin is in your life, he can forgive it all.

Put cross into water and start to stir.

When Jesus is in your life, your sins are forgiven, whether they're big sins or little sins, whether there are a bunch of them or only a few. The Bible says that you can have a new life in Jesus!

So maybe you're here and you're like Saul today. You think, 'God could never forgive those bad things I've done, they're too bad. But he can and he will! God wants to forgive you! He wants to give you a new chance at life, a chance to start over again. If you want this chance, raise your hand and I'll pray for you.

Prayer for kids to accept Jesus and have a new start to life.

Junior Bible Story – Saul on the Road to Damascus

Cast:

- Teacher
- 2 disciples
- Bystander
- Saul
- Ananias

Props:

- 5 Bible costumes
- Satchel or rolled-up blanket (with Saul)

Many years ago, the disciples were telling many people in Jerusalem about how Jesus had died on the cross, come back to life, gone up to heaven and was going to come back again one day. The disciples were telling everyone they could that their sins could be forgiven and follow Jesus too.

One or two disciples come onstage and meet another person. Mime out talking about Jesus.

Not everyone liked hearing the disciples talk about Jesus. There was an angry man name Saul who did not like Christians at all.

Saul enters and acts angry and threatening.

He yelled at them. He bullied them. He wanted them arrested. He sometimes even killed them. The Christians were afraid of Saul!

Disciples and bystander run away with Saul chasing them.

One day Saul decided to travel to travel to the city of Damascus.

Saul comes onstage with a satchel or rolled up blanket and sets off on a journey.

He wanted the leaders of the city to give him permission to put Christians in jail. He was making their way along the dusty road. Suddenly, from out of the sky, came the brightest light Saul had ever seen. The light surrounded Him. He tried to cover his eyes to shield the light, but it was so bright that it still hurt his eyes. He fell down on the ground trying to get away from it.

Saul acts this out.

Then he heard a voice. It was unlike any voice he had ever heard, saying, "SAUL! SAUL! Why do you want to pick on me?"

Saul looks around like he doesn't know what's happening.

Saul, not recognizing the voice, said, "Who are you?"

The answer came back, "I am Jesus."

Of course, Saul was terribly afraid. He was trembling could hardly speak. He thought Jesus would be **VERY ANGRY WITH HIM**. In a shaky voice he said, "Lord, what do you want?"

Saul cowers and covers his eyes.

The voice of Jesus replied, "Go into the city, and someone will meet you and tell you what to do."

When Saul was able to get up off the ground, he uncovered his eyes, but he couldn't see anything. The light from heaven was so bright it had blinded him. He had to travel the rest of the way to Damascus completely blind.

Saul walks off to the side of the stage blindly and sits down.

Meanwhile in Damascus there was a Christian man named Ananias who loved the Lord very much.

Ananias enters stage, far side of Saul, and kneels down in prayer.

God spoke to him in a vision, telling him to go down the street and meet Saul. Ananias had heard all bad stuff Saul was doing to Christians and he wasn't very excited about this idea. He was worried that Saul would try to hurt him!

Ananias shakes his head as he keeps praying.

The Lord spoke to Ananias again, and reassured him that everything would be fine.

Ananias gets up and walks over to Saul.

Ananias found the house where Saul was staying and went in. He prayed for Saul and the Lord healed him. Saul could see again!

Ananias and Saul act this out. They hug and exit.

Saul stayed in Damascus with Ananias and other Christians. He became good friends with them and learned all from them. It wasn't long before Saul became a preacher teaching people about Jesus. Everyone was amazed! They couldn't believe that Saul was the same person that had hated them so much before, and now was a Christian like them.

That's what God can do! He has forgiveness for anyone who says sorry, no matter what they have done. He can help someone change – even someone like Saul! In fact, Saul changed so much, that he was even given a new name...Paul!

Junior Object Lesson: Caterpillar to Butterfly

Cast:

- Teacher

Props:

- Transforming Caterpillar to Butterfly puppet (from folkmanis.com)
OR
- Stuffed Caterpillar
- Stuffed Butterfly
- Paper Bag (with Butterfly inside)

God can change anyone! He shows us through nature a great example of this.

Show Caterpillar.

Do you know what this is? Did you know that a Caterpillar TRANSFORMS? The word transform means to change from one thing into something new! Does anyone know what a caterpillar changes into?

A Butterfly!

When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts – he transforms US – making our hearts new. He takes all our sins and wipes them away and helps us to have a heart filled with his love, joy, and peace!

But a caterpillar doesn't become a butterfly overnight. It needs a little time to become a chrysalis.

Zip caterpillar puppet and transform it to chrysalis, OR place caterpillar into paper bag and twist it up.

After the caterpillar has been in a chrysalis for a while, it comes out as a new Butterfly!

Unzip chrysalis and turn it into butterfly, OR remove butterfly from paper bag.

Then, a little while after it emerges, the butterfly needs to learn how to stretch its wings.

Flap butterfly puppet's wings.

Just like Saul needed some time to learn about Jesus. He didn't start preaching and teaching people as soon as he got up off the road in on the way to Damascus – he had to go ask others for help. Ananias and other Christians helped him. Just like a caterpillar needs a little time to turn into a butterfly that can fly – Saul needed time to grow into a **STRONG CHRISTIAN. Everyone in the world can be changed, and God's forgiveness is for you and for me and for the whole world.**

The FOUR most important things

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Choose today
who you will
serve.

JOSHUA 24:15





The FOUR MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

LESSON 1





The FOUR MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

LESSON 1

Theme / Topic

I can choose to Follow Jesus! Salvation is a free gift, but we need to accept Jesus.

Introduction / Puppet Skit

I Can Choose to Follow Jesus

Cast

- Buckaroo Betsy
- Bill Der Tings

Props

- Puppet
- Puppet Stage
- Mic
- Costume for Bill: Hardhat, Reflective vest, Goggles, work gloves, tool belt
- Ladder
- Sticks, taped into the rough shape of a small ladder
- Tape
- 'Building for Dummies' book high on shelf

Bible Story

The First Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)

Cast

- Jesus
- James
- John
- Zebedee (older)

Props

- Jesus Costume: white robe, red sash, beard
- Costumes for all
- White beard for Zebedee
- Fishing Poles
- Fishing Net with holes in it (Hammock or volleyball net works)
- Some extra string to fix the nets with
- A knife to cut the string with





The FOUR MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

LESSON 1



Object Lesson 1

The ladder to heaven

Cast

- Leader
- Assistant
- Spontaneous Volunteer from audience

Props

- Sign "Eternal Life" - hung from ceiling, just out of reach
- Ladder
- Sign "Jesus" - attached to ladder
- (optional) candy or other reward for volunteer

Object Lesson 2

The Wordless Book

Cast

- Leader

Props

- A wordless book - Large sheets of solid color construction paper or Bristol board (remember the bigger the better!) attached together into a book format.
- The pages are in this order Black, Red, White, Yellow (or gold), Green

Skit 1

Snakebite

Cast

- Hiker
- Doctor

Props

- Hiker costume - shorts, backpack, hat, walking stick
- Camera
- Fieldbook in the backpack
- Doctor costume
- Pill bottle
- White Sheet
- (optional) fake snake

Skit 2

The Choice

Cast

- Erik
- Emma

Props

- Costume for Erik
- Ball for Erik
- Costume for Emma
- Hand held size Wordless Book

Metro Story - The Shield Of Faith

Cast

- Teacher
- Picture Holder

Props

- 10 Story Pictures





INTRODUCTION / PUPPET SKIT - I CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS

Cast

- Buckaroo Betsy [13 lines]
- Bill Der Tings [14 lines]

Props

- Puppet
- Puppet Stage
- Mic
- Costume for Bill: Hardhat, Reflective vest, Goggles, work gloves, tool belt
- Ladder
- Sticks, taped into the rough shape of a small ladder
- Tape
- 'Building for Dummies' book high on shelf

- *Bill enters, holding a rough ladder made out of sticks and tape.*

Bill: Hey Betsy! How's it goin', eh?

- *Betsy pops up out of puppet stage.*

Betsy: Howdy, Bill! Whatcha doin'?

Bill: I'm gonna get my Building for Dummies book, eh!

Betsy: That's right! Your ankle is better, hey?

Bill: Yeah, eh!

Betsy: Okay, go ahead and use the ladder!

Bill: No way, eh! I made my own! *[holds up stick ladder]*

Betsy: *[face-palming]* Bill! Why would you make your own ladder when there's a perfectly good one RIGHT THERE?

Bill: Well, now that the ladder is there, it's like I have the book in my hands already. So I just, like, drew on the knowledge from the book, eh, and made this amazing ladder MYSELF, eh?

Betsy: But you haven't actually GOT the book yet.

Bill: Don't need to, eh. It's all up here. *[pointing to his head]*

Betsy: Bill, if you don't actually go and get the book, you don't have it and you can't use it. Just climb the ladder and get it!

Bill: How do I know that ladder will hold my weight? And you saw what it did to my





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LESSON 7



ankle, eh! That thing is DANGEROUS, eh!

Betsy: And what you made isn't?

Bill: No way, eh! It'll totally support me.
Check it out, eh!

- *Bill climbs his stick ladder and, predictably, falls down and breaks it.*

Betsy: Bill, just use the ladder! You have to choose to use the ladder!

Bill: I can choose to use the ladder? Hey, that sounds kinda familiar, eh?

Betsy: You're right! It's like the fourth important thing! I can choose to follow Jesus!

Bill: So if Jesus is like the ladder, he's made a way to heaven, eh? But I won't get there if I don't choose to follow him, eh?

Betsy: That's right, Bill! You're sure getting smart! So are you going to choose to use the ladder or not?

Bill: Okay, eh, I'm gonna do it!

- *SFX: Also Spake Zarathustra (2001 a Space Odyssey theme) plays*
- *Bill dramatically climbs the ladder – at first he's nervous and sways back and forth a bit to the music and then he retrieves the book from the high shelf*

Bill: I did it, eh! I got my book!

Betsy: Great job, Bill!

Bill: Uh, Betsy?

Betsy: Yeah, Bill?

Bill: Could you, uh, help me read it, eh? I'm smart but some of these words are big. . .

Betsy: Sure thing!

- *Bill and Betsy exit.*





Bible Story - The First Disciples

(Matthew 4:18-22)

Theme: When Jesus called, the disciples didn't wait.

Cast:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| - Jesus | [1 line] |
| - James | [7 lines] |
| - John | [7 lines] |
| - Zebedee (older) | [7 lines] |
| - Narrator | [2 lines] |

Props

- Jesus Costume: white robe, red sash, beard
- Costumes for all
- White beard for Zebedee
- Fishing Poles
- Fishing Net with holes in it (Hammock or volleyball net works)
- Some extra string to fix the nets with
- A knife to cut the string with

Narrator: Before he died, Jesus travelled around and he picked 12 men to be his students and learn from him; he called them his disciples. He asked each of them to drop everything they were doing so that they could come and follow him. This meant that they would lose their jobs and would have to trust God to take care of them.

- *James, John, and their father Zebedee enter with the fishing poles and nets.*

Zebedee: Come on, sons, let's get going. If we're going to catch enough fish today, we better get started early!

James: OK, dad.

John: Hey dad, these nets have holes in them.

Zebedee: *[looks at the nets]* Hmm. . .

You're right. We better fix them before we start.

- *They all sit down, and start fixing up the nets with the knife and extra string.*

James: Man, I hate having to fix these old nets all the time. I wish we could get some new ones.

Zebedee: Now, don't complain. Do you know how much new nets would cost?

James: Well, maybe we could buy some slightly used ones that are in good shape.

John: Hey! That's right! I know where we could get some slightly used nets!





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James: Where?

John: Peter and Andrew! Didn't you hear?
They've given up fishing, and are
following that new religious guy.

- *Zebedee scowls at the idea.*

Zebedee: What? Don't be ridiculous, son!
Those two have been fishermen all their
lives. They'd have to be crazy to quit
their jobs to follow some strange
religious guy! Who is he, anyway?

John: His name is Jesus, and he comes from
Nazareth. Some people think he's a
prophet sent by God.

- *Zebedee stands up indignantly, and
starts waving his finger at his sons as
he talks.*

Zebedee: Well, prophet or not, those two
would have to be crazy to follow him!
Giving up fishing to follow some
religious guy. . . humph! What did he
do, offer them a bunch of money?

John: No, apparently he just asked them. He
said to them to put away their fishing
nets, and come follow him.

Zebedee: And they just did it? Boy! They
must be crazy!

- *James points off stage.*

James: Look! There he is! It's Jesus!

- *Jesus enters, and approaches the two
brothers.*

Jesus: James and John? I want you to come
with me, and be my disciples. Put away
your fishing nets, and follow me. I'll
make you fishers of men.

- *The two brothers pause and look at each
other for a moment, then drop the
fishing nets.*

James and John: Sure!

- *Zebedee is stunned, and can't believe his
sons are leaving.*

James: Bye, dad.

John: Yep, bye. We're going to follow Jesus.

- *As Jesus, James, and John exit, Zebedee
tries to stop them, but they don't listen.*

Zebedee: But. . . but. . . wait! Son?!
But. . . but. . . what about the fishing
nets? James? John? Where are you
going? Wait!

- *He follows after them.*

Narrator: James and John left behind
everything they had and chose to
follow Jesus. Even though some of
their friends thought they were crazy,
they knew it was more important to
follow God and do whatever he asked
them to do.





OBJECT LESSON 1 - The Ladder to Heaven

Theme: We need to follow Jesus to get to heaven.

Cast

- Leader
- Assistant
- Spontaneous volunteer from audience

Props

- Sign "Eternal Life" - hung from ceiling, just out of reach
- Ladder
- Sign "Jesus" - attached to ladder
- (optional) candy or other reward for volunteer

- *Keep the ladder out of sight to begin with. Have the sign reading "Eternal Life" hanging from the ceiling, just out of reach. The sign should be low enough that it can be reached from the second or third step of the ladder.*

Leader: See that up there? It's out of reach, so how would you get it?

- *The kids will give various suggestions. Shake your head and explain, "I'm not talking about the sign, I'm talking about Eternal Life."*

Leader: There's nothing you can do to get Eternal Life. You can't be good enough, or do anything to get it. There's absolutely no way to get Eternal Life, except one. . .

- *Pull the ladder out. The ladder has the sign, "Jesus" on it.*

Leader: There's only one way to reach Eternal Life, and that's by trusting Jesus.

- *Ask for your assistant to help you. Tell them to climb the ladder, and get the sign down.*

Assistant: I don't trust that ladder. What if it breaks?

Leader: The ladder won't break. It's strong.

- *The assistant tries climbing, but panics and comes back down.*

Assistant: I still don't trust it!

Leader: Have some faith in it, it won't let you fall.

- *Again, the assistant starts climbing, but backs out again.*





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Assistant: I can't do it!

Leader: Yes you can! You just need to believe! Have some faith!

- *The Assistant refuses, and leaves.*
- *Ask a volunteer from the audience to help.*

There's only one way to get Eternal Life, and that is through Jesus Christ. But what if you have no faith in him? What if you don't trust him? Can you get Eternal Life? No.

- *Let the kid climb the ladder and get the sign.*

God wants us to live forever with him in heaven, but many people don't want to trust him. They don't want to follow Jesus and live his way, so they never become Christians. Because they have no faith in Jesus' death on the cross for them, they are missing the greatest gift of all.

- *Thank your volunteer, and if appropriate, reward them with some candy for their help.*

If you will trust God, not only will he give you Eternal Life, but he will help you here on earth. Do you believe him? Do you have faith in him?





Object Lesson 2

Theme: The Wordless Book tells the story of salvation.

Props

- A wordless book - Large sheets of solid color construction paper or Bristol board (remember the bigger the better!) attached together into a book format.
- The pages are in this order Black, Red, White, Yellow (or gold), Green

Leader: Today I'm going to tell you a true story with this book, and it's the most important story you will ever hear so be sure to listen very closely. The amazing thing about this book, is that it has no words! The story is told using colours!

- *Reveal book, starting with front Black Page*

Leader: This black page stands for sin. It shows how our life can become yucky and sad when we do the wrong thing. When we have sin in our life, we don't know God. It's like our heart is a dark place.

- *Open book to Red Page.*

Leader: The red page stands for the fact that Jesus died for us. It reminds us of the fact that Jesus bled, and died, on the cross to take the punishment for our sin – the wrong stuff we do.

- *Turn to white page.*

Leader: The white page, which we can call the clean page, stands for Jesus' forgiveness. When we ask him to forgive us, he takes away all that yucky sin away!

- *Turn to the yellow/gold page.*

Leader: The gold page tells us about heaven. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, and to be our forever friend, that means that one day we will be in heaven with God! Heaven is a real place! We can't see it right now, but it is a perfect and beautiful place we can one day go to live with God. When we bodies die, our spirit inside us will still live and we can be in heaven where there is no more sadness, and no more crying.

- *Turn to the green page.*

Leader: The green page tells us how we need to grow. When we ask Jesus to be our saviour and forever friend, we need to become more like him! Food and exercise make our bodies grow, but what makes our spirit grow? By doing





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stuff like going to Kids Klub, Sunday School or church, reading the Bible, talking to Jesus through prayer and doing what's right.

At the end of today's lesson you will have a chance to do what we learned in this Wordless Book. You will have a chance to pray to ask Jesus to forgive you, to become your Saviour and forever friend!





SKIT 1 - Snakebite

Theme: God saves us but we have to be willing to be saved.

Cast:

- Hiker [9 lines]
- Doctor [5 lines]

Props:

- Hiker costume - shorts, backpack, hat, walking stick
- Camera
- Fieldbook in the backpack (script page can be hidden inside)
- Doctor costume
- Pill bottle
- White Sheet
- (optional) fake snake

- *Hiker enters, commenting on what a beautiful day it is in the mountains and how he hopes to see some wildlife.*
- *Hiker looks down and sees a beautiful snake in the bushes. He decides to get a close-up picture of it. As he's going to snap the picture, he jumps in pain and yells that the snake has just bitten his ankle.*

Hiker: Ow! That really hurt! That dumb snake just bit me! I wonder what kind of snake it was, anyway?

- *He pulls out the fieldbook from his backpack and starts to read.*

Hiker: Here it is! Okay, "the red-ringed hoopy snake is native to Montana, and is known for it's vicious bite and fast-acting venom." That's interesting. . .

- *As Hiker continues to read, he experiences the symptoms that he reads aloud.*

Hiker: [still reading] "This venom first causes victims' heads to twitch violently to one side, and soon it locks their elbows straight out. Snakebite victims then usually start to jump up and down on one leg and spin in circles yelling HOOPY HOOPY HOOPY. [all this happens as Hiker reads]"

Hiker: [still reading] "Soon, snakebite victims will find their knees give out and their tongue gets stuck outside of their mouth."

- *All the rest of the Hiker's speech is done with the tongue out, arms locked straight forward, and head occasionally twitching to one side.*

Hiker: [still reading] "However, there is *HOOPY!* a fast-acting antidote





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commonly carried by paramedics in hoopy-snake infested areas. If snakebite victims *HOOPY!* are treated immediately, they will fully recover. But if the antidote isn't given, victims *HOOPY!* die quickly." Well, I'm sure glad that snake didn't bite ME! *HOOPY!*

- *Hiker dramatically falls over and lays twitching on the ground yelling *HOOPY!* repeatedly.*
- *Doctor enters, sees Hiker on the ground, and rushes over to help.*

Doctor: Oh my goodness! Are you okay? You look like you've been bitten by a Hoopy Snake!

Hiker: Yeah, I guess I have, but I'm okay. I don't need any help. *[still twitching and with the tongue out, occasionally yelling "Hoopy! Hoopy!"]*

Doctor: I happen to have a bottle of hoopy snake venom antidote right here with me – it'll stop the poison in your system and save your life! Good thing I got here in time!

- *Doctor takes out bottle and starts to give it to Hiker, but Hiker pushes it back*

Hiker: I don't need any of your quack medicine, you freak! What if *HOOPY!* those pills are bad for me?

Doctor: Bad for you? These will save you! Just swallow one and you'll be fine!

Hiker: I'm fine just the way I am! *HOOPY!* You just want to run my life! Back off, man! Nobody's going to tell ME what to do! *HOOPY!*

Doctor: Don't you get it? If you don't take this pill, you'll be dead in a few seconds!

Hiker: You don't scare me! I told you before – I'm totally o-----

- *Suddenly, the hiker stiffens, twitches a few more times, and falls over dead.*

Doctor: Oh no! He's dead! Why didn't he take the antidote? It could have saved him.

- *Doctor covers the hiker with a white sheet.*

The Point:

The Bible says that sin leads to death, but that Jesus can give us eternal life for free. But that doesn't automatically mean that everyone is saved.

We have to accept Jesus, believe in him, and choose to follow him in order to be saved. Salvation is a free gift but we have to receive it.

Is there anyone here today who would like to receive the free gift of salvation that Jesus offers? You can pray and invite him into your life today, and then choose to follow him and make him the Lord of your life.

- *Close in prayer, giving opportunity for children to become Christians.*





SKit 2 - The Choice

Theme: God saves us but we have to be willing to be saved.

Cast:

- Erik [11 lines]
- Emma [11 lines]

Props:

- Costume for Erik
- Ball for Erik
- Costume for Emma
- Hand held size Wordless Book

- *Emma is sitting on stage, flipping through a copy of The Wordless Book. (If you made a giant size one for the object lesson, then use a smaller scale one for Emma to hold.)*
- *Erik enters the stage, tossing a ball up and down in the air.*

Erik: Hey Emma – watcha doin’?

Emma: I was just looking at this book.
[Holding book up.] It’s really weird, Erik.
It has no words, and no pictures.

Erik: Hey, yeah, I just got that book today at Super Saturday Kids Klub. All the colours teach us about Jesus. Here I’ll show you.
[holding out hand.]

- *Emma hands Erik the book.*

Erik: The black page means that we all have sinned, or done things wrong. The red page tells us Jesus died for us, to take our punishment for the wrong things we do. The white page shows that Jesus can

forgive us, and make our hearts clean. The gold page means that one day we can go to heaven, and the green page tells us that we need to grow to become more like Jesus! See? Easy, peasy, rice and cheezies!!

- *Hands book back to Emma.*

Emma: *[tosses book aside]* Oh brother, Erik. I already know all that stuff about Jesus.
[Rolls eyes]

Erik: Yeah, you might know about Jesus. . . but have you, you know CHOSEN Jesus?

Emma: Chosen Jesus? I don’t get watcha mean, Erik?

Erik: Well, no one can make you decide to believe and follow Jesus. It’s up to you.

Emma: So. . . not even Mommy can make me?

Erik: Nope.





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Emma: Not even my BIG BROTHER Erik can make me?

Erik: Nope, nope, double nope.

Emma: Hmmmmm. . . you mean not even JESUS can make me???

Erik: I know, weird, hey? YOU have to be the one to decide if you want to be a Christian or not.

Emma Ohhhhh. . . that's soooo. . . grown up sounding. I'm only four! I can't even tie my own shoes yet!

Erik: Doesn't matter, Emma. You're still big enough to decide if you wanna follow Jesus. Ya just gotta pray.

Emma: Wow. *[Pause]* You know what, Erik?

Erik: What?

Emma: I wanna! I really, really, wanna be a Christian!

Erik: *[Taking his cap off and tossing it into the air]* Waaahooooo!!!! That rocks, Emma!

Emma: Yah! I gotta go tell Mommy!

- *Emma leaps up and runs off yelling, "Mommy! Mommy! Guess what?"*

Erik: Hey! Wait up for me!

- *Erik finds his hat and runs off after Emma.*

The Point:

The Bible says that everyone has sinned. The wrong stuff we do keeps us from being friends with God. The good news is Jesus can make our hearts clean, because he took our punishment for our sin when he died on the cross. But that doesn't automatically mean that everyone is forgiven.

We have to choose to believe in Jesus, and decide to follow him in order to be friends with God. Is there anyone here today who would like to receive the free gift of forgiveness that Jesus offers? You can pray and invite him into your life today, and then choose make him your Forever Friend!

(if using this skit as the end of the lesson:)

- *Close in prayer after asking any children who would like to become Christians to raise their hands or come to the front. Take some time to pray personally with those children who want to accept Jesus.*





Metro Story - The Shield Of Faith

Back in medieval days, a young Squire named William was reading about the history of his castle. He asked the knight Sir Edward, "How has our castle stood strong for so many years?"

Sir Edward smiled and said, "This castle is special. We have a secret deep inside. Come with me, and I'll show you."

Picture 1



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Point of Decision

Jesus is the only one who can save us from sin. If you choose to follow Him today, He'll be with you and will help you to live life His way. He'll save you from sin and give you a place in heaven when you choose to follow Him.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, I want to follow you. I trust you that you can save me from my sin and set my life in the right direction. Thank you that you died for me. I'm sorry for my sins and I turn away from them. Help me to trust you and to follow you all the days of my life. In Your name I pray, Amen.



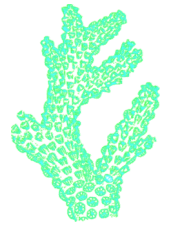


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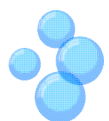
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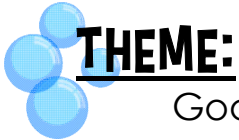
BE HOLY, BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY.

LEVITICUS 19:2





LESSON 2 - GOD IS HOLY



THEME:

God is Holy. To follow Him, we'll have to go against the crowd.



BIBLE STORY – What's on the Menu? (Daniel 1)

Cast

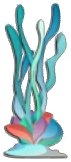
- Narrator
- Daniel
- Rack
- Shack
- Benny
- Official
- Soldier 1
- Soldier 2

Props

- Bible Robes for all
- Guard Costumes for 2 Guards
- Tray with a bowl, a plate, and a bottle on it, covered by a towel
- Rope
- 10 or 12 Various vegetables
- 4 or 5 plastic bottles of water

Media

- Bible Story Bumper Intro Video



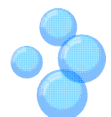
LEGO BIBLE STORY - Daniel and his friends eat their Veggies (Daniel 1)

Cast

- Storyteller

Media

- Lego Video to go with Daniel 2





OBJECT LESSON

Against the Crowd

Cast

- Teacher
- 1 Leader
- 10 kid volunteers (don't need to be chosen in advance)



SKIT 1

Lifeguard Lisa and the pressure of the pier

Cast:

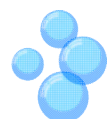
- Jo
- Spike
- Bingo
- Lisa Lifeguard

Media:

- Lisa Lifeguard's theme Song
- Lisa Lifeguard's logo on screen
- Ending theme

Props:

- Costume for Jo – Shorts, sun hats, sunglasses
- Costume for Lisa
- First Aid Kit for Lisa
- Spray Paint can (with Spike)
- Lighter (with Bingo)
- Beer Can (with Spike)
- Stop Sign (in Lisa's first aid kit)
- Lifeguard chair for Lisa
- Dock – mock-up on the front of the stage to look like the end of a dock
- Water – blue sheet or tarp with space for someone to 'fall' behind





SKIT 2

Scuba Man and the Battle Against the Raging River

Cast:

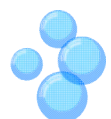
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- Scuba Man
- Contact Man
- Old Lady
- 3 Chicken Fried Bad Guys

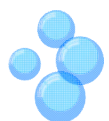
Media:

- *Music:*
 - o Hawaii Five-O Theme
 - o The Man from U.N.C.L.E.
 - o My Three Sons or I Dream of Jeannie Theme
- *SFX:*
 - o Splash
 - o Rewinding effect
- *Lights:*
 - o Follow Spot

Props:

- Costume for Scuba Man: Swim mask, snorkel, flippers, Hawaiian shirt, shorts
- Platform for Scuba Man to stand on and jump behind safely
- Bench and bus stop sign.
- Disguise for Contact Man - doesn't really matter what, he should just have a different disguise every week
- Snorkel for Contact Man
- Costume for Old Lady: white wig, shawl, glasses, cane
- Costumes (3) for Chicken Fried Bad Guys: Fried Chicken buckets with eye holes cut out
- Large Piece of Cardboard
- Cardboard 'river': cutout of waves approx. 6 - 8 inches high to span the width of the stage
- Two wheeled dollies with cushions on them and ropes attached so they can be pulled to one side of the stage or the other by hidden stage hands







BIBLE STORY - WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

(DANIEL 1)

Theme: To Follow God, sometimes you have to go against the crowd.

Cast

- Narrator
- Daniel
- Rack
- Shack
- Benny
- Official
- Soldier 1
- Soldier 2

Props

- Bible Robes for all
- Guard Costumes for 2 Guards
- Tray with a bowl, a plate, and a bottle on it, covered by a towel
- Rope

➤ MEDIA: BIBLE STORY BUMPER VIDEO

Narrator: Today we're going to learn that God is Holy. Holy means to be set apart. God is different than us. He's bigger, stronger, and he says what is right and wrong. If we want to follow him, then we have to decide to be different too. God wants us to do what's right, to become holy like Him.

Narrator: Do you guys remember Daniel from last week? Let's say hi to Daniel!

- Daniel enters and waves.

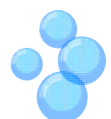
Narrator: Today we want to show you the story of what happened when Daniel first arrived in Babylon. As you remember, Daniel was taken away from his home...

- Soldiers enter. Soldier 1 grabs Daniel and shoves him around.

Daniel: Hey! Not this again!

Narrator: And they also took Daniel's 3 friends, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah.

- Soldier 2 pulls a rope and Rack, Shack, and Benny enter the stage with their hands tied in the rope.
- Official enters.



Official: So... these are the new recruits, eh? Let's size them up. Guards, you can untie them and take a break.

- Guards untie Rack, Shack and Benny and leave.

Official: More Hebrew kids. Hmmm...
[to Narrator] What did you say their names were?

Narrator: Well, there's Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah.

Official: [disgusted] Ugh. How Hebrew sounding. That won't work at all.
[sizing them up like a fashion designer] Hmm, you need better names. Babylonian names. Let's call you [pointing imperiously at Rack] Shadrach, and you [pointing at Shack] Meshach, you [pointing at Benny] can be Abednego. And you, kid [pointing at Daniel], are something special. I'm gonna call you... Belteshazzar! [with pizzazz]

Daniel: Bel-te-WHAT?

Official: Never mind the names, you'll get used to it. You're in Babylon now and you've got to learn how we do things here. You're going to be enrolled in Babylon school and learn how to be good advisors to the king!

- Official sizes up the 4 Hebrews again.

Official: Okay, first lesson! If you want to be a Babylonian, you've got to EAT like one. [claps hands]
Soldier!

- Soldier 1 enters with a tray covered by a towel.

Official: [whipping the towel off] Bon Appetit! Dig in, boys!

Daniel: What is that? [pointing to the bowl]

Official: The Sacred Monkey Brains of Babylon! We take a monkey and we sacrifice it to our god of smartness, and then when you eat its brains, the smart god makes you smart too! And it's great with hot sauce!

Rack: I don't really like the sounds of that.

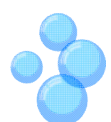
Shack: Yeah, we only worship the one true God, and we don't eat monkeys either.

Official: Fine. [holding out plate] But you've got to try the Pork Loin of Strength! This pig was raised in the temple of the god of muscles, and then killed in a very important religious ceremony. When you eat the raw pork, you become strong like a wild boar!

Benny: [looking ill] I'm going to have to pass on that one, sorry. [turns aside and gags]

Official: Well SURELY you will have some of the Wine of Charmingness! Also sacrificed to one of our gods – all the students in Babylon school get drunk on this wine every night!

Daniel: Sorry, sir, but we don't want any of those things. It goes against our God. He's the one who makes us



wise and strong and gives us everything we need. If we ate and drank that stuff then we'd be turning our back on our God! Tell you what... do you have any vegetables? We can eat those!

Official: Vegetables?? Well, yeah, but there's nothing SPECIAL about those.

Daniel: Perfect – we'll have veggies and drink water!

Official: But what will I say to the king if you get all weak and pasty only eating vegetables? I'll lose my job!

Daniel: Tell you what. Why don't we do a little test. You feed us just vegetables and water for ten days. Everyone else can keep on eating and drinking all the stuff you want. Then, after ten days, if we're looking weak and pasty and not keeping up with the other students, we'll eat your food.

Official: Well, I guess so. I don't want to lose my job over some vegetables!

- *Official exits. Daniel and friends sit down.*

Narrator: So, the official did as he said. For the next ten days Daniel and his friends only ate vegetables and they only ate water.

- *As Narrator speaks, vegetables are thrown onto stage to Daniel, Rack, Shack and Benny and they pretend to eat them. Bottles of water are also tossed to them.*

Narrator: And then the ten days were up.

- *Official Enters. Daniel and friends stand up.*

Official: [sizing them up] Okay, boys. It's been ten days. Let's see how you did on your vegetarian diet. Give me ten!

- *Daniel and friends do ten jumping jacks or push-ups. Then they stand and flex their muscles.*

Official: Wow, you're still in great shape! I expected you to pass out! But are you smart?? Quick, what's 2 + 2?

Daniel and Friends: [together] 4!

Official: 4 + 4?

Daniel and Friends: [together] 8!

Official: [holding up 3 fingers] How many fingers am I holding up?

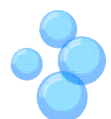
Daniel and Friends: [together] 3!

Official: [amazed] Wow, you're smart too! In fact, you're looking better than all the other guys in Babylon school. Okay, I guess you pass. How did you do it?

Daniel: It's like I said - Our God gives us the strength and wisdom we need.

Official: Well, I guess he's looking out for you after all!

- *They all exit.*

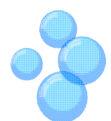




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We must choose to go against the flow to honor God, and if we do that, he will honor us and be with us!

God is holy, which means that His way of doing things is better than everyone else's, and He wants us to follow His way, even if it means going against what everyone else is doing.





LEGO BIBLE STORY - DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS EAT THEIR VEGGIES **(DANIEL 1)**

Cast

- Storyteller

Media

- Lego video of Daniel chapter 1

Narrator: Today we're going to learn that God is Holy. Holy means to be set apart. God is different than us. He's bigger, stronger, and he says what is right and wrong. If we want to follow him, then we have to decide to be different too. God wants us to do what's right, to become holy like Him.

We're going to be following the adventures of a young man from the Bible – his name is Daniel.

Let's watch Daniel's story told with LEGO!

➤ MEDIA: START VIDEO

Daniel loved God very much and always listened to God. But Daniel lived in a very difficult time. He was actually kidnapped by the invading army from Babylon and taken away from his home into the land of Babylon. His three close friends were also kidnapped, and they were all given new names, and had to start training for a new job.

Now that they were living in Babylon, they had to learn how to do things there. Along with having new names, they had to learn a new

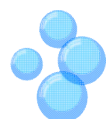
language, learn a new job, and one more thing: they were supposed to eat the fancy Babylonian food.

The problem with this was that God had told them not to eat certain foods, and especially not any foods that had been sacrificed to other gods.

Daniel and his friends wanted to serve only the One True God, so they asked the guard in charge if they could be served only vegetables and water. The guard was confused and worried that Daniel and his friends would get sick and weak if they only had vegetables, and he could lose his job if that happened.

So Daniel said, "Why don't you put it to the test? Only give us veggies and water for 10 days. Then see if we look any weaker than everyone else our age." The guard agreed, and gave Daniel and his friends only vegetables and water for 10 days.

At the end of the 10 days, the guard was amazed to find that Daniel and his friends actually looked healthier and stronger than anyone else. He found that they were smarter too!





God had given them the strength and wisdom they needed, because they chose to follow Him!

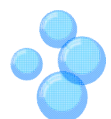
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OBJECT LESSON - AGAINST THE CROWD

Cast

- Teacher
- 1 Leader
- 10 crowd people (can be done with spontaneous volunteers)

Put the crowd on one side of the stage, and the leader on the other.

This group of kids here represents the crowd. If we want to serve God there will be times we will have to choose to go against the crowd. This isn't easy because we know the crowd wants you to go with them – isn't that right, crowd?

Have the crowd move across the stage while the leader tries to go through them to the other side – encourage the crowd to persuade him in their direction.

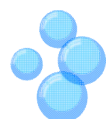
Leader gets turned around by the crowd and winds up going in their direction.

The more determined the crowd is to have you go with them, the harder it will be to go against the flow. Let's see if [leader] can make it through this time - can everyone cheer them on?

Leader tries to make it through the crowd again and this time succeeds.

Thank the volunteers and have them sit down.

The point: to be holy and go against the flow of the crowd is never easy to do. We have to be determined to do it, or it will never happen. God will help us to do what's right and resist temptation!





SKIT 1 - LIFEGUARD LISA AND THE PRESSURE OF THE PIER

Cast

- Jo
- Spike
- Bingo
- Lisa Lifeguard

Props

- Costume for Jo – Shorts, sun hats, sunglasses
- Costume for Lisa
- First Aid Kit for Lisa
- Spray Paint can (with Spike)
- Lighter (with Bingo)
- Beer Can (with Spike)
- Stop Sign (in Lisa's first aid kit)
- Lifeguard chair for Lisa
- Dock – mock-up on the front of the stage to look like the end of a dock
- Water – blue sheet or tarp with space for someone to 'fall' behind

➤ MEDIA: LISA LIFEGUARD INTRO THEME.

- Jo is sitting alone on the dock.
Suddenly, Spike and Bingo arrive.

Spike: Hey Jo, what's up?

Jo: Not much, just hangin' out here on the dock. How about you?

Spike: We're trying to find a place to get into trouble.

Bingo: Yeah, cause we've got no friends and we think that'll be fun.

- Spike elbows Bingo.

Spike: Bingo! You're not supposed to say that out loud!

Bingo: Oh, sorry. So, what trouble should we get into?

- Spike produces a spray paint can.

Spike: I think we should SPRAY PAINT all over this dock!

Bingo: I've got a better idea – I think JO should spray paint the dock!
[grabs spray paint can and shoves it at Jo]

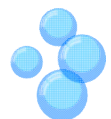
Spike: Yeah! Do it, Jo! Paint the Dock!

Bingo: Tag it up!

Jo: I don't know, guys...

Spike and Bingo: [chanting] Do it! Do it! Do it!

Bingo: [pulling out lighter] Ooh, wait! I've got another idea! We should set this dock on fire!



Spike: I've got a better idea – I think JO should set this dock on fire!
[shoving lighter to Jo]

Jo: I don't think that's a good idea...

Spike and Bingo: *[chanting]* Fire! Fire!
Fire! Fire!

Spike: *[looking at Bingo]* I don't think Jo has the GUTS to do it.

Bingo: Yeah, Jo's a big chicken.

Spike: I know what'll make Jo more gutsy – BEER!! *[pulls out a beer can]*

Bingo: Yeah, anytime someone does something REALLY STUPID, they get drunk first!

Spike: *[pushing beer can on Jo]*
C'mon, Jo – drink it!

Jo: I don't want to...

Spike and Bingo: *[chanting]* Chug!
Chug! Chug!

Jo: Stop it, guys!

- *Spike and Bingo keep on chanting and getting closer to Jo.*

Jo: *[yelling]* God, Help! I feel like I'm drowning in peer pressure!

Lisa: *[entering]* Did someone say DROWNING? Don't worry, kid, I'll help you! Lisa Lifeguard is HERE TO HELP! *[strikes heroic pose, matching logo]*

➤ MEDIA: LISA LIFEGUARD LOGO AND STING.

- *Lisa swings inflatable ring and knocks down the beer can, the spray paint, and the lighter from Jo's hands, then she hits Bingo and Spike with it. Bingo and Spike fall off the dock. Lisa then jumps in the water and helps Bingo and Spike back up onto the dock.*

Lisa: *[pulling a stop sign out of the first aid kit]* Quick, Jo! Use this!

Jo: *[holds up stop sign to Spike and Bingo]* STOP it, guys! I'm not going to do what you're telling me to. It's wrong! It'll hurt the dock and me, and it's not what God wants for my life.

Spike: Oh, okay.

Bingo: Sorry about that.

Spike: C'mon Bingo. Let's go home and rethink our lives.

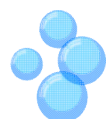
- *Spike and Bingo leave.*

Jo: Wow, thanks, Lisa Lifeguard! You saved me from drowning in peer pressure!

Lisa: Glad to help! I'm here to Preserve your Life!

➤ LISA'S EXIT MUSIC

The Point: **It can be hard to say no to your friends if they're trying to get you to do something wrong. But when you look to God for your help, He'll help you to say No to Peer Pressure and do what's right!**



SKIT 2 - SCUBA MAN AND THE BATTLE WITH THE RAGING RIVER

Theme: Going against the flow is hard but you can do it!

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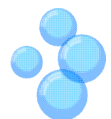
- Narrator
- Scuba Man
- Contact Man
- Old Lady
- 3 Chicken Fried Bad Guys

Props:

- Costume for Scuba Man: Swim mask, snorkel, flippers, Hawaiian shirt, shorts
- Platform for Scuba Man to stand on and jump behind safely
- Bench and bus stop sign.
- Disguise for Contact Man - doesn't really matter what, he should just have a different disguise every week
- Snorkel for Contact Man
- Costume for Old Lady: white wig, shawl, glasses, cane
- Costumes (3) for Chicken Fried Bad Guys: Fried Chicken buckets with eye holes cut out
- Large Piece of Cardboard
- Cardboard 'river': cutout of waves approx. 6 - 8 inches high to span the width of the stage, or tarp/sheet with space behind it
- Two wheeled dollies with cushions on them and ropes attached so they can be pulled to one side of the stage or the other by hidden stage hands

Media:

- Music:
 - o Hawaii Five-O Theme
 - o The Man from U.N.C.L.E. Theme
 - o My Three Sons or I Dream of Jeannie Theme
- SFX:
 - o Splash
 - o Rewinding effect
- Lights:
 - o Follow Spot





➤ Lights Out

Stage is set with bus stop bench in the middle and the cardboard cutout of waves making a river behind them. Two wheeled dollies with ropes attached are hidden behind the waves.

Narrator: On the banks of a mighty river... A despicable plan was being plotted... As a poor little old lady was having a picnic and enjoying the beautiful day, the Chicken Fried Bad Guys were plotting to steal her chicken sandwich... Who would stop this devilish deed and restore justice to the world?

A world-wide atrocity of this magnitude called for someone of Superhero stature. And, seeing that the world was 75% covered in water, this called for a new kind of superhero...

So... deep in a laboratory, unknown to the civilized world, a superhero was created, capable of travelling the world by land or sea... They called him... Scuba man.

- Music: Hawaii Five-O Theme
- Lights: follow spot on Scuba Man.

Scuba Man stands on top of platform, does a dance, then dives behind it.

- SFX: splash
- Lights on

Scuba man runs out through the kids, then onto stage, catching a flipper and almost tripping along the way.

Narrator: Scuba Man sat at the bus stop to await instructions from his contact man...

- Enter contact man in a new disguise - after sitting for a bit, brings out his snorkel and begins instructions – scuba man quickly puts on snorkel.

Contact Man: [Mumbles through Snorkel]

Narrator: Contact Man started the conversation by saying, in Top Secret Scuba Code, "Scuba Man, here are your instructions."

Scuba Man: [Mumbles through snorkel]

Narrator: And Scuba Man replied in the same Top Secret Scuba Code, "I'm Listening."

Contact Man Mumbles and Narrator Translates:

The Chicken Fried Bad Guys are about to steal the chicken sandwich of a little old lady on the banks of a mighty river.

Scuba Man mumbles and Narrator Translates:

That's Terrible!

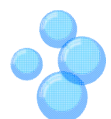
Contact Man mumbles, Narrator Translates:

You must try to stop them!

Scuba Man mumbles, Narrator Translates:

I'll do my best.

Contact Man mumbles, Narrator Translates:





This will help you carry out your task. You will know what to do with it when the time is right.

Contact Man gives Scuba Man a big piece of cardboard.

Scuba Man mumbles, Narrator Translates:

Thanks.

Contact Man mumbles, Narrator Translates:

Go after them, Scuba man, and remember, the whole world is depending on you!

➤ MUSIC #51-THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E.

Scuba Man darts off into the kids - contact man exits

Scuba Man goes back stage. Old Lady comes running out from the other side with the chicken fried bad guys after her.

➤ MUSIC FADES

Narrator: the chicken fried bad guys had cornered the old lady and were about to take her chicken when suddenly, scuba man arrived!

Scuba Man: Hey you fried chicken guys, you! I know what you are up to!

CFBG: [high-pitched mumbling]

Narrator: Fortunately, Scuba Man also knew how to speak chicken fried bad guy-ese. He knew they said, "Not the flipper freak again..."

Scuba Man: Oh yeah, its me all right, and I will continue to show up every time you are up to no good! Everywhere you go - I'll be there. Every time you

turn around - I'll be there. Every time you pass gas - I'll be there.

Narrator: thanks, Scuba Man... I think we get the picture. Scuba Man knew how to save the old lady's chicken...

- *Scuba man throws the (cardboard) raft into the river (on top of one of the dollies) then throws the old lady onto it.*

Narrator: Scuba Man sent the old lady floating down the river to safety, shouting out instructions as she went.

Scuba Man: Just make sure you go to shore before you go over the waterfall!

Narrator: the old lady was so thankful to scuba man for saving her.

Old lady gets pulled off to stage right on the wheeled dolly behind the waves, waving at Scuba Man as she goes.

Old Lady: Scuba Man, you're my hero!

Narrator: In case you somehow missed the great difficulty involved in saving the old lady, we will rewind the story for you.

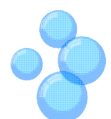
➤ SFX: rewinding effect

➤ Lights: flash while rewinding

all actors reverse their motion in funny ways.

Narrator: And now we'll play it again in slow motion. Scuba Man knew how to save the old lady's chicken.

➤ Music #21- My Three Sons





Scuba Man tries to get to the old lady but the bad guys jump him and dog-pile him

The old lady comes to Scuba Man's rescue, hitting all the chicken fried bad guys with her cane.

Scuba man gets up, dusts himself off, then throws the raft into the river.

Narrator: Scuba Man sent the old lady floating down the river to safety, shouting out instructions as she went.

Scuba Man: Just make sure you go to shore before you go over the waterfall!

Old lady gets pulled off to stage right on the wheeled dolly behind the waves, waving at scuba man as she goes.

Narrator: the old lady was so thankful to scuba man for saving her.

Old Lady: [Sarcastically this time] Scuba Man, you're my hero!

➤ Music fades

Narrator: the Chicken Fried Bad Guys had some choice words for Scuba Man.

CFBG's mumble

Narrator: Yeah, you're our hero too, Scuba Man.

CFBG's mumble

Narrator: And we are gonna show you how much we appreciate you...

CF Bad Guys karate chop Scuba Man into the river. He lands on the other

hidden dolly and flails against the current.

Scuba Man is slowly pulled toward stage right on the wheeled dolly.

Narrator: the Chicken Fried Bad Guys sent Scuba Man into the raging river, where he would most certainly flow over the waterfall crushing him to his most certain death.

CFBG's dust their hands off and walk offstage.

Narrator: they left the scene assured that they would never have to deal with Scuba Man again. Scuba Man fought against the raging current of the mighty river, but it was too powerful for him to swim against. Would this be the last hurrah For Scuba Man? Will he ever trip on his flippers again?

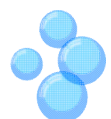
His whole life began flashing before his eyes. That is when he remembered it: The Secret Scuba Swim! It was his last hope. Scuba Man dug deep for every last bit of energy he had...

Scuba Man starts flopping like a fish on the dolly.

Narrator: It was working! He was fighting against the flow of the current!

Scuba Man's dolly is slowly pulled back toward stage left.

Narrator: Scuba Man swam his way to shore and to safety. Yes, Scuba Man overcame the force of the mighty river and is once again successful in stopping the Chicken Fried Bad Guys and their evil plans! But you





can bet this won't be the last time we hear from them. Join us next week for the continued saga of... Scuba Man! Who's da man?

Scuba Man leads kids in responding,

"Scuba Man!"

➤ Music: Hawaii Five-O

Scuba Man exits.

➤ Fade music.

The point: When Scuba Man wanted to escape the raging river, he had to go against the flow. If he didn't, he'd get sucked over the falls.

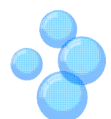
In the same way, we have to make up our minds to go against the flow of the world. Just like the three guys in our Bible story decided that they wouldn't bow down to the statue when everyone was doing it, or how our leader went against the crowd to

go the right way, sometimes we have to go against the crowd to be holy like God and follow Him.

There's probably choices you have to make where you need to decide whether to go against the crowd to be holy. People around you might say it's a good idea to smoke, or do drugs, or drink, or bully other people, lie, or use bad language. You have to decide whether you'll just do what everyone else is doing or whether you'll go against the crowd and stand up for what's right. And when you stand up for what's right, God will help you!

God loves you, and you're not alone! He loves you enough to show you the right way to live, and when you stand against the crowd and do what's right, He's right there with you!

- *Close in Prayer.*



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JESUS TOLD HIM,
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THROUGH ME.”

John 14:6

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LESSON 6 – CHOOSE YOUR ROAD

Theme: There's only one way to get Eternal Life – through Jesus.

The Pirates – The Treasure Map

Cast:

- Narrator
- One Eye
- Two Toes
- Three Thumbs
- Four Feet

Media:

- Pirates' theme song
- Bad Pirates' theme

Props:

- Pirate costume for One Eye – with a bandana on head and eye patch
- Pirate costume for Two Toes – with a Tri-corner hat
- Pirate costume for Three Thumbs – with a headband
- Pirate costume for Four Feet
- Plungers for One Eye, Two Toes, and Three Thumbs
- Bibles for One Eye and Two Toes
- Third Bible in a cloth bag
- Palm Tree
- Two bottles
- Two treasure maps, rolled up and put into bottles
- Some plastic straws
- Shovel

Object Lesson – Crowd Math

Cast:

- Teacher
- Helper 1
- Helper 2
- Helper 3
- Volunteer (spontaneous)

Props:

- 4 Apples (real or fake)

Bible Story – The Parable of the Two Roads (Matthew 7:13-14)

Cast:

- Narrator
- Jesus
- Peter
- John
- 3 or more crowd people

Props:

- Costume for Jesus – white robe, red sash
- Bible costumes for all others
- Scroll (starts with John)

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LESSON 6

THE PIRATES – THE TREASURE MAP

Cast:

- Narrator [23 lines]
- One Eye [12 lines]
- Two Toes [8 lines]
- Three Thumbs [9 lines]
- Four Feet [8 lines]

Props:

- Pirate costume for One Eye – with a bandana on head and eye patch
- Pirate costume for Two Toes – with a Tri-corner hat
- Pirate costume for Three Thumbs – with a headband
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Media:

- Good Pirates' theme song
- Bad Pirates' theme song

Narrator: It's time for today's Pirate Story!

By now, you should know that there is no way, no how, the Pirates will come out unless they hear us singing...

[to the tune of 'The Hairbrush Song' by Veggie Tales]: **Oh where are the Pirates? Oh where are the Pirates? Oh where, oh where, oh where, oh where, oh where, oh where, oh where, oh where, oh wheeeerrrrre... Are the pirates?**

SFX: PIRATES' THEME SONG PLAYS

LIGHTING: COLORED LIGHTS COME UP ON STAGE

- Pirates enter from various points in the room. They run around, run into each other, have a swordfight with their

plungers, and generally have fun and act a little bit crazy as the music plays.

Narrator: Boys and girls, this is Two Toes,

[Two Toes takes a bow] One Eye, [One Eye waves enthusiastically] and Three Thumbs! [Three Thumbs gives two thumbs up and then looks confused]

They used to be bad Pirates who'd steal and plunge and destroy, but now they've made God the captain of their ship and now every day is a new adventure. Every morning the pirates did three jumping jacks *[pirates do 3 jumping jacks]*, then gave each other bear hugs and high fives *[pirates hug and high five]* But most importantly, they read their Bible!

- *Pirates sit down on the edge of the stage and pull out their Bibles.*

One Eye: Here's our verse of the day - John 14:6. Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Three Thumbs: So there's only one way to get eternal life??

One Eye: Yup, looks like all the other ways are dead ends.

Two Toes: What if everyone else goes another way?

One Eye: Looks like no other way will work.

Narrator: After their devotions, the Pirates went out to the beach to look for treasures.

- *Pirates cross stage front and look on the ground for various things. Three Thumbs picks up plastic straws and shoves them in his pocket.*

Narrator: The pirates didn't find much except for seashells and garbage, but then One Eye spotted something!

One Eye: I spotted something?

Narrator: Yes, you did! It's over there.

One Eye: Where?

Narrator: On your other side.

One Eye: *[lifting up eye patch]* Oh, there! Look guys, I spotted something! *[Picks up bottle]* It's a bottle!

Narrator: With a message inside!

One Eye: With a Message inside!

Narrator: So the Pirates gathered around and they pulled the message out from the bottle.

- *Pirates gather around and unroll the map from the bottle.*

Narrator: Inside the bottle was a **TREASURE MAP!**

- *Pirates get excited and high-five each other.*

Two Toes: This map leads to a treasure buried somewhere on our island!

Three Thumbs: Wow! I sure hope nobody else has seen this map!

Narrator: Just as Three Thumbs said that, the sky grew dark, the seas grew rough, and in came... a Bad Pirate!

LIGHTS DIM AND FLASH

SFX: BAD PIRATES' THEME

- *Four Feet enters.*

Narrator: The Bad Pirate was also looking for treasures on the beach.

- *Four Feet looks at the ground, Good Pirates back away*

Narrator: And the Bad Pirate also found a bottle.

- *Four Feet picks up bottle.*

Narrator: And this bottle also contained a treasure map!

- *Four Feet unrolls map and gets excited.*

Narrator: When all the Pirates looked at their treasure maps, they all saw that the treasure was buried...

All Pirates: Under the big palm tree!

Narrator: Yes, under the big palm tree.

Four Feet: And the road goes right beside it!

One Eye: *[pointing at map]* But the Treasure Map says we should take the cliff-side trail to get there.

Two Toes: The cliff-side trail? That's twice as long!

Three Thumbs: And dangerous! And rocky!

Four Feet: I don't know about you guys, but I'm gonna go down the road.

Two Toes: Yeah, me too!

Three Thumbs: So am I!

One Eye: But the map says to go this way...

Narrator: So One Eye was the only pirate who followed the map. He climbed up the Cliff-side trail, over rocks and along cliffs, through bushes and prickly plants. It was a hard trail to go through.

- One Eye walks around the audience, pretending to overcome all these obstacles as the Narrator talks.

Narrator: One Eye knew what direction the treasure map said, so he continued to push through on the difficult path. The other pirates thought they had it easy, strolling down the road.

- Other Pirates link arms and skip over to stage left, toward the palm tree.

Two Toes: This way is so easy!

Three Thumbs: And flat!

Four Feet: And wide!

Two Toes: [stopping] But, it's not the way the map said to go.

Three Thumbs: And One Eye went that way all alone. Maybe we should go back.

Four Feet: You all arrrrrrre crazy! I'm gonna get the treasure first!

Narrator: So Two Toes and Three Thumbs turned around, but the Bad Pirate kept going along the road, until disaster struck!

Four Feet: What did ye say?

Narrator: I said disaster struck! The Bad Pirate suddenly fell into the dreaded "Davy Jones' Pothole" – a big hole in the road filled with quicksand!

- Four Feet falls down and pretends to start to sink.

Four Feet: Shiver Me Timbers! I'm going down into Davy Jones' Pothole!

Two Toes: Oh no! We'll help you!

Narrator: So Two Toes and Three Thumbs spent the rest of their day trying to get the Bad Pirate out of Davy Jones' pothole. Meanwhile, One Eye continued to follow the treasure map. Where 'X' marked the spot, One Eye started to dig, and came up with the treasure!

- One Eye circles around to the opposite side of the stage and comes up on the tree from the other side. He picks up shovel, starts to dig in the ground and pulls up a bag.

One Eye: [opening up bag] Here's the treasure! [Pulls out Bible and opens it, reading] "the road is wide that leads to death. Many people go that way. But the road is narrow that leads to life. Only a few people find it." Now THAT's a treasure!

Narrator: Just then, One Eye noticed that the other pirates were trying to get the Bad Pirate out of Davy Jones' Pothole. He went over to help.

- One Eye goes over to help pull Four Feet out. Four Feet gets up and dusts himself off.

Four Feet: Arrrrr! Ye tricked me into falling into Davy Jones' Pothole. Now the treasure be gone. I'm out of here.

- Four feet exits.

Three Thumbs: One Eye! You made it! I'm sorry we didn't go with you. Did you find the treasure?

One Eye: I sure did! Here it is! [holds up Bible] And I want you to have it, Three Thumbs!

Three Thumbs: [taking Bible] Wow, thanks!

Narrator: So, the Pirates learned an important lesson. When there's only one way to go, make sure you go that way! Join us next time for another Pirathey Adventure!

- *Pirates exit stage.*

SFX: PIRATES THEME SONG, LIGHTS OUT

The Point: The Pirates discovered that when there's only one way to go, it's there for a reason. When they tried to go the wrong way, they got trapped. But when One Eye went the right way, he found the treasure.

That's like our memory verse today.

Jesus says that He is the way to get to God. He's the only way, and when we follow His way, we can get to know God as our Father. Trying to go any other way in life will wind up in disaster. Jesus has shown us the way to go – it's His way! Let's follow Him because he's proven by His love and power that He speaks the truth.

OBJECT LESSON – CROWD MATH

Cast:

- Teacher [9 lines]
- Helper 1 [4 lines]
- Helper 2 [3 lines]
- Helper 3 [3 lines]
- Volunteer (spontaneous)

Props:

- 4 apples

Teacher: Can I get someone to help me teach the next part of the lesson? I need someone who's good at math.

- Teacher picks a volunteer from the audience who's good at math and brings them onstage.

Helper 1: [entering from side] I'm good at math too!

Helper 2 & 3: [entering from side] We're math wizards, can we help too?

Teacher: Sure! More people will give us a better chance to get the answer right. Okay, so I have a very difficult math question for you. Are you ready? What is... Two Plus Two? [holds up 2 apples in each hand]

Helper 1: [scoffing] Two plus two? That's so easy! Everybody knows that! The answer is... Five!

- Helper 2 and 3 nod and agree.

Helper 2: Yeah, totally five. That's the answer. You got it!

Teacher: Are you sure it's five?

Helper 1: Oh yeah, no doubt! Five all the way!

Teacher: Okay, so if I have two apples, and my friend here also has two, I

give my apples to them, and they have...

Helper 3: Obviously... Five apples! Super easy.

Teacher: Okay, well, we still have one person to ask. [turning to volunteer] So, what do you think? What is two plus two?

Helper 1: Five! It's five!

Helper 2: Yeah! Five! Pick Five!

Helper 3: EVERYBODY is choosing Five for their answer.

Teacher: Let's let our volunteer answer, guys. Give them space! What is $2+2$?

- Volunteer will hopefully answer 'Four'. If not, actually count the apples with them.

Teacher: So the answer is **ACTUALLY** four, not five. [to Volunteer] You got it right! And all these guys got it wrong, sorry guys!

- Helpers look disappointed.

Teacher: So a lot more people picked five than four. Does that mean it's right? No, it doesn't! Just because a lot of people are saying or doing something doesn't mean it's right.

Right is right, and true is true, no matter what everyone else is doing.

Teacher: It's the same thing with following Jesus. Jesus shows us what is right and true. Even if there are a lot of people doing what's wrong, it doesn't mean that we should follow them. We should do what's right and believe what's true even if it's unpopular. And God says that He'll reward us for following Him.

In fact, if we choose to follow Jesus, even if it's unpopular, he says that we'll get the free gift of Eternal Life!

BIBLE STORY – THE PARABLE OF THE TWO ROADS

(Matthew 7:13-14)

Cast:

- Narrator [2 lines]
- Jesus [15 lines]
- Peter [2 lines]
- John [3 lines]
- 3 or more crowd people [1 improv line]

Props:

- Costume for Jesus – white robe, red sash
- Bible costumes for all others
- Scroll (starts with John)

Narrator: In our Bible stories we're following Jesus around and seeing some of the amazing miracles that he did and the amazing truths that he taught.

Today, we're going to listen in to one of the things that Jesus was teaching to a group of people. There were many people who were following Jesus around but He wanted to challenge them to REALLY follow Him and his ways.

- *Jesus and Disciples enter.*

Jesus: It's so good to see everyone here! Thank you for coming to hear the truth.

John: Jesus, you've become so popular! Everyone wants to follow you and hear what you have to say.

Jesus: There are a lot of people here, but I'm not sure everyone wants to follow me.

Peter: Why wouldn't they? You heal their diseases, you give them free food, what's not to like?

Jesus: Some people are just here for the free food and the miracles, but

they don't really want to follow my ways. It's not about doing what's popular or following the crowd, it's about hearing and obeying the Truth.

John: What do you mean, Jesus?

Jesus: Well, let me tell you a story. Once upon a time, there was a man going on a journey.

- *Peter steps up to the front of the stage and points at himself.*

Jesus: He was going to the big festival and was going to have a great time. But he didn't know the way.

- *Peter scratches his head and looks left and right.*

Jesus: But then he saw a huge crowd all walking through a wide gate onto a wide, paved road.

- *Crowd enters from stage right, crosses to stage center and walks in place as Jesus continues.*

Jesus: The traveler joined in with the crowd because he thought they knew where they were going. The walk was very easy going that way.

- *Peter joins up with crowd and they all walk in place on stage left.*

Jesus: And then, there was a second man going to the same festival.

- *John steps up to stage right.*

Jesus: This man also didn't know the way to the festival, but he looked at a map.

- *John pulls out a scroll and looks at it, pointing off to the right.*

Jesus: The map showed that the right way to get to the festival was through a narrow gate and up a winding mountain path.

- *John mimes squeezing through a narrow gate and walking carefully along a path.*

Jesus: There were rocks to avoid and cliffs to climb. It was a hard road to walk, and there was almost nobody on this path.

- *John mimes almost falling down, and looks around for others.*

Jesus: But at the end of the path, there was the festival! The traveller rejoiced that he had made it over the narrow path.

John: Whew! I made it!

Jesus: But all of those on the wide, easy road didn't realize that they were walking into a trap!

- *Crowd walks offstage, Peter hangs back.*

Jesus: At the end of the road was a den of robbers who attacked all those travelers. It didn't end well for them.

- **Crowd**, offstage, yell in pain and alarm, things like: "Ow!" "Hey!" "This isn't the Festival!" "Give me my stuff back!" "Stop it!"

Peter: *[looking anxiously off to where the crowd exited]* Hey, Jesus? Is it okay if I switch roads?

Jesus: Yes, Peter. You can switch roads at any time. Enter God's kingdom through the narrow gate. The gate is large and the road is wide that lead to death and hell. Many people go that way. But the gate is small and the road is narrow that lead to life. Only a few people find it.

LIGHTS OUT.

The Point: Jesus told this story to help us remember that doing what is popular and following the crowd isn't always the best way to go.

Following Jesus' way can be hard and not many people will go that way, but it's the way to eternal life. If you want to get real life, you can't follow the crowd. You've got to follow Jesus.

Jesus died for us to give us a chance to know Him and go to heaven. But you've got to go through the gate and choose to follow Him to get there.

What about you? Have you decided to follow Jesus? Have you asked Him to forgive your sins and be your King? Have you decided to follow His ways? You can make that decision today, and get on the road that leads to eternal life. If you'd like to get on the path to real life, you can pray with me right now.

- *Close in prayer, inviting kids to give their lives to Jesus and commit to follow Him.*

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LUKE 1:37

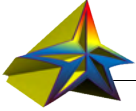


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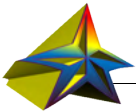
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LESSON 9



Theme / Topic

God will make a way in impossible-seeming situations!



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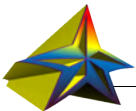
The SuperDuper vs. Tim Possible

Cast

- Normal Kid
- SuperDuper
- Tim Possible
- Voice of Mom (offstage)

Props

- Costume for the SuperDuper - black pants, shirt, red cape, big "S D" on shirt
- Costume for Tim Possible - green cargo pants, black T Shirt, black gloves, brown belt.
- Bible with a big yellow cross on the front.
- Math textbook
- Table and Chair
- Paper
- Pencil
- Calculator
- Ball (safe to bounce of someone's face)
- Superhero music



Scientist Skit

Jordan Vs. the Bullies

Cast

- Jesse
- Jordan
- Billy (same character as from lesson #6)
- Big Bully
- Principal
- Sign Holder (Non-speaking)

Props

- Lunch bag with various 'lunch treats' in it
- 4 containers of pudding
- Chair
- Sign saying "The Next Day"



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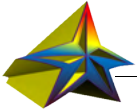
Helpful Hammer

Cast

- Leader
- Volunteer from audience - can be spontaneous

Props

- Hammer
- Large, strong nails
- Block of soft wood with pre drilled holes.



Bible Story

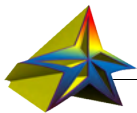
Joshua conquers Jericho (Joshua 6)

Cast

- Joshua
- Officer
- Spy
- Intelligence Agent
- Angel
- Sign holder (non-speaking)

Props

- Bible costume for Joshua
- Costume for Officer - military dress uniform or army hat
- Costume for Spy - trenchcoat, fedora, sunglasses
- Costume for Intelligence Agent - lab coat, laptop, smartphone, glasses
- Swords for all
- Angel costume for angel
- Scroll for angel
- Sign saying "The Next Day"
- Sign saying "On the Seventh Day"
- Trumpet music sound effect (file on disc)
- Trumpet blast sound effect (file on disc)
- Earthquake sound effect (file on disc)



Junior Bible Story

Joshua conquers Jericho (Joshua 6)

Cast

- Joshua
- Spy
- Army (2-3)
- Angel

Props

- Bible costume for Joshua, Spy, and Army
- Swords for all
- Trumpets
- Angel costume
- Scroll for Angel

HERO SKIT: SUPERDUPER VS. TIM POSSIBLE

Cast:

- Normal Kid
- SuperDuper
- Tim Possible
- Voice of Mom (offstage)

Props:

- Costume for the SuperDuper - black pants, shirt, red cape, big "S D" on shirt
- Costume for Tim Possible - green cargo pants, black T Shirt, black gloves, brown belt.
- Bible with a big yellow cross on the front.
- Math textbook
- Table and Chair
- Paper
- Pencil
- Calculator
- Ball (safe to bounce of someone's face)
- Superhero music

SFX: Intro Narration Recording

- *Normal Kid is sitting at a table with a math book open and a piece of paper, looking very frustrated.*

Normal Kid: 423 divided by seventeen?

You've got to be kidding me! I hate long division! And I've got to do it all by hand – no calculators allowed. I just don't get it!

- *SuperDuper walks in, tossing a ball up in the air*

SuperDuper: Hey Kid! Don't you see all your friends out there playing? Why don't you join them?

Normal Kid: *[despairingly]* I'd love to but I can't. Mom says I have to stay inside

until I'm done my math. All THREE PAGES!

SuperDuper: *[acting shocked]* Three pages? Of Math? How barbaric!

Normal Kid: You're telling me!

SuperDuper: And your mom locking you in your room. . .

Normal Kid: She didn't actually lock me in here. The door's open.

SuperDuper: *[not missing a beat]* Psychologically forcing you to stay in your room with no food or water. . .

Normal Kid: Well, actually she sent me in here after I had a snack and a drink. . .

SuperDuper: With BARELY ANY food or water and forcing you to do this horrible MATH! It's just plain mean, I tell you.

Normal Kid: Yeah, mean.

SuperDuper: It's like they're asking you to do the IMPOSSIBLE!

Normal Kid: *[throwing pencil down]* You're right! This is impossible! *[yelling dramatically at ceiling]* I can't do long division!

SuperDuper: Nice performance, kid. *[sneakily pulling out a calculator]* Listen. The only way you can get out of this IMPOSSIBLE situation is by cheating!

Normal Kid: What do you mean?

SuperDuper: Just do it on the calculator here, put the answer there *[pointing at the paper]* and then fill in a bunch of random numbers underneath so it LOOKS like you did the work yourself.

Normal Kid: No, the instructions say no calculators allowed.

SuperDuper: Look, kid, nobody will know the difference and you can be out there playing in no time! There's no other way to get out of this IMPOSSIBLE problem.

- *Tim Possible enters to theme music, wearing a close male approximation to Kim Possible's outfit (if possible)*

Tim Possible: Did someone just call me? I distinctly heard someone say my name, TIM POSSIBLE!

SuperDuper: Stay out of this, chump. I was just telling our friend here that her math assignment is IM-possible. Not Kim Possible.

Tim Possible: That's TIM Possible, friend. Common mistake. But if you said it's impossible, that's where I come in! I'm Tim Possible! Part of the Super Faith Hero Action League!

SuperDuper: Oh, no. Not again!

Tim Possible: Oh, yes! Again and again! *[looking dramatically in the distance and talking in 'movie trailer announcer voice' as superhero music plays]* In a world where hope is lost. . . in a time when kids are duped. . . in every generation there must rise a hero. . .

- *SuperDuper throws ball at Tim Possible, abruptly cutting off his announcement and the music*

SuperDuper: Okay okay, spare me the movie trailer. You're wasting your time here, Kimmy, because *[holds up calculator]* we found the solution, didn't we, kid?

Normal Kid: Um, well. . .

Tim Possible: You weren't going to CHEAT your way out, were you?

Normal Kid: No, I wasn't. It's just. . . it's so hard! And I want to be playing with my friends instead! It's impossible!

Tim Possible: Cheer up, young lady! Nothing is impossible with God!

Normal Kid: You mean to tell me that God cares about long division??

Tim Possible: You betcha! Wanna know how I know? Because God cares about you! And you've got to do long division!

SuperDuper: *[interrupting]* Well, kid, you don't HAVE to do long division. *[slides the calculator over]* Just take the easy way out!

Tim Possible: I've heard enough out of you, SuperDuper! The Bible says that nothing is impossible with God! *[grabs Bible and smacks Super Duper with it]*

Tim Possible and Normal Kid: Duper No Duping! Duper No Duping! Duper Noooooo duping!

SuperDuper: Aww man! *[runs offstage]*

Tim Possible: I'm glad he's gone!

Normal Kid: Thanks, Tim Possible. But are all things REALLY possible with God?

Tim Possible: Sure they are! Why don't you ask God for help?

Normal Kid: Okay. *[prays]* Dear God, I don't get this division stuff. *[desperately]* I need some help here, God! Amen.

Voice of Mom (offstage): How's the math going, sweetie? Would you like any help figuring it out?

Normal Kid: *[shocked]* YES! Do you know how to do long division?

Voice of Mom (offstage): Well, I AM a rocket scientist, after all.

Normal Kid: Oh yeah! Why didn't I think of that! *[exits with textbook]*

Tim Possible: Well, it looks like my work here is done! Up, up, and away! *[exits]*

SCIENTIST SKIT: JORDAN VS. the BULLIES

Cast:

- Jesse
- Jordan
- Billy (same character as from lesson #6)
- Big Bully
- Principal
- Sign holder (non-speaking)

Props:

- Lunch bag with various 'lunch treats' in it
- 4 containers of pudding
- Chair
- Sign saying "The Next Day"

- *Jesse enters and sits down with lunch kit, opens up and pulls out a pudding cup. She is just about to open it when Billy (from lesson #5) and Big Bully enter. Big Bully is definitely the leader and Billy is following their lead.*

Big Bully: *[mockingly]* Hi Jesse. Whatcha doin'?

Jesse: *[scared]* Nothing. Just eating my lunch.

Big Bully: *[looking at her pudding]* That looks like some good pudding. *[elbowing Billy]* Doesn't it?

Billy: Yeah, sure does.

Big Bully: Don't you think she should share that pudding?

Billy: Um, yeah, she should.

Big Bully: I mean, she's one of those Christians, right? Christians are

supposed to share, right? *[grabs Jesse's pudding and throws it to Billy]*

Jesse: Hey! That's mine!

Big Bully: Well, now you're sharing with us! *[laughs and grabs Jesse's lunch bag, starts to root through it and tosses various things to Billy]*

Jesse: C'mon! Stop it! *[gets up out of chair]*

Big Bully: Sit down, kid. Somebody might get hurt. *[to Billy]* C'mon, let's go. *[as they are leaving]* See you for dessert tomorrow, Jesse!

- *Jesse sits down and starts to cry.*

- *Jordan enters*

Jordan: Hey, Jesse. What's the matter?

Jesse: *[wiping away tears]* Nothing, I'm perfectly fine.

Jordan: No you're not – you're upset!
[seeing her lunch bag on the floor]
 Here, why don't you have some pudding
 – that always makes you feel better.
[discovering empty lunch bag] Hey –
 where's your pudding?

Jesse: *[starts to cry]* THEY took it!
[pointing offstage]

Jordan: Those bullies again? Oh, man! They
 think they just own this school and they
 can do anything they want. *[standing*
up, getting mad] I'm gonna go give
 them a piece of my mind.

Jesse: *[stopping Jordan]* Wait, Jordan!
 That's a bad idea! Those guys are so
 much bigger than you are – you won't
 stand a chance if you try to stop them
 by force.

Jordan: *[striking an epic Jedi pose]* The
 FORCE! Great idea! I'll use my force
 powers to convince them *[waving hand*
in front of him] "this isn't the pudding
 you're looking for."

Jesse: Um, Jordan. . . you don't actually
 HAVE force powers.

Jordan: Oh, yeah. *[sits down dejectedly]*

Jesse: It's hopeless. I'll never eat pudding
 again.

Jordan: Totally hopeless. What are we going
 to do? *[has an idea]* Wait! No! It's not
 hopeless! Let's pray about it!

Jesse: Pray? What good would that do?

Jordan: Well, those bullies are bigger than
 us, but God is bigger than them, right?

Jesse: Right. . .

Jordan: And God loves us, right?

Jesse: *[brightening]* Right!

Jordan: So I think he'd probably want to help
 us out here. *[prays]* Dear Jesus, you
 know Jesse here is being bullied, and we
 don't know what to do. We can't stop it
 on our own, we need your help. Please
 help us. Amen. *[straightening up]* I
 just got a great idea! *[walks offstage*
with Jesse whispering about the plan]

Narrator (or sign person): The Next Day. . .

- *Jesse and Jordan enter. Jesse has a lunch*
bag with her.

Jesse: Are you sure this is a good idea?

Jordan: I think so. God will protect us – I
 think this was His idea!

Jesse: Okay. Here they come! *[sits down*
and opens lunch bag]

- *Billy and Big Bully enter and Jordan goes*
around the corner

Big Bully: Well, well, well! What do we have
 here? Looks like a little lunch break,
 doesn't it?

Billy: Yeah, sure does.

Jesse: *[trying to sound cheerful]* Oh, hi guys.
 I thought you'd be coming today. *[pulls*
out two pudding cups] I brought some

extra pudding for you. *[hands one to Big Bully and one to Billy]* Here you go – enjoy!

Billy: *[deflated]* Um. . . thanks. . .

Jesse: *[pulling a third pudding cup out of lunch bag]* And here's mine! Would you like to sit and enjoy them with me?

Big Bully: What? No, I'll tell you what, kid. *[grabbing Jesse's pudding]* I'll take THAT one, and you take a dirt nap! *[pushes Jesse off the chair]*

Jordan: *[coming out from around the corner]* Hey! Stop it! She was just trying to be kind to you and this is how you repay her?

Big Bully: Stay out of this, man.

Jordan: You should stop picking on her!

Big Bully: If you take one step closer I'll flatten you! I know where you eat lunch too!

Billy: *[to Big Bully]* Hey, come on, man. Let's just go.

- *Principal walks in*

Principal: Oh, no, you don't. I saw what you just did, young man.

Big Bully: *[innocently]* Who, me?

Principal: Yes, you. You know exactly what I'm talking about. Remember the LAST time we talked about picking on other kids? That was your last chance – and

you just blew it. I'm going to have to suspend you. *[takes Big Bully's arm and walks off]*

Big Bully: What? Wait! No!

- *Billy remains behind and looks sheepish*

Billy: Hey, Jordan, right?

Jordan: Yeah. Are you going to beat me up too?

Billy: No. I just wanted to say. . . that was really brave of you. You've got guts. *[offers Jesse a hand up]* And. . . I'm sorry for picking on you, Jesse. I didn't mean it to go that far. *[handing pudding back]* I don't even like pudding, anyway.

Jesse: Thanks. I forgive you.

Billy: Forgive? That's one of those Bible words, right? And that whole thing about being nice to people who are mean to you – that's from the Bible too, isn't it?

Jesse: Sure is!

Billy: Yeah, I've been reading that one you gave me, Jordan. It's pretty cool.

Jordan: Wow, that's good to know! So, let me ask you something. What are you doing hanging around with a bully like that guy? *[gesturing offstage]*

Billy: I dunno. Nobody else wants to hang out with me, I guess.

Jordan: Well, how about you and I hang out instead? Are you busy after school?

Billy: Nope. That sounds good to me!

- *[all exit]*

Jordan: Great! Let's meet up here after school!

The Point: Sometimes it can seem like you're facing impossible things and life is too hard to deal with. God doesn't want

you to deal with it on your own. Jesse and Jordan found that out today! First thing they did was pray and ask God for help. And then they did things God's way – Jesse was kind to someone who was mean to her, just like Jesus says we should. And they also got help from a grownup, like the principal. When you pray all your problems won't always disappear but God will never let you down!

OBJECT LESSON - HELPFUL HAMMER

Theme: Things may seem too hard to accomplish alone, but nothing is impossible when you have God's help.

Props

- Hammer
- Large, strong nails
- Block of soft wood with pre drilled holes.

- *Pre-drill some holes in the wood about ¼ inch deep, just enough to hold the nail upright. Use a slightly larger diameter drill bit so it fits loosely, and you won't have to hold the nail while you hammer it. Use large strong nails so they won't bend. Also, use a large hammer, and soft wood. If the wood is too hard, try pre-drilling the holes with a smaller diameter drill so the nail can be hammered in easily.*
- *Set up the block of wood, put a nail in one of the holes. Show the kids that it isn't in tight, and that it can't go any further.*

Leader: I need somebody to pound the nails into this block of wood. Does anybody think they can do it?"

- *Choose an older child to be on stage.*

Leader: *[Holding the hammer in plain view]*
Do you think you are big enough to do this by yourself?

- *They should answer yes, but if they don't, thank them and let them sit down. Then ask for somebody else to come who thinks they can do it by themselves. Tell the volunteer to start, but don't offer them*

the hammer. They'll want the hammer, but keep telling them to get started. They will keep wanting the hammer.

Leader: But you said you could do it by yourself! Push really hard! Hit it with your fist! Maybe you could head butt the nail! *[Of course, they won't – or at least stop them if they try!]*

Leader: You said you could do this without any help, but you can't, can you? You need some kind of tool to help you. Without the hammer, the job is almost impossible, but when you have the right kind of help, the job is very easy.

- *Hand the volunteer the hammer, and let them pound in the nail.*

The Point: Sometimes we think some things in life are too hard or difficult to do. Well, if you are trying to do it by yourself, you may be right! Trying to get through life without God's help is like trying to pound nails into a board without a hammer. But with God's help *[hold up the hammer]*, anything is possible. *[Hammer a nail into the board.]*

BIBLE STORY - JOSHUA CONQUERS JERICHO (JOSHUA 6)

Cast

- Joshua - Zander
- Officer - Samuel
- Spy - Jessica
- Intelligence Agent - Isaac
- Angel - Pawlala
- Sign holder (non-speaking) - Mercedes

Props

- Bible costume for Joshua
- Costume for Officer - military dress uniform or army hat
- Costume for Spy - trench coat, fedora, sunglasses
- Costume for Intelligence Agent - lab coat, laptop, smartphone, glasses
- Swords for all
- Angel costume for angel
- Scroll for Angel
- Signs saying "The Next Day" and "On the Seventh Day"
- SFX: Trumpet music, Trumpet blast, Earthquake sound effect

- *Joshua and army enter.*

Joshua: All right, men, I'm calling to order the first meeting of Israel's White Berets. You soldiers are the best of the best of our army. The brightest minds, the finest soldiers, the quickest at tying your shoelaces – you are our elite squadron of soldiers!

Officer: *[standing at attention in very strict military fashion, wearing camouflage]*
Sir Yes Sir! Commander Joshua Sir!
Permission to speak sir!

Joshua: Um. . . you are speaking. . . so. . . yes. Granted.

Officer: Sir Yes Sir! Thank you Commander Joshua Sir! Sir! What are our orders, sir? Who is our enemy sir?

Joshua: Thank you lieutenant, I was getting to that. Our enemy is the city of Jericho. The people in this city are mean and nasty. They sacrifice their children to false gods and they never wash their hands and they pick on anyone who is different than them. If we don't wipe them out they will spread evil all over the promised land that God just gave us! God sent us from Egypt into this new land and now we need to make it safe from bullies like them. So, I've called you together to come up with our attack strategy.

Spy: *[slinky and shady, wearing spy outfit]*
Mmmm. . . yes, Jericho. I've had some agents scouting it out and sir, it's going to be a difficult city to capture.

Intelligence Agent: *[nerdy, typing on a laptop]* Yes, I agree, sir.

Thermoelectric scans of the city shows that it is surrounded by a wall of solid rock twelve feet thick. Satellite imagery shows that it is full of heavily armed men and the chemical composition of the soil suggests that their weapons are iron and very sharp.

Officer: Sir, I recommend a full air assault.
Let's NUKE THEM!

Intelligence Agent: Sir, considering that nukes haven't been invented yet, all we've got is swords and spears and arrows. I calculate it would take our entire army four months to pick a man-sized hole through that stone wall.

- *Angel enters, unnoticed by everyone except Spy.*

Officer: No nukes? No tanks? It's useless.
We've met our match here. We should just go back to Egypt and become slaves again. The wall is just too thick.

Intelligence Officer: We need SOME kind of a plan.

Spy: *[gesturing toward angel]* Well, maybe we could ask her.

Joshua: An angel of the Lord!

- *Joshua runs and falls at the feet of the angel. Soldiers huddle to the side of the stage*

Angel: Joshua, God has delivered Jericho into your hands! Here's what you need to

do. *[Reading off of scroll]* Have the whole army march around the city tomorrow. And do it again the next day, and the next, until you've marched around the city for six days. Put priests blowing trumpets and the special box with my law in front of the army. And then on the seventh day, march around the city seven times, then have the priests blow a long blast on their trumpets and have everyone shout. The walls will collapse and you can take the city. God will be with you! *[angel leaves]*

- *Soldiers stand dumbfounded.*

Spy: Well, that's the weirdest idea I've ever heard! *[Soldiers all snap back into the idea huddle]* So, what if we poison their water supply?

Intelligence Officer: Let's cut off their internet!

Joshua: *[breaking up the huddle]* No! All we need is what God said. Those are our orders, soldiers! Get some trumpets together and assemble the army! We're marching at 0900 hours!

Officer: Sir Yes Sir!

- *Joshua and soldiers exit*

Sign holder or narrator: The next day. . .

- *Trumpet music plays quietly in the background*

- *Soldiers enter and speak as they are walking in a line. Officer is always at the*

front of the pack marching in perfect form. All the rest are progressively getting more tired.

Spy: This is not going to work! All the people of Jericho are laughing at us!

Intelligence Agent: My feet are getting sore from all this walking.

Officer: I'm telling ya – we need to NUKE THEM! Not blow trumpets at them!

- *Soldiers exit*

Sign holder or narrator: The next day. . .

Spy: I can't believe we're doing this again!

Intelligence Agent: Okay, what if we made a huge slingshot, and then got some birds really really mad. . . *[to Spy]* Do you think you could put on a pig mask and steal some birds' eggs?

Spy: Just keep walking.

- *Soldiers exit*

Sign holder or narrator: On the seventh day. . .

Intelligence Agent: *[walking very slowly, looking at phone]* Last. . . time. . . around. . . I've walked 12.6 kilometers and my GPS says I haven't left my starting position. Oh, my feet!

Spy: Maybe that angel was a double agent and this is a trap. They'll attack us now that our feet are all tired.

- *Joshua enters and all the soldiers snap to attention.*

Joshua: All right, men! This is it! We've followed God's strategy and he's going to deliver the city into our hands. Get ready to shout!

- *Trumpet blast sound effect*

- *Everyone shouts until they are out of breath in different comical fashions*

- *Earthquake sound effect*

Officer: The wall is falling down!

Spy: God did it!

Intelligence Agent: Inconceivable!

Officer: *[drawing sword]* What are we waiting for? Let's get those bullies!

Joshua: Attack!

- *All the soldiers draw swords and rush offstage*

The Point: Wow! God did something amazing for his people. They were faced with something that seemed impossible. They couldn't get past the big walls of Jericho. But when they followed God's plan, he did a miracle. God loves to do things that seem impossible to us. Are you facing something hard in your life, something where you just can't figure out what to do? Do what Joshua did – find out what God wants you to do, and do it. Then you'll see amazing things happen. God can make a way where there seems to be no way.

JUNIOR BIBLE STORY - JOSHUA CONQUERS JERICHO (JOSHUA 6)

Cast

- Joshua
- Spy
- Army (2-3)
- Angel

Props

- Bible costume for Joshua, Spy, and Army
- Swords for all
- Trumpets
- Angel costume
- Scroll for Angel

- *Joshua and army enter.*

Narrator: Once there was a guy named Joshua. This guy was a mighty warrior, and the leader of all Israel. Maybe you remember the story from last week, where the Red Sea parted, and Moses led all his people through? Well, this is a few years later, and now Joshua is the leader of Israel instead of Moses. God wanted Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the land that he had promised them, but first, they had to defeat the people living there.

Joshua and his army were ready to do whatever it took to take over the city of Jericho.

- *army salutes Joshua, stands at attention*

The people in the city of Jericho were mean and nasty and did terrible things. If they didn't wipe them out, they would spread evil all over the promised land

that God had for Israel! They needed to make the land safe.

So, Joshua sent a spy to the city to figure out the best way to defeat the city.

- *spy comes forward*

The spy saw that it would be a difficult city to capture - it had a humongous wall made of solid rock, and a really big army! He told Joshua it would be impossible to beat Jericho!

- *spy shakes his head, Joshua looks grim*

Suddenly, an angel appeared!

- *Angel enters, Joshua and the army are all shocked and surprised*

Joshua ran and fell at the feet of the angel.

The soldiers were frightened, and tried to hide themselves.

- *Army huddles to the side of the stage*

The angel said to Joshua, "Joshua, God has delivered Jericho into your hands! Here's what you need to do.

- *Angel pretends to read off of scroll*

Have the whole army march around the city tomorrow. And do it again the next day, and the next, until you've marched around the city for six days. Put priests blowing trumpets and the special box with my law in front of the army. And then on the seventh day, march around the city seven times, then have the priests blow a long blast on their trumpets and have everyone shout. The walls will collapse and you can take the city. God will be with you!"

- *Angel leaves*
- *Soldiers stand dumbfounded, then huddle and start whispering*

Joshua's army thought the message from the angel was super weird. They did not want to follow God's instructions at all. But Joshua came forward and said, "No! All we need is what God said. If we listen to Him, He will fight for us."

- *Joshua and soldiers exit*
- *Soldiers enter and walk in a line. Joshua is marching at the front of the line marching in perfect form. All the rest are progressively getting more tired.*

Because Joshua was their leader, the people of Israel listened to him, even though they thought God's plan was crazy. They walked and walked all around the city of Jericho, but they were getting

tired. They did this day after day, and they were ready to give up by the 7th day.

- *soldiers continue walking, dragging their feet more and more*

Finally, Joshua told them it was time to stop walking, and all they had to do now was make a really loud noise. So they all shouted and blew their trumpets! And do you know what happened? Those humongous rock walls just fell down! And once the walls fell down, the army was able to charge in and take over the city!

- *army raises swords victoriously and runs off stage*

The Point: Wow! God did something amazing for his people. They were faced with something that seemed impossible. They couldn't get past the big walls of Jericho. But when they followed God's plan, he did a miracle. God loves to do things that seem impossible to us. Are you facing something hard in your life, something where you just can't figure out what to do? Do what Joshua did – find out what God wants you to do, and do it. Then you'll see amazing things happen.

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Welcome to the Basics!

We hope and trust that this package will equip you help the kids you are in contact with have a living, vibrant, and world-changing faith!



What do I need to use this curriculum?

These lessons rely fairly heavily on drama. Therefore, it's essential that you have at least one or two decent actors on your team. Most skits are driven by one or two characters and the rest are supporting roles, many of whom only need to follow simple instructions and wear a costume.

Each lesson comes with a full script and list of props needed. These are the 'best-case scenario' lists, but many of the presentations can be made with an abbreviated list of characters or by miming what would otherwise be done with a prop. However, with some forethought, mostly everything should be easy to find and put together. Each lesson features a Bible story, object lesson, contemporary life skit, and some have a more specific closing script.

Some of the skits have the same characters in them, so if you can, plan ahead to have the same actor play the same character when they come up. This will help the kids identify with him week after week.

We are assuming that there will be one main teacher or host, who will serve as the MC for the lesson. This host will introduce the lesson and offer applications and a smooth transition between the elements of the lesson. Some elements will require setup and costume changes, so it is a good idea to prepare some thoughts to cover that 'down time' as the next section is prepared. The host should also be prepared to close in prayer after wrapping everything up. Each lesson is prepared around a common theme, so a good way to close the lesson is to summarize what the kids have seen and tie everything back in to the memory verse or the main point of the day.

A word about the scripts.

Our scripts are not designed to be full productions but outlines of the essential points. Some have more specific dialogue written out but many others tell the general direction of the story and leave the actors to fill in the gaps. This is done on purpose so the actors do not feel like they have to memorize twelve pages of lines, cues, and blocking. Rather, we encourage the actors to get into character and get into the moment and let the specific lines just flow out of it. If there is one main actor who has a good handle on where the skit is going, they can usually steer it in the right direction. In many ways, these skits work well as outlines for improvisation. We find that this brings a much more natural performance, is easier for the actors to handle, and also brings many more opportunities for humor.





The BASICS – Lesson 5

The Bible is true





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Theme/Topic

The Bible is true! We should believe it and check out what it says.



BIBLE STORY: “JESUS AT THE TEMPLE” Luke 2:41–52

Cast:

- Jesus
- Rabbi
- Mary

Props:

- 3 Bible-era costumes



OBJECT LESSON: LUFTBALLOONS“”

Cast:

- Host
- Worker #1
- Worker #2
- Worker#3

Props:

- 1 red balloon



SKIT: “Check it Out”

Cast:

- Penny
- Jenny

Props:

- Jar of honey (with Penny)
- Spoon (with Penny)
- Bible (with Jenny)



CLOSE: “TELEPHONE GAME”

Cast:

- Host

Props:

- Bible



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BIBLE STORY: “JESUS AT THE TEMPLE” (Luke 2:41–50)

Cast: Jesus
Rabbi
Mary

Props: 3 Bible-era costumes

Narrator: When Jesus came to earth 2000 years ago, he grew up like mostly any other kid. But, from very early on, people around him could tell that there was something special about him.

Once, when he was 12 years old, he spent some extra time at God’s temple talking with the priests and teachers.

Jesus and the Rabbi walk on stage, talking about scriptures.

Jesus: Yes, but Rabbi, doesn’t the Bible also say to honour your mother and father?

Rabbi: Ahh, yes! Very wise for your age young—

Mary: *[Interrupting]* Jesus! There you are! Where have you been? I’ve been looking all over for you.

Jesus: *[respectfully]* Well, I’ve been here the whole time. You must have known I’d be in my Father’s house?

Mary: Your father? But Joseph’s with me...

Jesus: No, I mean my heavenly Father. It’s important for me to learn the truth of the Scriptures now, while I am young, so that it can serve me for the rest of my life.

Rabbi: Hi, I’m Rabbi Ezekiel.

Mary: Oh, Sorry! I’m Mary, Jesus’ mother.

Rabbi: Hi, the other Rabbis and I were quite impressed with your son’s knowledge of the scriptures at such a young age.

Mary: Yes, he’s quite an extraordinary boy! Well, we do have to get going now, but thanks for looking after him.

Exit off separate sides of the stage

The Point: Even when Jesus was young, he understood how important it was to spend time learning and understanding the Bible. That’s a great example for us too!



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OBJECT LESSON: “LUFTBALLOON”

Cast: Host
Worker #1
Worker #2
Worker #3

Props: 1 Red Balloon

Host walks on stage with an inflated Red Balloon. Once the Host starts talking, Worker #1 begins walking on stage.

Host: This is a red balloon. It's true, it's red. We all know our colours. The absolute truth is that this balloon is red.

Worker #1: *[Seemingly from nowhere]*
No it's not. It's green.

Host: What?

Worker #1: That is a green balloon.

Worker #2: *[From the back of the stage]*
That is the prettiest yellow balloon!

Host: *[Hopelessly confused]* Yellow?
This is a red balloon. *[beat]* Come over here.

Worker #1: No, it's green.

Worker #2: *[Runs up behind the Host and exclaims with wide-eyed excitement]* It's red!

Host: I know. It's a red balloon.

Worker #1: *[Frustrated, to Worker #2]*
Will you look at it from my point of view, please?

While Worker #2 walks over to stand beside Worker #1, Worker #3 comes in and stands beside the Host.

Worker #3: Hey, nice blue balloon.

Host: Bl--!

Worker #2: *[Interrupting]* It's green!!

Host: Green? It's red!!

Worker #2 isn't even listening. They move to the back of the stage again.

Worker #3: Why are you saying it's red when it's blue?

Worker #2: It's totally purple from back here!

Worker #1, #2, and #3 all seem satisfied with themselves. The Host, exasperated, decides to seek outside opinions.

Host: Why can't we agree on what color this balloon is?

Worker #1: Look, all you have to do is decide which one works best for you. And green is great for me.

Worker #3: That makes sense.

Worker #1: Thank you!!



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Host: No. You can't just pick whatever colour fits your life the best. Red is red.

Worker #1: Hey, man! Stop shoving your opinion down my throat.

Host: But it's not my opinion. It's the truth. Look, if I said "I like the color red more than blue" then that's my opinion. But I'm saying that this balloon right here is red! That

doesn't change based on how you feel about it – that's the truth!

Worker #3: Hold on, hold on. All we're saying is that we need to stop arguing about trivial things -- like truth.

Worker #1, #2 & #3 exit.

Host: You know, the funny thing about truth is that it's true whether you believe it or not.





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SKIT: “Check it Out”

Cast: Penny
Jenny

Props: Jar of honey (with Penny)
Spoon (with Penny)
Bible (with Jenny)

Penny enters, holding a jar of honey and a spoon and smiling. Jenny meets her in center stage, holding a Bible.

Jenny: Hey Penny! How's it going?

Penny: Great! I'm about to really impress God.

Jenny: Wow, how's that?

Penny: Well, I heard about this Bible verse and I'm going to do it!

Jenny: That's great! *[Pulling out her Bible]* What verse is it?

Penny: Um, I don't remember. It's in the book of Yoda or something...

Jenny: That's not very helpful. Why don't you tell me what it says and I'll look it up for you?

Penny: Nah, never mind. I pretty much know what it says. Now, can you come with me and help me sneak up on my mom?

Jenny: Um, okay... why?

Penny: Because, I'm gonna HONEY my mother! *[proudly holds up jar of honey and spoon]*

Jenny: What? Why on earth would you do that?

Penny: The Bible says so! “HONEY your father and mother, that you may live long and prosper...” or something like that. So, you keep watch, and I'm gonna sneak up on my mom while she's watching TV, and I'll just spoon some of this honey into her hair when she's looking the other way. And then I'll fill all those dishes in the sink with honey too! She's gonna be so proud of me!

Jenny: She'll be something all right... Wait, Penny, where did you say you heard this Bible verse?

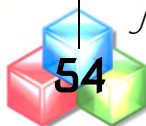
Penny: Um, I think it was on Instatwit on my phone. Someone posted it with this really neat graphic design with swirlies and a great filter and a picture of a sunset – so I know it's inspirational!

Jenny: So, you never actually looked it up – like in an actual Bible?

Penny: Well, no. Why should I when so many artistic people can do that for me?

Jenny: Just to be sure, let's look it up, OK? I think it's in the ten commandments somewhere.

Jenny flips through her Bible and stops





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Jenny: OK, here it is! Deuteronomy 5:16 – HONOR your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land... Penny, this says to honor your parents, not HONEY them! I think you might have read that graphic wrong.

Penny: *[disappointed]* Oh. So the Bible doesn't say that I should spoon honey into my mom's hair?

Jenny: Nope.

Penny: And not in the dishes either?

Jenny: Nope.

Penny: Well, what does it say?

Jenny: It says to honor your Mom. So maybe instead of putting honey in the dishes, you could wash them! She did ask you to do that, right?

Penny: Well, yeah. Now that you mention it, I guess that would make her feel better than having a hairdo full of honey!

Jenny: And that's really going to impress God!

Penny: Ok, that makes sense! I'm sure glad you were here. Want a peanut butter and honey sandwich?

Penny and Jenny exit

The Point: You can hear all kinds of things that the Bible might or might not say, but the way you can know for sure is to look it up! And if you don't understand what the Bible is saying, you can always ask someone you trust to help you figure it out.



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CLOSE: “TELEPHONE GAME”

Cast: Host
Worker #1

Props: Bible

Host: Hey kids, how many of you have ever played the ‘Telephone game’? Well we’re going to play right now. So stay seated and you might get to participate!

I’m going to tell (Worker #1) the phrase and then tell the first person. Then pass it on as I direct you, okay?

The phrase is “The tall man has a red dog.” direct the kids to tell people beside them. Have a leader somewhere in the middle to make sure the message is changed from beginning to end. Announce the final version and then have Worker #1 tell everyone what the original was.

Host: Wow! That’s pretty different from where we started, isn’t it? See how hard it was to have the message stay the same with so many people involved? That’s how we know that God inspired the Bible and that the Bible is true.

Do you know how many books are in the Bible?

Let kids answer

66! And do you know how long it took to write?!

Let kids answer

1500 years! And do you know how many different languages it was originally written in?

Let kids answer

3! Or how many continents it was written on?

Let kids answer

3! Do you how many authors there were?

Let kids answer

40! And even though there are so many authors from so many countries over so many years it all fits together into one big story that all makes sense.

That’s one of the reasons how we know the Bible is true. And that’s why you should read it and learn it -- So that you can know the truth for yourself. Don’t take my word for it, read your Bible! Let’s pray.





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David was a Kid Like me

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Blessed are
the merciful,
because they
will be shown
mercy.

matthew 5:7





David Was a Kid Like Me

Lesson 5



Theme / Topic

Don't Be the Bully!



Bible Story

David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 25)

Cast

- King Saul
- David
- Soldier (one of David's mighty men)

Props

- Bible costume for King Saul (robe, crown)
- A piece of cloth that matches Saul's robe
- Bible costume for David (simple robe, sword.)
- Bible costume for soldier
- Divider or something to hide behind



Object Lesson

Picture This!!

Cast

- Leader

Props

- A picture of a "bad guy face" (mug shot or picture of a bully looking character. A cartoon would be good to use here so you're not using a real face)
- A picture of Jesus' face
- A picture of yourself
- (try to make these pictures blown up as big as possible, posterboard size)
- A bulletin board.
- A stand to place bulletin board and pictures on.
- A dark cloth.
- A dart
- A very dark marker
- An Exacto knife





DAVID WAS A KID LIKE ME LESSON 5



SKit 1

Don't Be The Bully!

Cast

- Jackson
- Jordan
- DJ Fo' Shizzle

Props

- Carton of eggs
- Backpack
- Costume for DJ Fo' Shizzle (gangsta style clothing, baggy pants, hoodie, bling, sideways hat)



SKit 2

To Toss or Not to Toss?

Cast

- Jade
- Sam
- Charlie

Props

- Children's Backpacks for all 3
- A picture of a house with stick figure of a mom and child in front. Make it look kid drawn.
- Costume for Sam & Jade (see lesson #1)





BIBLE STORY - DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE (1 SAMUEL 24)

Cast

- King Saul
- Soldier
- David
- David's friend

Props

- Bible costumes for all
- Piece of cloth matching Saul's robe
- Sword
- Divider or something to hide behind

Narrator: After Saul tried to kill David, David ran off to hide in the desert with some of his friends. But Saul's jealousy of David was so great that he chased after him with a huge army, and tried to track down David and kill him.

- *David and friend creep cautiously onstage.*

Friend: This looks like a good cave to spend the night, David.

David: Yes, I'm exhausted from being chased by King Saul and his army. We need to rest for a while.

Friend: Shhh. . . do you hear that?
Someone's coming!

David: Quick!! Hide!!

- *They dive behind a divider or something similar onstage.*
- *King Saul strides onto the stage.*

King Saul: [Clapping hands loudly] Captain!

- *Soldier quickly enters from and goes down on one knee in front of Saul.*

Soldier: Yes, your majesty?

King Saul: I need a status on the mission.

Soldier: [Rising] Our trackers and spies report that David was in this area just recently. I'm sure we will have him captured by tomorrow.

King Saul: At last! I am going to take a break in this cave now, but if you find David, bring word to me so I can see him killed. . . personally. [Rubs hands together.]

Soldier: [Bowing and backing out.] Yes, my Lord.

King Saul: At last! Soon I will be rid of David. [Yawning and stretching.] But until then, I really need to sleep. This cave might not be a royal palace, but I'm too tired to care.





- *Lies down on the floor, wrapping his robe around himself like a blanket. Saul starts snoring loudly.*
- *David and his friend crawl out of hiding.*

David: *[Whispering]* C'mon, let's get out of here!

Friend: Wait David. This is your big chance! The Lord has given your enemy into your hands! Take your sword and kill him.

David: What?!?

Friend: Why not? Saul is trying to kill you, and you never did anything to him! You need to stand up for yourself and kill him now. . . before he gets to you first! After all. . . he started it!

- *David creeps forward with his sword in hand. It looks like he's about to strike Saul, but at the last minute just cuts off a corner of his robe. [Have the actor hide a piece of fabric in his hand and then hold it up once he's "cut" it off.] He then hurries back to his friend.*

Friend: David! Why didn't you kill him?

David: I shouldn't have even touched his robe. He is the King, and I must respect him!

Friend: Well, I don't respect him! *[Starts forward lifting his sword.]*

David: *[Grabbing his friend to stop him]* No! He is the King, anointed by God!

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- *Saul wakes up, yawns and stretches, and then starts walking out of the cave.*

David: *[before King Saul walks off stage completely]* My lord, the King!

King Saul: *[spins around, shocked]* David???

- *David bows down low to the ground in front of Saul.*

David: Why do you think I'm your enemy? I could have taken your life today. *[Holds up piece of cloth. Saul looks down at his robe in shock.]* I got close enough to you to cut off a piece of your robe. But I did not kill you because you are the King, and like a father to me!

Saul: *[Putting his head into his hands and weeping.]* You are a better man than me, my son. You could have gotten revenge on me today, but you didn't. May God reward you for being merciful today. Now I know that one day YOU will be King of Israel.

David: And I promise I will never harm you or anyone in your family.

- *Saul walks out wiping away his tears and David remains bowing low.*

The Point: Even though Saul had been trying to kill David, David did not get revenge on Saul when he had the chance. Have you ever wanted to get even with someone? You have a choice to make just like David did – you can either show mercy, or you become a bully yourself. Which one do you think is the right choice?





OBJECT LESSON - PICTURE THIS!!!

Theme: When we try to get back at other people, we need to remember it's like we are hurting Jesus. In the end, we end up hurting ourselves as well.

Props

- A picture of a "bad guy face" (mug shot or picture of a bully-looking character. A cartoon would be good to use here so you're not using a real face)
- A picture of Jesus' face
- A picture of yourself (try to make these pictures blown up as big as possible, posterboard size)
- A bulletin board.
- A stand to place bulletin board and pictures on.
- A dark cloth.
- A dart.
- A very dark marker
- An exacto knife

- *Before the program, on the bulletin board tack the picture of yourself on the bottom, the picture of Jesus covering it, and then the picture of the bully on top of both of them. Place the bulletin board on the stand and cover with a cloth. Make sure the kids don't see the pictures underneath.*

Narrator: I'm sure every one of us here has been hurt by someone in our life. Maybe it was someone in your family, another kid at school, or someone in your neighbourhood. I'm going to show you a picture of my bully.

- *Reveal picture underneath.*

This is my bully. I'm going to call him "Mean Moe". Mean Moe was not a nice person to me. In fact, he was really,

really mean. [Or if it's a girl bully, call her Mean Jean]

- *Proceed to tell a story of how you were bullied or treated unkindly. Tell a real life story. [C'mon dig deep – it's happened to everyone!].*

Mean Moe was so mean to me that I wanted to get back at him. I wanted to hurt him like he hurt me. He deserves it right?

- *Take out dart and proceed to throw it at picture.*

You're mean! I don't like you! You're smelly! There. . . take that!

But I still feel like hurting Mean Moe. . . after all he made my life miserable!





- *Take out dark marker and start scribbling on his face. Draw devil horns, moustache etc.*

No one wants to be your friend! You're funny looking! You think you're hot. . . but you're not!

There. . . he really deserved that, didn't he? But you know. . . I still feel angry at him. I still want to make him feel bad.

- *Take out exacto knife and begin hacking at paper. Try to go all the way through all three pictures and really mess them up.*

I'll never forgive you for what you said to me! You deserve to be treated the way you treated me! You'll be sorry you ever messed with me!

Do you think what I just did was right and wise? Should I get back at Mean Moe like that? Let's see what really happened to Mean Moe.

- *Take off picture of Mean Moe and reveal picture of Jesus underneath.*

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Jesus said, "Whatever you do to other people you do to me." Every single person on this planet is someone Jesus loves. When you hurt them, you hurt Jesus too. But it's not just Mean Moe and Jesus who you are hurting.

- *Pull off Jesus picture to reveal picture of you.*

When you decide to get back at people, you are really hurting yourself too. You have become the bully, and we all know that bullies end up being very sad and lonely people.

The Point: Our natural reaction when someone is mean to us is to be mean right back. But the Bible tells us to show mercy. If we try to get even with people we end up hurting the other person, Jesus, and ourselves. When you are bullied, don't BECOME the bully! Talk to someone right away, like a parent, teacher, or one of the staff here at Kids Klub.





SKIT 1 - DON'T BE the BULLY!

Theme: Even if someone's been a bully to you, don't turn around and become a bully yourself.

Cast:

- Jackson
- Friend - Jordan
- DJ 'Fo Shizzle

Props:

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- Carton of eggs.
- backpack
- Costume for DJ Fo' Shizzle (gangsta style clothing ie: baggy pants, hoodie, bling, sideways cap.)

- *Jackson & Jordan enter the stage. Jordan is wearing the backpack with the carton of eggs in it.*

Jackson: *[Looking around furtively.]* So Jordan. . . do you have it?

Jordan: *[Taking off backpack and opening it up.]* Yep. One carton of rotten eggs coming up. *[Hands carton over to Jackson.]*

Jackson: *[Opening up carton.]* Are you sure these are rotten eggs? They look totally normal. *[Holding up an egg and then casually tossing it up and down in his hand.]*

Jordan: Whoa. . . dude! Watch it! They might look okay on the outside. . . but on the inside they are full of rottenness. I had them hiding under my bed for the last 2 months!

Jackson: Ha! Ha! Ha! Zack's never gonna get the smell out of his gym bag!

Jordan: Yeah, and it'll serve him right for picking on us.

- *DJ Fo' Shizzle struts onstage.*

Jackson: My brother's coming!

- *Jackson and Jordan frantically try to close egg carton up and put it in the backpack but end up dropping it on the ground. The look at each other horrified.*

DJ Fo' Shizzle: Awwwww Dawgs! What's that nasty stench?!

Jackson & Jordan: *[Both pointing at each other.]* It was him!

- *DJ Fo' Shizzle picks up carton of eggs and cautiously opens it. He then drops it back onto the ground and staggers backward gagging.*





DJ: What are you guys planning to do with rotten eggs?

Jordan: Aww DJ, it's totally wicked! We're gonna put this carton in Zachary's gym bag when he's not looking bag and then squash it!

- *Jackson elbows Jordan sharply and glares at him.*

DJ: That's cold! Jackson. . . is this true bro?

Jackson: Well, yeah. . . but this punk Zachary deserves it. He's so mean to everybody and yesterday in gym class he stole my basketball and then I had to use a flat one.

Jordan: And then he gave me a wedgie when I was bending over to get drink at the fountain! *[Rubbing his behind ruefully.]*

DJ: So. . . you think it would be pretty sweet to get back at him.

Both: Yeah!

DJ: Give him a taste of his own medicine.

Both: Totally.

DJ: Become a bully just like Zachary.

Both: *[Looking at each other.]* Uhhhhhh. . .

DJ: That's what you're telling me. You want to bully the bully.

Jackson: Hey! We're not bullies! He started it!

DJ: You gotta rise above dudes. Show some mercy.

Jordan: Huh? What's mercy?

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DJ: It means being decent to someone who you don't think deserves it. Showing a little compassion.

Jackson: Why SHOULD we be nice to HIM?

DJ: I know this kid Zachary that you're talking about. He rides on my Kids Klub bus.

Jordan: Zachary?? He goes to that church thing you do???

Jackson: Some God-lover he is.

DJ: Hey, if you knew what his life was like you wouldn't be so harsh on him. His dad's in jail for selling drugs and his mom basically leaves him alone all the time.

Jordan: Whoa. That's messed up.

Jackson: Yeah. I don't have a dad, but at least I've got a mom that cares about me.

DJ: And don't forget a big brother who's watching out for you.

Jackson: So. . . I guess it wouldn't help things get better by putting these eggs in Zach's bag.

DJ: Nope. You should probably talk to your teacher instead. Maybe you guys could sit down and make some peace.

Jordan: And at least we wouldn't get into trouble that way.

Jackson: Yeah, or get our butts kicked if he found out.

DJ: I think you guys are wising up!

- *They walk offstage together, leaving eggs behind.*





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The Point: Probably everyone in this room today has been bullied in their life. Maybe someone's called you names, pushed you around, or made you feel left out. How should we deal with it? Turn into a bully ourselves? Or rise above and show some mercy? Don't get sucked into all the drama and conflict. Be the better person like David was, and like Jackson decided to be. Talk to a trusted adult about the situation and try to work it out peacefully. And remember. . . there's probably a reason why the bully acts the way they do. Try to see other people the way God does – with love and kindness.





SKIT 2 - TO TOSS OR NOT TO TOSS?

Theme: Even if someone's been a bully to you, don't turn around and become a bully yourself.

Cast:

- Jade
- Sam
- Charlie

Props:

- Children's Backpacks for all
- Costumes for Jade and Sam (see lesson #1)
- A picture of a house with stick figure of a mom and child in front. Make it look kid drawn.

- *Charlie's backpack is on the ground, centre stage. Jade and Sam enter the stage wearing their backpacks.*

Sam: Hey someone left their backpack outside.

Jade: *[Picking it up.]* I think it's Charlie's. He has the "Cars" one. *[Or whatever brand of kid backpack you are using.]*

Sam: Look inside and see.

Jade: *[Pulls out kid picture]* Yeah, this is Charlie's. This is his picture of his family that he drew today. *[Stuffs picture back in.]*

Sam: We should bring it to the lost & found.

Jade: No way. I'm not being nice to him!

Sam: Well we can't just leave it here outside!

Jade: You're right. We can't. I'm going to toss it on the roof. *[Take aim with backpack.]*

Sam: *[Grabbing his arm]* No, don't! That would be mean!

Jade: Well, yeah. . .but Charlie deserves it. He's so mean to everybody! Don't you remember when he stole your ball, or when he made that bike fall on you and then didn't care when you got hurt?

Sam: Yeah. . . I remember. *[Rubbing his knee ruefully.]*

Jade: So. . . don't you think we should get back at him? *[Starts to take aim with backpack again.]*

Sam: So you want to be a bully just like Charlie.

Jade: Hey! I'm not a bully! He started it!





Sam: Throwing someone else's backpack on the roof sounds like something Charlie would do.

Jade: I don't think I want to be like Charlie. No one ever wants to play with him because he's so mean.

Sam: Maybe we should be nice to him.

Jade: Okaaaaay. I won't toss it on the roof.

- *Charlie enters stage from other side.*

Charlie: Hey! That's MY backpack!

Jade: We just found it out here.

Charlie: Yeah, right. You were probably trying to steal it.

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- *Grabs backpack and storms offstage blowing a raspberry to Sam and Charlie as he goes.*

Sam: That was the right thing to do, Jade.

Jade: Yeah. . .I guess so. But why is it so **HARD** to be to do the **RIGHT** thing sometimes?

- *They walk offstage together.*

The Point: Probably everyone in this room today has been bullied in their life. Maybe someone's called you names, been mean to you, or made you feel left out. What should you do when that happens? Turn into a mean bully yourself? Or be the nice person? Don't try to get back at someone who's hurt you. Talk to a trusted adult about it like a parent, teacher, or one of the workers here at Kids Club.



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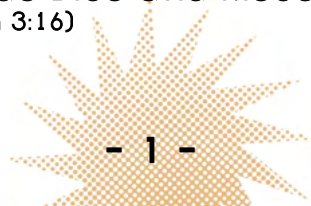
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What'S UP With JESUS!

We hope and trust that this package will equip you to help the kids you are in contact with have a living, vibrant, and world-changing faith in Jesus and get to know Him in a whole new way.

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What do I need to use this curriculum?

These lessons rely fairly heavily on drama. Therefore, it's essential that you have at least one or two decent actors on your team. Most skits are driven by one or two characters and the rest are supporting roles, many of whom only need to follow simple instructions and wear a costume.

Each lesson comes with a full script and list of props needed. These are the 'best-case scenario' lists, but many of the presentations can be made with an abbreviated list of characters or by miming what would otherwise be done with a prop. However, with some forethought, mostly everything should be easy to find and put together. Each lesson features a Bible story, but these ones are placed in a contemporary setting, in a "What if Jesus came in the 21st Century?" world.

Some of the skits have the same characters in them, so if you can, plan ahead to have the same actor play the same character when they come up. This will help the kids identify with him week after week.

We are assuming that there will be one main teacher or host, who will serve as the MC for the lesson. This host will introduce the lesson and offer applications and a smooth transition between the elements of the lesson. Some elements will require setup and costume changes, so it is a good idea to prepare some thoughts to cover that 'down time' as the next section is prepared. The host should also be prepared to close in prayer after wrapping everything up. Each lesson is prepared around a common theme, so a good way to close the lesson is to summarize what the kids have seen and tie everything back in to the memory verse or the main point of the day.

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A word about the scripts.

Our scripts are not designed to be full productions but outlines of the essential points. Some have more specific dialogue written out but many others tell the general direction of the story and



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LESSON 3 - JESUS IS TEMPTED

Theme / Topic

We can resist temptation like Jesus did!

MODERN DAY Bible STORY

Jesus is tempted by Satan

Cast

- Narrator
- Jesus
- Satan
- Angel #1
- Angel #2

Props

- White hoodie for Jesus
- Black hoodie with skulls or other creepy looking designs for Satan
- Bible
- Brick or rock.
- A couple stacks of chairs pushed together. The actors must be able to climb to the top of them.
- Bottle of water
- Slice of bread.
- Costumes for 2 Angels - 'traditional' robes and wings or Security guard-type shirts with the word "Angel" in bold letters on them.

Object Lesson

Light defeats darkness

Cast

- Leader

Props

- A bright flashlight or spotlight
- A cardboard box, preferably painted black on the inside
- A black cloth
- A bucket



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SKit

Shutting Down Temptation

Cast

- Buddy
- Devil
- Angel

Props

- Kid clothes for Buddy
- Backpack for Buddy
- Bible in Buddy's backpack
- Bag of chips
- White shirt and halo for angel
- Black shirt and horns for devil

MODERN DAY Bible Story - JESUS IS TEMPTED by Satan

(MATTHEW 4:1-11, LUKE 4:1-13)

Cast

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| - Narrator | [3 lines] |
| - Jesus | [6 lines] |
| - Satan | [7 lines] |
| - Angel #1 | [no lines] |
| - Angel #2 | [no lines] |

Props

- White hoodie for Jesus
- Black hoodie with skulls or other creepy looking designs for Satan
- Bible
- Brick or rock.
- A couple stacks of chairs pushed together. The actors must be able to climb to the top of them.
- Bottle of water
- Slice of bread.
- Costumes for angels.

Narrator: Welcome back to another Modern Day Bible Story. Today we pick up right from where we left off last week, when Jesus was baptized. Right after that happened, Jesus left everyone behind, and went off by himself for a while to spend time talking with God his Father. He was so focused on his time with God, that he didn't eat or drink for 40 days, and he just walked, and prayed. By the end of the 40 days, Jesus was feeling very weak and hungry. During that time, Satan, the nastiest enemy of the entire world, showed up to harass him.

- *Scene begins with Jesus walking onstage alone and praying out loud.*

Jesus: Father, thank you so much that you are always with me. You will never leave me alone.

- *Satan enters sneakily from other side of stage.*

Satan: Heyyyy. . . Jesus! Poor guy, you look rough! You look like you haven't eaten anything in 40 days!

Jesus: I haven't. *[Holding his stomach.]* I'm totally starving.

Satan: *[Mockingly]* I thought you were supposed to be the "ALL POWERFUL Son of God!" *[Gestures to a pile of stones.]* If you're so powerful, why don't you just turn that pile of rocks into some cheeseburgers? C'mon, doesn't a nice,

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hot burger, covered in melted cheese
sound good to you right now?

Jesus: Nice try, Satan. The Bible says that it takes more than food to stay alive; we also need God's own words to feed our spirits.

Satan: Yeah, yeah boy genius. . . I guess I can't argue with the Bible.

Jesus: You've got that right.

Satan: *[Beckoning Jesus to follow him]*
Come with me for a second. I want to show you something.

Narrator: Satan brought Jesus to the top of the tallest building in the entire city.

- *Jesus follows Satan to the stack of chairs and they climb up on top.*

Satan: Since you are God's son, why don't you prove it to everyone by jumping off this high building? I happen to know that the **Bible** says, "He has placed angels to take care of you. They will catch you so that you won't even stub your toe."

Jesus: *[Pointing his finger at the Devil.]*
Don't try to twist God's word against me, Satan! The Bible also says, "Don't you dare test the Lord your God!"

- *Satan climbs down and Jesus follows him to other side of the stage. They stand at the very edge.*

Satan: *[Gesturing expansively to all the kids in the audience.]* I can give you power and leadership over all the people of the

world. They can all be yours to control, if you just bow to your knees and worship me.

Jesus: *[Forcefully]* Get out of here Satan!
The Bible says that we should worship God and serve HIM ONLY!

Satan: All, right, all right – you win this round. . .but don't think you've seen the last of me! *[Runs offstage.]*

- *Jesus collapses onto ground.*

Narrator: So Satan left Jesus alone for a while, and God's angels came to take care of Jesus.

- *Angels come onstage carrying a bottle of water and a piece of bread. They help him into a sitting position and offer him the water and bread. After he has a drink of water and a bite of bread they help him up and walk offstage together.*

The Point: Before Jesus could start travelling all over the area and teach people about God, he had to be put to the test. He had to be tempted by Satan, so that he could understand what everyday people like us go through when we are tempted.

But the cool thing is, Jesus was able to knock down every single one of the devil's tricks, by telling him what the Bible said. We can do the same today, when we get tempted to do the wrong thing. That's why it's SO IMPORTANT for us to learn what the Bible says. Memorize your memory verses, kids, because you never know when you're going to need them!

OBJECT LESSON - LIGHT BEATS DARKNESS

Theme: The truth always defeats a lie!

Cast

- Leader

Props

- A bright flashlight or spotlight
- A cardboard box, preferably painted black on the inside
- A black cloth
- A bucket

Leader: In today's modern day Bible Story, Satan was trying to tempt Jesus to do the wrong things, to sin against God's ways. The way he did it was to try to get Jesus to believe a lie about himself or God. Satan knows that if we will believe something that's not true, then we will probably wind up doing something sinful, so he throws lies at us all the time.

Lies and evil are all over our world. They are like this dark box.

- *Show box covered in black cloth.*

If you're in the dark you won't be able to see the right way to go. If Satan had his way, the whole world would be dark. This box is full of darkness right now, right? What Satan would want to do is open up the box and fill this room with darkness.

- *Take the cloth off the box and pretend to 'pour out' the darkness.*

Wait a minute! This isn't working! Why can't I pour the darkness out of the box? Oh, it's because there's light out here.

What's more powerful, kids? Light or darkness?

Light!

That's right! There's light in the room so the darkness can't even make it out of the box. Well, maybe the box wasn't totally full of darkness. Let me try again.

- *Set box upright and pull out the bucket. Cover the bucket with the cloth.*

Okay, now this bucket is full of darkness. I'm going to pour this darkness into the box and make it EXTRA dark!

- *Cover the bucket and the box with the cloth and 'pour' the bucket in.*

Okay, watch out now because it's about to get really dark in here!

- *Whip off the cover from the box and swing the box around like you're trying to spray darkness out of the box.*

Did you see it get any darker in here?

Hmmm. . . I didn't either. So is light even stronger than a LOT of darkness?

Yes it is!



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And you know what? God's truth is like a light, and it can light up even the darkest places.

- *Pull out flashlight and turn it on.*

When we know what God says in his Word, we can go after lies and darkness and use it as a weapon against lies.

- *Shine flashlight into the box and bucket.*

No lies can stand up against God's Word, the Bible! That's why Jesus was able to defeat Satan and his temptations just by saying what is written in the Bible.

And if Jesus can do that, we can too! The light will ALWAYS defeat the darkness! And truth will ALWAYS defeat lies!

SKIT - SHUTTING DOWN TEMPTATION

Cast

- | | |
|---------|------------|
| - Buddy | [7 lines] |
| - Devil | [4 lines] |
| - Angel | [no lines] |

Props

- Kid clothes for Buddy
- Backpack for Buddy
- Bible in Buddy's backpack
- Bag of chips
- White shirt and halo for angel
- Black shirt and horns for devil

- *Buddy enters with angel and demon behind him, one near each shoulder. Throughout the skit, they stay at each shoulder and say their lines into Buddy's ears.*

Buddy: *[looking around]* I'm sure glad this convenience store is on the way home from school, 'cause I'm starving! *[Picks up bag of chips]* Oh, yeah, this will do it. *[Checks his pockets]* Wait a minute – where's my money? Oh no! I spent it all on YESTERDAY's chips!

Devil: It's okay, Buddy. Just slip it into your backpack, nobody will notice.

Buddy: Slip it in my backpack? Isn't that wrong?

Devil: It's only wrong if you get caught. Go ahead, after all, you're SO hungry, you might die of starvation before you get home.

Buddy: Yeah, I don't want to die.

Devil: And besides, this won't hurt anyone, will it?

Buddy: Yeah, I should totally do it.

Devil: You should totally do it.

- *Buddy opens up his backpack and finds his Bible.*

Buddy: My Bible? What's that doing here? Oh yeah, I wanted to show my friend at lunch.

- *Buddy holds out his Bible and Angel leans over and flips it open, then flips a few pages.*

Buddy: *[reading from the Bible]* "Ephesians 4:27-28 - Don't give the devil a chance. Those who have been stealing must never steal again."

- *Devil acts like he's been hit by a sledgehammer to the face and flies backwards.*

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Buddy: Hey, that's right! I shouldn't steal – that's wrong! *[giving his head a shake]* What was I thinking? That storekeeper was watching me the whole time – I would've got caught for sure, and even if I didn't, it's still wrong! I won't die; I'll bet Mom has some muffins at home anyway.

- *Buddy puts the chips back and walks offstage.*

The Point: The devil wants to tempt you and me to believe lies so that we'll sin. When we sin we'll hurt ourselves and others and get off track from where God wants us to be.

But you don't have to fall for his tricks! You don't have to believe any lies that

come floating into your head, or follow any temptation that pops up. You can fight it!

You fight lies with the truth. If you know what the Bible says, you can attack lies and temptation with the truth from the Bible, and there's no more powerful weapon!

Find some Bible verses that talk about what you get tempted to do, and remember them. Next time you're tempted, pull them out and use them as weapons against the temptation, just like Jesus did!

- *Give out Bible Verse helper sheets to the kids to take home.*



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JESUS CALLS

Come follow
me and I will
make you
fish for
people.

matthew 4:19