

Jesus The Light



Mini Movie
Kids Story

John 1:4-17, 9

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Instructions

Option 1: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, Jesus And The Blind Man. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

Option 2: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, Jesus And The Blind Man Non-Narration. Translate this script into the language of your audience. Read out your translation, timing it with the mini movie images. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

Option 3: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, Jesus And The Blind Man Subtitled. This version has subtitles added. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

The introduction and conclusion of this script need to be memorised.

Requirements

- Narrator
- Mini movie (see Instructions)
- Data projector
- Sound system
- Screen

Script

In John 1 it says that God would send his light into this dark world.

Picture

God's light would show people who God is.

And everyone who accepts God's light would become a child of God.

But most people would reject God's light.

So who is the light God sent into this dark, dark world?

Jesus!

He is the light of the world.

Let's hear about a blind man who saw who Jesus really is.

Let's hear his story.

(pause)

One day Jesus saw a man on the side of the road.

The man was blind.

He'd been blind since the day he was born.

He never saw light.

He never saw colour.

All his life, all he could ever see was darkness.

Jesus said, "While I'm in this dark world, I am the light of the world."

Jesus knelt down, spat on the ground and made mud out of dirt.

He put it on the blind man's eyes and said, "Go and wash your face."

The man did what Jesus said.

He washed his face, opened his eyes and he could see!

He saw light!

He saw colour!

And he saw Jesus!

People gathered around the man-who-used-to-be-blind.

Show mini movie.

Picture 1

Picture 2

"Aren't you the blind man who begs for food?"

"I am," said the man-who-used-to-be-blind.

"Then how can you see?"

"I met a man named Jesus. He put mud on my eyes and told me to wash it off. When I did, I could see!"

The crowd was amazed.

Then a religious teacher asked, "Did Jesus heal you today? Today is God's rest day! How can Jesus be on God's side if he breaks God's law?"

"But if Jesus is bad, how could he do a good thing like that?"

"Yeah!" said another person.

Then they asked the man-who-used-to-be-blind lots and lots of questions.

"Were you really blind?"

"Are you pretending?"

"Who is this Jesus, anyway?"

"Listen," he shouted, "I don't know the answers to all your questions, but I do know this. Once I was blind but now I can see. Who could do a thing like that, unless he was sent by God?"

When the man-who-used-to-be-blind was alone, Jesus came to him.

"Here's a question for you. Do you believe that I came from God?"

"I do," said the man-who-used-to-be-blind. "I really, really do!"

Then the man-who-used-to-be-blind saw who Jesus really is.

Jesus, sent from God to bring light and show us exactly who God really is.

Picture 3

And so the
man-who-used-to-be-blind
worshipped Jesus.

Jesus smiled and said, "No more
questions."

(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)

Jesus is God's light in this dark world.

Jesus came to show us exactly who
God is.

He came to show us how great and
how powerful and how perfectly good
God is.

The man-who-used-to-be-blind saw
Jesus not only with his eyes, but he
saw who Jesus really is with his mind.

He knew Jesus was sent from God to
bring light.

Children, if you see who Jesus is, you
see who God is.

If you know Jesus, you know God.

And only those who know Jesus
become children of God.

If you close your eyes to Jesus you
close your eyes to God.

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2. Jesus The Light

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Game: The Lighthouse

Need:

- Clear open space
- Cones (to define the area)
- Blindfold, one per 'ship'
- Scooter board, one per 'ship' (optional)
- Helmets, one per 'ship' (if using scooter boards)
- Whistle

Instructions:

- Select one child to be the lighthouse.
- Spread the children seated over the floor space.
- Select children to be ships.
- If using scooter boards, the number of ships is determined by the number of scooter boards and the space you have.
- Ships sit on their bottoms and scoot along the ground slowly, wearing a blindfold.
- Or, ships sit on their bottoms and scoot along the ground slowly, wearing a blindfold.
- Ships have to navigate slowly, avoiding rocks, to navigate their way to the lighthouse.
- As ships approach rocks, rocks make the sound 'swish, swish'.
- If a ship is shipwrecked on a rock (i.e. touches one), the child who is the rock swaps places with the child who is the ship. .

- Throughout the game the lighthouse says, "Beep, beep" to help ships make it safely to the lighthouse.
- Swap boats and rocks regularly.

Conclusion:

- It's hard to make our way safely to the lighthouse if you can't see.
- It would've been so much easier if you could see.
- The Bible says we are blind.
- By ourselves we cannot see who God is.
- We cannot make our way to him by ourselves.
- Jesus is God's light come into this dark world.
- If Jesus didn't come into this world, we would never be able see who God is.
- Or become a child of God.

Game: Blind Corners

Need:

- Clear open space
- Blindfold
- Cones (to define the area)

Instructions:

- Blindfold a child and stand him/her in the middle of the room.
- The rest of the group have to the count of ten to quietly walk to one of the four corners of the room.
- On ten, the child in the middle points to a corner.
- Every child in that corner is out.
- Continue until only one child is left.
- Repeat, swapping the blindfolded child.

Conclusion:

- The blindfolded child was trying to get you out.
- And even though you could see with your eyes, you could not see if you were going to be out.
- It's like you were blind.
- Jesus came so that you could see clearly.
- He came to show us who God is.
- He came to show us how we can become a child of God.

Drama Game: Why Can't I See?

Need:

- Clear open space

Instructions:

- Form groups.
- Each group must decide on a mime showing people finding it hard to see (suggestions listed below).
- Groups perform mimes and children have to guess why they can't see.

Possible Mimes:

- Waking up in the night in a tent and torch doesn't work.
- There's a blackout.
- Getting old and eyes are fading... can't see properly.

Conclusion:

- There are lots of reasons why people can't see.
- And if we can't see, then life is difficult.
- But imagine being blind to God!
- Not seeing who he is.
- Jesus came so that we can see God and become his child.
- Because only people who see who Jesus is, can become a child of God.

Introductory Activity: What's In My Pocket?

Need:

- Clear open space
- Leader has something unusual in his/her pocket (i.e. paper clip, sticker, magnet...)

Instructions:

- Leader says he/she has something in his/her pocket.
- Give children the opportunity to guess what it is.
- After a few guesses, reveal what's in the pocket.

Conclusion:

- It was impossible for you to know what was in my pocket.
- You needed me to show you.
- It's impossible for us to know what God is like.
- We need someone to show us what God is like.

- Jesus did just that - he came to show us God.
- But in John chapter 1 it says most people rejected Jesus.
- Everyone who rejects Jesus cannot become a child of God.

Singing

See page 5 for song suggestions. Sing 2/3 songs about Jesus being the light, who shows us how good God is. Also, songs that warn against rejecting Jesus.

Memory Verse

John 8:12 (see page 12 for instructions on how to teach it)

Small Group Time

Need:

- Copy of the booklet from last week titled, Who Is Jesus? One booklet per child. **Note:** do not send this booklet home until the end of this unit.
- Brainstorming sheet on the titles of Jesus from the previous week.
- Set of coloured markers or pencils
- Set of International Children's Bibles (ICB)

Icebreaker:

- Have you ever tripped over something in the dark and hurt yourself?

Introduction:

- Last week we heard that Jesus made the world he would be born into.
- When Jesus made the world, the first thing he made was light.

Read John 1:6-9

- In verse 4 it says that God's light has come into the world. Who is the 'John' in verse 6 who'd announce to the world God's light had come?
(John the Baptist, we'll hear more about him next week)

- John the Baptist was not God's light. So who is God's 'light'? (Jesus)

Revision Activity:

- Look at the brainstorming activity on the titles of Jesus (last page of booklets).
- Was 'light' one of the titles you recorded for Jesus?
- If not, add it to your list.

Think It Through:

- Last week Jesus was called the Word because when he speaks we hear God. Why is Jesus called the light of the world? (he shows us God, if we see who Jesus is, we've seen who God is)

Booklets:

- Find the page with the words, NO JESUS NO GOD.
- Somewhere on the page add the words, SEE JESUS SEE GOD.

Read John 1:11-12

- What is the shocking thing in verse 11? (Jesus made the world, but when he came, the people he'd made rejected him)
- What does verse 12 tell happens when someone sees who Jesus really is? (they become a child of God)

Booklets:

- Turn to the page in the booklet titled, The Blind Man (gap activity).
- Complete the gap activity, encouraging children to help each other.
- Read through, making sure answers are correct.

Discuss:

- How did the man born blind respond to Jesus? (he believed Jesus is God and he worshipped him)

Memory Verse:

- Revise the memory verse, John 8:12, as a group.
- If children struggle, turn to the page in booklets that has the words and say it together.

Conclusion:

- Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'
- He came to show us who God is.
- Most people reject Jesus.
- They do not see him as God.

- But only those who see that Jesus is God can become children of God.

Application (select from options below):

- People trip over Jesus. It's like they're in the dark - they don't see that Jesus is God. Are you tripping over Jesus?
- No one is born a child of God. So how can you be sure you are God's child?
- If someone asked, who is Jesus, what would you say?

Prayer Time

Thank Jesus for opening up our eyes so we can see God and become his child.

Pray that we will help someone this week see who Jesus is.