



Made By Jesus

John 1:1-3, 18

Big Idea: Jesus made the world he would be born into.

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Instructions

You will need a Story Stick to tell this story. See the page titled, 'How To Make A Story Stick' (end of this script) for instructions on how to make one.

This story needs to be memorised, both the words and the use of the story stick.

Requirements

- Storyteller
- Story Stick (see Instructions)

Script

This term we're looking at the book of John.

John wrote his book so that you and I would know that Jesus is God's Son.

John begins his book by going back to the very beginning.

In the beginning there was God.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit.

And in the beginning, God spoke and an amazing world was made.

God made this world - God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit.

Actions

That means Jesus - God the Son - made the world he'd one day be born into.

So when Jesus was born, he slept under the stars - stars he'd made.



He lay in a manger beside animals - animals he'd made.



And he looked up at his Mum - his Mum whom he'd made.



Jesus was born into the world he'd made.

When Jesus was a child, he ran along the ground - ground he'd made.



running movement

He climbed up hills - hills he'd made.



climbing movement

He stood on mountains - mountains he'd made.



hold still up high

Jesus was born into the world he'd made.

When Jesus was an adult he sailed on lakes - lakes he'd made.



gentle rocking movement

Jesus walked on water - water he'd made.



walking movement

Jesus caught fish - fish he'd made.



Children, Jesus was born into the world he'd made.

And that's why when Jesus said 'Be still!' - wind and waves stopped still.



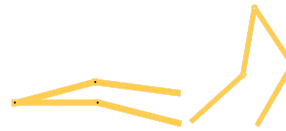
rock, then stop still

When he said 'Catch fish!' - so many fish were caught, boats almost sank.



When he said 'Get up!' - legs that couldn't walk stood up and ran.

sink boat down



Jesus was born into the world he'd made.

(Storyteller folds the story stick and addresses the audience)

Children, our clothes have tags - tags that tell us who made them.

In John chapter 1 we're told, 'Everything in this world was made by Jesus.'

Everyone and everything in this world has a tag on it.

And the tag says, 'Made by Jesus.'

Jesus was born into a world he'd made.

A world he'd eventually die for.



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How To Make A Story Stick

A story stick is used to create simple shapes while telling a story.

A story stick is made from timber venetians (or light weight timber) connected using rivets. Three pieces are exactly the same size. The fourth piece (second from one end) is made up of two shorter pieces. When these two shorter pieces are joined together by tape they become the same size as the other three. This joined piece can then be unhinged when telling a story to make a cross or an x.

Materials needed:

- 3 pieces 50mm x 400mm timber venetian
- 2 pieces 50mm x 225mm timber venetian
- Rivet gun to connect the sticks together
- 50mm wide cloth tape
- bright yellow paint

Instructions:

Step 1: Paint each venetian bright yellow.

Step 2: Drill holes large enough for the rivets to go through (25mm from the ends). Drill the following holes:

- one hole at each end of one of the 400mm pieces
- one hole at one end of the other two 400mm pieces
- one hole at each end of both the 225 mm pieces

Step 3: Connect the pieces together: 400mm, 225mm, 225mm, 400mm, 400mm using the rivet gun.

Step 4: Place cloth tape on the back of the 225mm piece, connecting it to the other 225mm piece. Remove this tape if you want to make this joint bend (e.g. for a cross or an x). With the tape affixed, the two 225mm pieces should be just another 400mm piece.

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Game: The Tag Game

Need:

- Clear open space
- Cones (to define the area)
- Box of coloured dot stickers for each tagger (different colour per tagger, one tagger per ten children)
- Two minute egg timer

Instructions:

- Use cones to define the space children are to run in.
- Taggers are given two minutes to tag as many children as they can by placing a coloured dot sticker on each person they want to claim as theirs.
- If any child is already tagged, they cannot tag them.
- If a sticker falls off that child can be tagged by someone new.
- At the end of two minutes see who has tagged the most people.
- Remove all stickers, change taggers and play again.

Conclusion:

- Who tagged the most people in two minutes?
- Well done!
- Every person you tagged with a sticker showed that that person belonged to you.
- Our clothes have tags on them and the tags tell us who made them.

- Everything in this world has an invisible tag.
- And the tag says, 'Made by Jesus.'
- In John 1 we read that Jesus made this world and everything in it.
- He made it knowing one day he'd be born into it.
- Knowing one day he'd die for the world he made.
- How amazing is that!

Game: Earth, Sky, Sea

Need:

- Soft ball
- Clear open space
- Cones (to define the area)

Instructions:

- Use cones to define the space children are to run in.
- Hand one child the ball.
- Child throws balls high in the air and calls out, Earth, Sky, or Sea.
- The child who catches the ball must immediately call out something Jesus made that exists mainly in that environment (e.g. earth: elephant, sea: shark, sky: eagle).
- Children who fail to call something out when they catch the ball are out.
- Children who drop the ball as they go to catch it are out.
- Children who repeat anything called out by another child are out.

Conclusion:

- Jesus made the world that he would be born into.
- He made the earth, he made the sky and he made the sea.
- He filled the earth, he filled the sky and he filled the sea.
- He did this knowing that he'd be born into the world he'd made.
- He walked on the earth, looked up at the sky and sailed on the sea.
- Jesus was born into the world that he had made.

Singing

See page 5 for song suggestions. Sing 2/3 songs about Jesus, who came into this world he'd made and died for the world he'd made.

Memory Verse

John 8:12

Teach this verse using the following call 'n response.

Call	Response
Jesus	Jesus
Jesus	Jesus
Jesus said, I am the light	Jesus said, I am the light
Light	Light
Light	Light
Light of the world	Light of the world
John eight verse twelve	John eight verse twelve

Mini Movie: In The Beginning

Need:

- Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, In The Beginning.
- Data projector
- Screen

Instructions:

- Watch the mini movie.

Conclusion:

- In the beginning there was nothing.
- Nothing except God.
- Then God spoke.
- And a beautiful, perfect world was made.
- God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit made this amazing world.
- And God the Son made this world, knowing one day he'd be born into this world.
- Knowing, one day he'd die for the world he'd made.
- How mind blowing is that!

Small Group Time

Need:

- Find the booklet titled, Who Is Jesus? (John 1-4 Resource Pack - Ages 8-11) Copy and staple one booklet per child. Note: do not send this booklet home until the end of this unit.
- Set of coloured pencils or markers
- Set of International Children's Bibles (ICB)

Icebreaker:

- What's one thing your Mum or Dad has told you about the day you were born?

Booklets:

- Hand children their booklet and ask them to write their name on front.
- Booklets will be sent home at the end of this unit.

Read John 1:1-3

Activity:

- Open up to the page that has THE WORD in the middle.
- Record in your booklets everything you learn about the Word from these verses.
(was there before the world began, with God, was God, everything was made by him, nothing was made without him)
- Read or say (if known as a memory verse) Genesis 1:1.
- Who made the world?
(God)

Read Genesis 1:26a

- Who is the 'us' in this verse?
(God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit)
- So who do you think the 'Word' is in John 1?
(Jesus)

Conclusion:

- The books of Matthew and Luke begin with Jesus' birth, but the book of John goes way back.
- Before Daniel, before Joshua, before Abraham, even before Adam and Eve.
- John goes back to the beginning - to when the world was made.
- And way back then - Jesus was there.
- Jesus is God.
- And because he is God he doesn't have a beginning or an end.

- When Jesus made the world he knew one day he'd be born into it.

Think It Through:

- What's some of the things from the kid's talk Jesus made before he saw, touched, heard or smelled as a human?
- Can you think of other things?
(if time permits, cartoon some of these things around the edge of the page)

Read John 1:18

- Turn to the page in the booklet that has the words: NO JESUS NO GOD.

Think It Through:

- If Jesus didn't come to earth would we have been able to know God?
(no, we needed Jesus to show us)
- Read the words on the page: NO JESUS NO GOD
- The good news is Jesus has come into this world to show us God. Because of Jesus we can know God.

Challenge:

- Can you add a few letters to these words to change it so that it says what John 1:18 says?
(do not be quick to help children, see if they can come up with the answer themselves, answer: KNOW JESUS KNOW GOD)

Think It Through (optional):

- Why do you think one of the titles of Jesus is the Word?
(words reveal things, they show us things, Jesus came to reveal God, to show us who he is)

Conclusion:

- We celebrate the day we were born - it's the beginning of our life.
- Jesus was born, but that wasn't his beginning.
- Jesus does not have a beginning.
- He is God and God has no beginning and no end.
- Before Jesus was born, he was busy making the world.
- The world he'd been born into.
- The world he'd one day die for.

Application (select from options below):

- Is there something you've read today that has challenged what you thought about Jesus?
- Have you ever praised Jesus for making you?
- What would you tell someone who said, 'What's the big deal about Jesus... he's just a man who died a long time ago'?

Activity:

- Turn to the last page of the booklets.
- Write the title/s of Jesus found in today's passage.

Prayer Time

Praise Jesus for making this world, being willing to be born into the world he made and then dying for the world he made.

Craft: Clay

Need:

- Air drying clay
- Disposable plate, one per child
- Toothpicks, rolling pins
- Circle cutters
- Plastic tubing

Instructions:

- Roll and cut out a circle of clay, one per child.
- Children either explore the outdoors (in groups, supervised by Leaders) for something made by Jesus (i.e. leaf, pebbles, twig...) to press into the clay.
- Or, children use toothpicks to draw something made by Jesus.
- Leaders punch a hole through the top end of the circle.
- Leave clay to dry.
- When dry, thread a length of tubing through so children can wear their clay creation.