

Walk My Talk

Small
Group
LessonAges
6-7

Power Point

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show Jesus.

Scripture
Memory Verse

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Bible Lesson

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Overview

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Discussion Questions

1. Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*A Samaritan woman.*)
2. When the woman said that she had no husband what did Jesus say? How many husbands did she have? (*Five.*)
3. How do you think the woman felt when Jesus said that? (*Embarrassed and ashamed.*)
4. How do you feel when you have to admit your mistakes? (*Bad, sorry.*)
5. How should we treat someone who has done something bad? (*Be understanding; try to help them like Jesus would.*)

God Encounter

Materials: CD of instrumental piano music, CD player.

(Play the CD softly.) Kids, this is a true story. Johnny was a little different than the other kids because he had a speech problem. Sometimes when he talked the words came out wrong. The other kids would laugh at him. It finally got to the point that he was afraid to say anything. Since he didn't say much, people began to call him stupid. His teachers never said anything, and no one stood up for him or would be his friend.

Johnny was a very gifted piano player. He would hide behind his music and would never talk to anyone. He eventually met a man who saw Johnny's talent and spent time with Him. Even though Johnny felt like quitting, he encouraged him and told him that God had a purpose for his life. Johnny received Jesus and today is considered to be one of the best piano players and singers in the world. His name is Johnny Cash. A man became his friend and showed him the love of God.

(Have everyone stand in a circle, hold hands and close their eyes.) Kids, maybe you have felt like Johnny. Maybe you have felt like you're no good and you're stupid. Well God believes in you and there are some other kids here today that do, too. Raise your hand if you've felt that way. *(Have kids raise their hands.)* Now, kids that aren't raising their hands, I would like us to encourage these others just like Jesus would. No one here will make fun of you. *(Have the kids who raised their hands stand in the middle and have the others gather and pray for the kids by laying their hands gently on the kids' shoulders. Pray an encouraging prayer.)* When we encourage others who are hurting, we are letting **our life's example show Jesus.**



The Jesus Factor

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Small Group Activity

God Is My Director

Materials: “Director’s Clapboard” handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM, heavy card stock, glue sticks, paper brads, small hole punch, scissors.

Preparation: Print or photocopy the “Director’s Clapboard” handout, one per child. Make a sample clapboard.

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(Hold up sample clapboard.) Directors use these to direct the movie saying, “Action!” to begin a scene and “Cut!” to end it. We are going to make our own clapboards. *(Provide prepared pieces of heavy card stock, “Director’s Clapboard” handout, and supplies. Show kids how to cut out the two pieces of the handout and glue them to the cardstock pieces. Help kids punch holes in the hinge area and attach the top part of the clapper to the larger clapboard using a paper brad.)*

Our clapboards are a little different. We aren’t making movies with them; rather, we are using these to remind us that **our life’s example shows Jesus**. Let’s finish them: God is our Director. *(Write “God” on the clapboard.)* His Word tells us how to act. And the Location is all of our life. *(Write “My life will show Jesus.”)* The Date is every day of our lives. *(Write “All the days of my life.”)*

Let’s practice using our clapboards. When I say “Action!” clap your boards together and say our Power Point. *(Tell kids they will use their clapboards in the Jesus Factor activity.)*

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Materials: “Director’s Clapboards” made in the Small Group Activity, “Situations” handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM.

Preparation: Print the “Situations” handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM and cut apart the three cards from the first column, Ages 6-7 cards.

(Have kids form three groups. Give each group one of the situation cards. Hold up your sample clapboard as you explain the activity.) When directors make movies, they often have to do scenes over and over to get them right. You’ve probably heard the words “Take one!” or “Take two!” These describe the number of times it takes to get the scene right. Let’s practice situations using our clapboards.

In your group, you have a situation on your card. Choose one person to be the director. *(Demonstrate using the clapboard.)* The director will say “Take one!” *(Lift clapper.)* “Action!” *(Close clapper.)* Then you can act out the scene on the card. When you’re done acting, the director says “Cut!” After you act out a scene, trade cards with another group and act out the new scene. *(Repeat with the third scene if time permits. Encourage kids to be honest. If the kids act out the scene in a negative way, have the directors repeat the scene [saying “Take two!”]. Point out to kids that acting out scenes is like practicing for real life. When they mess up in real life, Jesus’ forgiveness is available.)* Practicing these situations helps us see how **our life’s example will show Jesus**.

Take-Home Challenge

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Discussion Questions

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God Encounter

Materials: White board or newsprint, markers.

Preparation: Make two columns—"The Problem" and "The Answer."

In Bible times, women filled their water jars in the morning while it was cooler. This Samaritan woman was filling her jar during the heat of the day. She probably felt embarrassed being with the other women of the town because of her many "husbands". There's a good chance the women of the town called her some pretty hurtful names.

Let's make a list of hurtful, negative words that people sometimes say. (*Make a list with the kids and remind them not to share any swear words. Write the words under the "The Problem".*) How do these words make a person feel? (*Allow responses.*)

Jesus provides an answer to the words in the "problem" list. (*Make a list with positive responses to the first column. Write them under the "The Answer". Once the list is complete, gather the kids.*) Look at the negative words on our list. Raise your hand if someone has called you one of these names and you are still feeling sad about it. It still hurts on the inside. (*Pray for the kids, asking God to help kids overcome their hurt feelings.*)

Now, I would like all of the kids who have called someone a negative word to raise your hand if you are sorry and would like to receive God's forgiveness. (*Pray for kids, asking God's forgiveness for their hurtful actions.*)

Now, let's get rid of the words on the Problem List. (*Erase or tear up these words.*) May you never say or hear these hurtful words again.



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Discussion Questions

1. What did Jesus ask the woman at the well? *(For a drink of water.)*
2. When did Jesus say about the water that He had to offer? *(People who drink it would never get thirsty again because it is living water.)*
3. What did Jesus tell the woman about her past? *(She has had 5 husbands and the one she is living with is not her husband.)*
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God Encounter

Materials: Index cards, pens.

In our Bible story, Jesus spoke to a woman by the well. He had asked her a question about her husband. She really didn't tell Jesus the whole truth. She said that she didn't have a husband, but actually she had five previous ones. It wasn't an outright lie, but it wasn't the whole truth. Later on in the story when Jesus told her about Him, she ran to the city and told everyone the truth about Jesus. This is a woman who didn't have a very positive reputation, but because she told the whole truth, the whole town listened. Not only did they listen, but they all came out to see Jesus. The woman's life example of telling the truth was showing people Jesus. That same thing can happen for us. When we tell the truth, people can see Jesus through our actions. We all have said things that weren't exactly the truth (or even outright lies). It might have been to our parents, our friends, teachers or someone else. *(Pass out index cards and pens.)* I would like you to take some time by yourself and write one thing that you've said that wasn't the truth. I would like you to write: "I told _____ that _____." It was not true." *(Have kids fill out their cards and turn them over.)*

The Bible story showed us that when you tell the truth, your life's example will show people Jesus. The Bible says that Jesus is the Truth, so for us not to tell the whole truth is going against who Jesus is. Now, keep your card turned over, these are just between you and God. I would like you to write the truth of your previous statement on the other side. *(Have kids fill out the other side.)*

Take these cards home with you and do your best by telling the person what you had said and then tell her what the real truth is. You will feel much better about it. God doesn't expect us to be perfect, but we can always tell the truth. When we do, our life's example will show people Jesus. Let's all gather in a circle and pray. *(Lead kids in prayer, pausing for kids to repeat phrases.)* Heavenly Father, I ask that you forgive me for not always telling the truth. I am sorry. I will do my best to always tell the truth. I know this pleases You, and people will see Jesus in my life's example. Amen.



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(Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 5:16 aloud.) Jesus tells us to be light to others. One way that we do that is to speak the truth and do what we say we're going to do. Someone once said: "your actions speak louder than your words." I like that saying because it shows that people notice as much about what you say as how you act. Have you ever known grown ups that tell kids not to do something, yet they do it? That seems a little strange, doesn't it? Do you think they are living a life of truth? Did Jesus ever say something and then not do it? Did Jesus ever tell His disciples not to act a certain way, then He went ahead and did it? No way! Jesus always lived the truth, spoke the truth and showed people God by His life's example.

Small Group Activity

Light Sticks Relay

Materials: Emergency light sticks (packages of small ones available at party supply stores), one per child, masking tape or rope.

Preparation: Place start/finish and turnaround lines for the relay course. Dim lights or darken the room as much as possible.

Option: if you can't find enough small light sticks for each child, use two sticks and give the sticks to the players running the last leg of the relay.

(Kids form two teams and line up for a relay.)

We've been talking about how our **life's example will show Jesus**. *(Hold up light sticks.)* When we do this, we are being light to others living in darkness. *(Give each player a light stick and explain after a runner has run the relay leg, he tags the next runner, and breaks the light stick. Continue until all players have broke their light sticks and gather in a victory circle, holding their light sticks up. [If only using two light sticks, have the last runner cross the finish line and the team gathers in a circle, before the runner breaks the light stick and everyone holds it up like a victory torch.]*

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