

BIBLE STORY CHANT: “JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN”

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SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:22-26

PRESENTATION:

1. Be true to the Bible story.
As you tell the story in your own words, be true to the story in the Bible. Do not embellish the story. The Bible story you tell, will be the oral Bible the listeners hear and learn.

2. Bible Story Chant Repeating the Same Phrase
Explain that you are going to tell a Bible story using a chant. Tell them that after each phrase you say, they are going to repeat the same phrase.
Option: Distribute the chant or put it on a Power Point Presentation. This gives the option for the listeners to hear and read the phrases to be repeated.
 - Explain that words in **bold** in the chant are to be emphasized through the tone of their voices. (Give an example.)
 - Explain that words in **bold and underlined** in the chant are to be spoken slowly and emphasized through the tone of their voices. (Give an example.)Attention Leaders: If the phrases are too short for your group of listeners, increase the words in the phrases. Adapt to your situation.

3. Explain words, phrases or customs that are in the Bible story.
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BACKGROUND OF THE STORY (Initial Situation):

Jesus went with His disciples to Bethsaida, a village town.

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LEADER		LISTENERS CHANT BACK
Jesus went		Jesus went
to a village		to a village
called Bethsaida.		called Bethsaida.
Some people brought		Some people brought
a blind man to Jesus.		a blind man to Jesus .
They begged Him		They begged Him
to heal the man.		to heal the man.
Jesus held his hand		Jesus held his hand
and took him		and took him
outside the village.		outside the village.
Jesus spit		Jesus spit
on the blind man’s eyes .		on the blind man’s eyes .
Jesus asked him,		Jesus asked him,
“Do you see anything?”		“Do you see anything?”
The man said,		The man said,
“I see people .		“I see people .
The people look like		The people look like
trees walking around.”		trees walking around.”
Again Jesus put His hands		Again Jesus put His hands
on the man’s eyes .		on the man’s eyes .
The man opened his eyes,		The man opened his eyes,
and he could see		and he could see
everything clearly!		everything clearly!
Then Jesus		Then Jesus
told the man		told the man
to go home.		to go home.

CONCLUSION:

(Choose one or more options.)

■ Option 1: Stop

- After chanting the Bible story, stop.

■ Option 2: Prayer

- After the chanting the Bible story, pray.
- Pray to God to help your listeners with their needs.
- Example of all-inclusive prayer:
Say, "Dear God, just as you helped the blind man, may you help us with our needs."
- Example of a specific prayer:
Say, "Dear God, Jesus helped the blind man. We pray that you will help ... (Jan find a job, etc.)."
- Attention: Do not name specific needs that are private information or information that will embarrass someone.

■ Option 3: Devotional Thought

- After the chanting the Bible story, chant the Devotional Thought.
- Example:

LEADER		LISTENERS CHANT BACK
<u>God sees</u> our needs		<u>God sees</u> our needs
and wants to help us.		and wants to help us.
Help us to see		Help us to see
the needs of others		the needs of others
and to <u>help</u> them.		and to <u>help</u> them.

- Suggestion: End with prayer after chanting the Devotional Thought.

■ Option 4: Discussion Questions

- After chanting the Bible story, ask one or more questions, depending upon the time available. Allow listeners to answer the question(s).
- Examples:
 - What did you learn from the story?
 - What does this story teach us about God?
 - What need did the man have who was brought to Jesus?
 - How did Jesus help him with his need?
 - What are some needs that you have?
 - What are some ways God can help you?
 - What are some needs of people you know?
 - How can we help them?
- Suggestion: End with prayer for their specific needs.

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