



# Bible Story Drama: Day 1

## Mark 1: 14-20

- Bill: Right, history lesson Ted
- Ted: Oh, Bill, do I have to?
- Bill: Do you want to complete today's assignment?
- Ted: *Quick* Yes! I'm all over it.
- Bill: Right. Concentrating?
- Ted: *Pushes fingers into his forehead and winces.* Yes. Go!
- Bill: About 2000 years ago, in the country we now call Israel, the Jewish people were having a very hard time. They knew that they were God's special, chosen people, but God didn't seem to be loving them very much at the moment. Instead, they were being ruled harshly by the Romans and life was hard.
- Ted: I've heard about the Romans. They were brutal. They bashed countries to grow their empire. Had God's people been empire'd?
- Bill: Yes. They were under Roman control. But some Jews remembered that God had made a promise that one day he would send a Hero...
- Ted: *Interrupting.* Loving this hero talk.
- Bill: This hero, who would come to rescue His people and be their King, ruling forever.
- Ted: Great! That's a hero I'd like to meet- a forever hero
- Bill: But there didn't seem to be any sign of a hero, and it was 400 years since God had last sent any messenger or message to his people. God had gone quiet
- Ted: They must have wondered if God had forgotten all about them.
- Bill: Here are two of them now.

*Andrew and Simon walk on*

- Bill: Oh, oh. They're in the Bible. This is the true story from the Bible.
- Ted: Right, erm, here. One day, in a place called Galilee, a man arrived. He wasn't well known. But he spoke as if everyone should know him. As if he was in charge. His name was Jesus.

*Jesus enters*

- Jesus: *to the children.* The time has come.
- Bill: *Whispering.* What time has come?
- Jesus: The Kingdom of God is near.
- Ted: *Whispering. Looking over one shoulder. Then the other.* How near? The Kingdom of God is near.
- Bill: I know.
- Jesus: Repent and believe the good news.

*Simon and Peter walk on, a little distance from Jesus*

Bill: Later as he walked by the lake he saw some fishermen in their boat on Lake Galilee where they fished. They were called Andrew and Simon. As they were working, Jesus shouted to them.

Jesus: *shouting* Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men

Ted: Look, they've left everything and followed Jesus.

*James, John and Zebedee walk on, a little distance from Jesus*

Bill: Jesus walked on a little further and saw James and John walking on their nets with their father Zebedee.

Jesus: Come, follow me.

Ted: Crumbs, they've left their nets and their boat.

Bill: They're not are they?

Ted: They have! They've left their father to follow Jesus!

*All walk off.*



# Bible Story Drama: Day 2

## Mark 2: 1-12

Bill: Ted, we're in the Bible.

Ted: Excellent Bill. Let's dive in. Where's Jesus today?

Bill: Jesus has entered the town called Cap-er-nee-um.

Ted: He'd been there before doing miracles and so the town was buzzing with excitement that he'd come back.

Bill: Jesus visited someone's home to explain his good news to them.

*Jesus walks on stage and mimes talking to an empty room. He continues throughout. Using hand gestures. Sometimes whispering, sometimes shouting, etc*

Ted: But it didn't take long for word to spread that Jesus was there. Soon the whole town had heard.

*Town's folk 1 walks in and stands near to Jesus.*

Bill: One after another, more and more came in.

*Town's folk 2 walks in and stands further from Jesus, craning his head to see over the "crowd"*

Ted: Before long it seemed as if the whole town was there. There was certainly no room in the house.

*Townfolk 3 walks in and stands way back, occasionally leaping to catch a glimpse of Jesus.*

Bill: People were jammed into every spare inch of the house. Behind sofa's. Under sinks. Standing on beds.

*Townfolk 1 mimes digging his imaginary neighbour a dig in the ribs*

*Townfolk 2 mimes saying to his imaginary neighbour, "I can't see either"*

Ted: Some of the people in the road weren't even sure who was inside, but everyone was so excited, they thought they had better join the crowd just in case.

*Townfolk 3 despairs and sits down, head in hands. Then looks annoyed when trodden on.*

Bill: Then four men arrived.

*Man 1 puts his head around the door. And looks amazed. And exits*

Bill: They knew exactly who was in the room, but weren't happy to just stand at the back.

*Man 1 comes on points to the crowd, shrugs his shoulders, and shakes his head. Gets more and more frustrated with his off stage friends, miming, "what do you want me to do?"*

Ted: They had come with a friend, and they needed to get really, really close to Jesus. But it was proving harder than they had realised.

*Man 1 looks puzzled, cups his ear to hear them, looks puzzled, and then stares at the ceiling above Jesus incredulous. "Really?" Walks off.*

Bill: So they came up with a cracking idea. The first the crowds or Jesus knew about it, was when bits of the roof started falling in on the heads.

*Townfolk 1 looks at the floor. Townfolk 2 looks around him.  
Townfolk 3 gets up amid the commotion, looks around then looks at the roof.  
Jesus is the last to look directly above him. Paralysed man appears next to Jesus*

Jesus: *Dramatic.* Son, your sins are forgiven

Ted: It says here, that Jesus knew what some of them were thinking. That's a clever trick! One of the crowd was a teacher of Jewish law, and he was thinking to himself

Townfolk 1: How can he talk like this? That is a serious religious crime. No one should say that. Only God can forgive sins.

Bill: Jesus could read his mind.

Jesus: Why do you think like this? Do you think it's easier to say: "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up take your mat and walk?" But to prove to you that I have the power to forgive sins, I'm going to do the miracle you can see.

*Speaking to the paralytic*

I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home

*Paralysed man leaps up. Cheers. Shrieks and runs off punching the air.*

Townfolk 2: Praise God, we've never seen anything like this.



# Bible Story Drama: Day 3

## Mark 8: 22-31

Ted: Right where are we? Mark's Gospel. Chapter 8. What's happening here?

Bill: Jesus has just fed 4,000 and then...

Ted: No. Its 5,000. Everyone knows that story. He fed 5000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Bill: I know. He did that. But here, he's just fed the 4,000 with only 7 loaves. He did both. At 2 different times.

Ted: Wow! That's cool. He's big into feeding thousands with not much. He should open a restaurant!

Bill: But they *still* can't work out who Jesus is. They don't get what's going on.

Ted: You *are* joking. Honestly, what are they like? What are they *blind*?

Bill: Well, let's see. *Reading.* Jesus and his disciples arrived at a town called Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus

*Jesus, Peter and Disciple 2 & 3 come on.*

Ted: No way! I'm completely telephonic. I mean tele-pathetic.

Bill: You mean telepathic. You can read minds.

Ted: Yes. That's it.

*Blind man enters between friend 1 and friend 2.*

Friend 1: Please Jesus. You can make him well.

Friend 2: *On knees.* We'll do anything. Please. Please make our friend better.

Jesus: *Taking the blind man by the hand.* Come with me. *Take him to the other side of the stage.*

Ted: He's taken him outside the village. It's like he's kidnapping him.

Bill: *A little angry.* Just watch!

*Jesus pretends to put spit on his eyes, lays his hands on the man and says a prayer.*

Ted: Eurghh. That is honestly the most revolting thing I have ever seen. Eugh.

Jesus: Do you see anything?

Blind man: *Looking around himself.* I see people; but not very clearly. They look like trees walking around.

*Jesus again lays his hands on the man's eyes and says a prayer.*

Blind man: *Gets more and more excited.* It's happening. It's all becoming clearer. *Pause.* I can see! I can see! Everything. Colours. Shapes. People. Faces. I can see!

Jesus: Don't go back into the village. Don't tell anyone, if you do everyone will make more and more of a fuss of me. I have work to do.

*Blind man leaves*

Jesus: *Turning to disciples.* Who do people say I am?

Disciple 2: Some say John the Baptist. But Herod killed him

Peter: Some say Elijah, but he was alive hundreds of years ago

Disciple 3: Others reckon you're one of the other prophets.

Jesus: But what about you? Who do you say I am?

Ted: What are they going to say?

Bill: If you just listen, we *might* find out.

Peter: *Long pause.* You are the Christ.

Jesus: *Pause.* You must not tell anyone that you know this about me. You must leave others to work it out for themselves. I have more work to do. Now you really understand who I am I can tell you more. The Son of Man, must suffer many things. Even though I am the Christ, that won't stop the chief priests and other Jewish leaders pushing me away and saying I'm a no one. In the end, I'll be killed and after three days rise again.



# Bible Story Drama: Day 4

## Mark 15: 1-39

**Props: Chain/Rope, Purple Robe, Crown of thorns, Hammer and nails, “K of the J” sign**

Ted: Well, this is strange. Last time we saw Jesus, he was surrounded by crowds and everyone was delighted with him. Now look!

*Jesus is led on by Jewish Leader 1 and 2.*

Bill: You remember when Jesus said he could forgive sin and the Jewish leaders were angry? They said that was God’s job...?

Ted: Oh yes.

Bill: Well, they just got angrier and angrier. They hated Jesus. He got bigger crowds than them. He could do miracles, he could teach awesome stuff.

Ted: And Jesus said he was God.

They’ve arrested him! What’s going on? What does it say here? *Pointing to the Bible.*

Bill: Very early in the morning, the Jewish leaders decided that Jesus must be killed. They tied Jesus up and took him to Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor in charge of the country.

*Pilate enters with Centurion*

*Jesus brought before Pilate by Jewish leader 1 and 2*

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: Yes

J/ Leader 1: This man is a criminal!

J/ Leader 2: He said he would destroy the temple.

J/ Leader 1: He said that he could forgive sins.

J/ Leader 2: He said that He was God’s son.

*Silence*

Pilate: Aren’t you going to answer? They’re accusing you of all this.

*Silence*

Bill: *Whispers.* Pilate didn’t think Jesus had done anything wrong.

Ted: But Pilate couldn’t let him go because the Jewish leaders were so jealous of Jesus.

Bill: He came up with a plan. There was a tradition that every year the governor would release one prisoner at that time of year. There was another man in prison called Barabbas. He was a murderer. Pilate stood in front of the

crowds outside his palace.

*Centurion goes off to get Barabbas. Barabbas is lined up next to Pilate, with Jesus on the other side.*

Pilate: Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews, called Jesus?

Bill: The Jewish leaders had told the crowd what to shout.

*Jewish Leaders go through the children and leaders telling them to shout, "Crucify him". They lead the crowd shouting...*

Crowd: Crucify him, crucify him!

Pilate: Why? What crime has he committed?

Crowd: *The Jewish Leaders go again...* Crucify him, crucify him!

Pilate: *Giving in.* Right. Release Barabbas and have Jesus whipped, beaten and then kill him on the cross.

*Cent. Moves Jesus to a corner of the stage. Pilate leaves stage*

Narrator: The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus, to make fun of him.

*Purple robe on Jesus.*

They also put a crown on his head, a horrible crown made of thorns.

*Crown on Jesus.*

They made fun of him and hit him

Cent: *Hitting him. Jesus falls to the floor.*

See, the King of the Jews!

*Kneeling before Jesus.*

All obey the King. Worship the King. *Laugh*

*Pick up hammer and nail. Take Jesus off stage.*

Bill: They took Jesus away to crucify him.

Ted: This isn't going to happen is it, Bill. He'll get out of this? Won't he?

Cent: *offstage* Have some wine before we crucify you, it will take away the pain.

Jesus: *offstage* No

Bill: They crucified Jesus

*Off stage you hear two loud hammer blows*

They crucified him at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Ted: They hammered a notice above his head which read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS".

*Sign is taken across stage and hammered once off stage*

*PowerPoint pic up of crucified Jesus*

They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by Jesus, insulted him.

*Passer-by comes on, and looks up to the PowerPoint image of Jesus on the cross.*

Passer by: So! You said you could do anything, come down now from the cross and save yourself!!

Bill: The Jewish Leaders made fun of him

J/ Leader: He saved others, but he can't save himself! Let this King, come down now from the cross, so that we can see and then we'll believe.



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## Day 4

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- Ted: Even those who were crucified with him insulted him. 3 hours later, at about midday, when the sun should have been at its brightest, suddenly there was darkness. Complete darkness over the whole land.  
*Stage lights drop. Everyone on stage fumbles around looking confused. Looking upwards.*  
This darkness lasted three hours until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- Bill: Then Jesus shouted out, in his own language
- Jesus: *off stage* "My God, My God, why have you left me alone?"
- Bill: Jesus breathed his last and died.
- Ted: The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. *Sound effect from off stage.*
- Cent: Surely this man was the son of God.



# Bible Story Drama: Sunday/Day 5

## Mark 10: 17-27

Bill: Right, ready?  
Ted: Yes. *Pause.* Bill?  
Bill: Yes Ted.  
Ted: I love this bit.  
Bill: I know. It's great.

*Jesus and two disciples walk on.*

Ted: Sh! Here he is. What's going on?  
Bill: Um. *Reading.* Jesus was just on his way with his disciples, when a...  
Ted: Look! It's happening.  
Man: *Coming to Jesus with great respect. Slowly.* Good teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?  
Jesus: Why do you call me "good"? No one is good, except God alone.  
Ted: Ooh. Tricky. What...  
Bill: Will you *please* listen!  
You know the commandments: Do not murder, do not steal another person's husband or wife, do not steal anything, do not lie, and obey your father and mother.  
Man: Teacher, I have kept all these commandments since I was a boy.  
Ted: Wow! He's superman. What a guy.  
Bill: It says here that Jesus looked at the man and loved him, because of the way he really tried to obey the commandments.  
Ted: No wonder. Jesus will make him his *super* disciple. He's like the best bloke ever!  
Jesus: There is one more thing that you need to do. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. *Then* come, and you can follow me.  
Ted: Oh boy!

*Man walks away looking very glum, slowly.*

Ted: No. That can't be right. *Pointing to the Bible.* Does it say he comes back? He must be going away to think it through. Then he'll come back.  
Bill: No. he doesn't. It doesn't say that. It says, *[reading]* "He went away sad, because he had great wealth"  
Ted: You're kidding me.  
Jesus: How hard it is for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God.  
Disciple 1: What!  
Disciple 2: Really?  
Jesus: My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to walk through the tiny eye of a

needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

Disciple 1: You're having us on!

Disciple 2: A camel through the eye of a needle? That's impossible!

Disciple 1: Who then can be saved? Because if this guy couldn't be saved, then what hope have we got?

Ted: I was thinking that!

Jesus: With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.



# Bible Story Drama: Day 6

## Mark 16: 1-8

Ted: Look, just so you know Bill, I am hating this.

Bill: Do you want to find out what happens or not?

Ted: Honestly? Probably not. It's only going to get worse. More tears. More sadness. More confusion.

Bill: Shall we find out?

Ted: *Reluctantly.* Alright.

*Mary M, Mary moJ and Salome come on with a few pots of spices.*

Bill: *Reading.* It's Sunday. Its 3 days after Jesus died and was buried. These are three of his friends come to put spices on the body.

*Looking up.* It's what they did then.

Mary M: It was round this corner wasn't it?

Salome: Who's going to roll the stone away for us? We can't do it.

*The three look offstage. Frozen. One drops her pot of spices.*

Mary moJ: Who moved the stone?

Salome: Why would anyone have done that?

*Mary M runs off stage.*

Mary M: He's not there! His body isn't there. *Shocked.* Oh!

*Mary M backs onto the stage. Joins the other 2.*

*Angel follows her on. Calm. Authoritative.*

Angel: Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

*Three women follow the angel off stage.*

*Bill and Ted try to peer off stage.*

*They come back on, talking as they walk.*

Angel: Go and tell his disciples that Jesus is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there.

*SLOW.* It will be exactly as he told you.

*Angel leaves.*

*Mary M and Mary moJ run off terrified.*

Salome: What? Say all that again.

*Salome runs off as well.*

Ted: Honestly, I did not see that coming.

*Bill walks off. Ted stays amazed.*

*Ted walks off*