



HOOK

ICEBREAKER: Walk, Open, Stretch (5 mins)

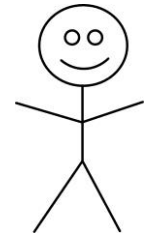
Be enthusiastic and use big, definitive movements.

Introduce these 3 actions to kids:

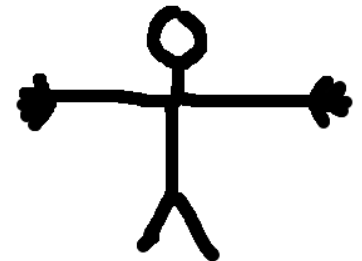
Walk: Walk on the spot with hands and legs moving



Open: Clap hands together (with fingers pointing upwards) and open them apart (like two swing doors opening)



Stretch: Stretch hands and legs outwards on each side as far as possible



Repeat these words and actions in order slowly, before picking up speed and mixing them up.

Variation 1: Whoever gets the actions wrong sits down.

Variation 2: Say the words without doing the actions; kids have to do the correct action.

Variation 3: Say the words while doing the wrong actions; kids have to do the action that corresponds to the words. (Requires some practice and coordination for teachers)

End on a high note and an Awesome Clap.



LESSON

We've been learning about arising and shining for Jesus. Let's take a look at this story about a young man who went and did what God asked him to do.

VIDEO: PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (Acts 8:26-30)

Animation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWNFa4GClkk>

KidsWise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQIQIErjvA>

[Every time the words "WALK", "OPEN" and "STRETCH" are mentioned, get the children to do the accompanying actions (while sitting down).]

God asked Philip to go to a certain road in the desert. He didn't say why, or what, or who. He just said go. Philip didn't argue or give excuses. He didn't know what was going to happen. God said go, so He just **WALKED**.

Along came an Ethiopian eunuch, a very important man who served the queen of Ethiopia. He was sitting in a carriage and reading Scripture.

God's Holy Spirit told Philip to "Go near and overtake the chariot." Once again, Philip **WALKED**. Or rather ... he ran!



The very important man was reading the prophet Isaiah. He looked a bit confused. So Philip **OPENED** his mouth and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

The very important man said, "Of course not. Can you help me?"

The prophet Isaiah was talking about a lamb being slaughtered. Who was this lamb? The lamb was Jesus.

So Philip **OPENED** his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.





As they went down the road, and they saw some water. The very important man said he believed that Jesus is the Son of God and wanted to be baptised. So Philip **STRETCHED** OUT his hand and baptised him. And the very important man was so happy to believe in Jesus. And when he back to his country, he brought the good news about Jesus to all his countrymen there.



CONCLUSION

Philip was an ordinary person, just like you and me.

He did not have super powers. He may not have been super wise. He may not have super ability.

But he had feet to **WALK**.

He had a mouth to **OPEN** and speak.

He had hands to **STRETCH** out

And He had God's Holy Spirit — who has all the power, wisdom, ability and everything needed.

When we have God's Holy Spirit, He can use our feet, our mouth and our hands to tell everyone about Jesus.

All we need to do is to listen to God, and to **WALK, OPEN** and **STRETCH**. He will do the rest.



ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

You may do this as a whole class, or in a close huddle. Ask the children to share their prayer needs. Lead them to pray using the T-A-D guide, and get them to repeat after you.

Sample prayer:

Dear God,

T: *Thank You for being our good and loving Daddy. Thank you for loving all of us very much, and for making such a wonderful morning for us to come and worship You together.*

A: *Today we learnt that we can call on You anytime. We can talk to You about our day. We can tell You our problems and worries.*

[Bring up some of the children's prayer needs. For older kids, you can ask different ones to pray for their friends' needs.]

D: *We speak your Lordship over the situation. We declare Your healing over ... We declare that Jesus has already taken this sickness on the cross ... We declare that You can change things around and work everything for our good!*

Thank You, God. We pray all these in Jesus' name, Amen.

CRAFT

Any related craft with the words WALK, OPEN and STRETCH.



HOOK

QUIZ: GUESS THE BRAND



Show various logos or taglines of famous companies and get the kids to guess.

E.g.

Just Do It = Nike

Think Different = Apple

Finger Licking Good = KFC

Melts in your mouth, not in your hands = M&M

I'm Lovin' It = McDonald's

THE POWER OF A NAME

What's in a name? Successful companies are very proud of their names. Their names/brands are easily recognisable. They speak of quality, of trustworthiness, of value. When someone has a bag or shoes of a certain brand, we think, "Ooo ... that must be good!"

A name has a reputation. When you tell someone, "I am so-and-so's kid", people recognise who you are by who your family is. So it's important not to behave badly or do something that would bring down your parents' name.

A name has power too. Especially if it's a famous name. Or the name of someone in authority, e.g. a big tycoon, or a boss, or a leader. When the police try to enter the premises of a suspect, they will stand at the door and shout, "This is the police. Open up!" The name "police" carries authority that opens doors.

Today, we will look at the name that is above every name — the name of Jesus.



LESSON (Acts 3:1-10)

SONG: Peter and John went to pray

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFZJFXvuv0A>

Get kids to sing along with simple actions, e.g. pray, open palms, leaping, jumping etc.

Two weeks ago, we learnt about Philip, a young man who went and did what God asked him to do — walk, open and stretch — and share Jesus to an Ethiopian official.

Today, we learn about two of Jesus' closest disciples who brought Jesus' name out into the streets.

Peter and John were going to the temple to pray, when they met a lame man, lying next to the Beautiful Gate. He could not walk since birth. Every day, his friends brought him to the temple to beg. When the man saw Peter and John, he stretched out his hand. "Please, do you have some money you could give me? I really, really need money."

Well, our friends, Peter and John, looked at the man and told him, "Look at us!"

The man looked up eagerly, expecting to be given money.

But then Peter said, "Silver or gold I have none" — which basically means, "I do not have money."

What a let-down!

Peter didn't stop there, though. He continued saying, "But what I do have, I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

And the man didn't just walk. He jumped and leapt — for the very first time in his life — and praised God for the amazing thing that had just happened to him!

As Peter told the people around him, "*It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him.*" (Acts 3:16)

Isn't Jesus great? Isn't the name of Jesus powerful?



THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Like Peter and John, most of us have no money — after all, we are still young kids. We do not go out to work and earn money like our daddies or mummies. So how do we bless others in need?

The good news is **we have Jesus in us**. And we have the power of His name. With the power of Jesus' name, we can bring Jesus' light wherever we go, to everyone we meet.

We can speak the name of Jesus over: [Do share personal testimonies/stories for either of these.]

- **Fear:**

Whatever our fear is — the dark, spiders, ghosts, exams, bullies — Jesus is bigger and more powerful than them. Do you know that even the demons are afraid of the name of Jesus? So if Jesus is with you, you have nothing to fear.

If we are afraid, or our friends are afraid, we can remind ourselves that Jesus is always with us, and His courage is with us. We can declare boldly, "In Jesus' name, fear go away."

- **Circumstances (e.g. Weather):**

There are many things we may not be able to handle, but we can commit to Jesus. After all, He is the one who calms the winds and the waves. If things are getting out of control, or if the rain is coming down on your party, just speak to it in Jesus' name and believe that He will bring it under control.

- **Health:**

If any of your friends or teacher or neighbour is unwell, don't be afraid to go up to them and say, "Can I pray for you? Thank you Jesus for taking all the sickness on the cross. Thank you that you love _____ and will take away the pain/sickness/fever, in Jesus' name."

- **Problems:**

If you see your mummy or daddy upset or stressed, ask them, "Can I pray for you in Jesus' name?"

YOU HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL NAME

At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow — our problems and challenges, fears and sicknesses.

When we go out in Jesus' name, God uses us and whatever little we have — our time, our smile, our gifts and talents — to be a blessing and encouragement to others.

Let's arise and shine, and bring Jesus' name to our friends and family!



ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

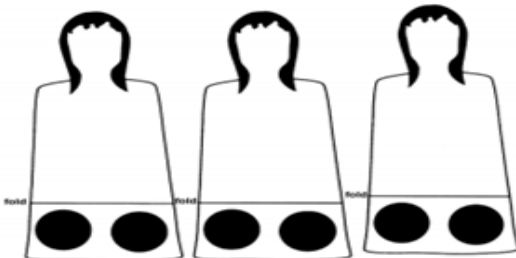
Acts 3:16 *"It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him."*

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share about any situation (fears, circumstances, health, problems) that they want to declare Jesus' name to. Ask them to also give one name of someone that they can share Jesus to. You may want to get them to write them on a big piece of paper or smaller cards and place them in the centre. Different ones can take one of these points to pray over. Get them to practice stretching their hands out to declare Jesus' name and power into these situations.

CRAFT

Related craft with the memory verse or words: "Jesus' Name is Powerful"



SONG:

There is Power in the name of Jesus

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxuJbKVvNtKLdGhTcUg5VTdxNlk>

No other name but the name of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYCGhuJK53k>



LESSON (Luke 10:25-37)

VIDEO: GOOD SAMARITAN (choose one)

Little Bible Heroes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yq3g3ZNf9-c>

Miracle of Mercy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Lego Parable <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3GJCK4WY-0>

A Jewish man was walking down a road. He was robbed, beaten up and left for dead.

Three men walked down the same road. All three saw the man lying there.

Two of them — the priest and the Levite — crossed to the other side and walked on.

The third man — a Samaritan — stopped to help. The Samaritan (someone who was hated by the Jews) could have walked on, and nobody would fault him for that. But he had compassion for the man. He cleaned and bandaged his wounds. Put him on his donkey and paid for his care at the inn.



WHAT IS COMPASSION

More than pity or sympathy. Compassion is understanding how the other person feels and doing something about it. It sometimes requires going out of our comfort zone — sacrifices, inconveniences, time, money.

[Share one time when you or someone else did something compassionate. Get 1-2 kids to share if they have done something compassionate.]

GOD'S TRUE COMPASSION

Doing good and kind things is right and good. But if we do it by ourselves, by our own strength and wisdom, we can end up burnt out or disillusioned.

Illustration: Cup of water - If we just give whatever we have, we end up empty and dry. But if we are connected to an eternal source of water (waterfall, hose attached to tap), we will never run dry.



God is a compassionate God — it's His own nature. *"The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy."* **Psalm 145:8**

And God showed us compassion when He sent us Jesus.

SEE PEOPLE LIKE JESUS SEES THEM

When Jesus was on earth, He taught and fed and healed many. It was long and tiring work, but He did because He was moved with compassion for them. (Matthew 9:35-37; Matthew 14:14)

Jesus saw the people as lost and helpless — like sheep without a shepherd. We have learnt about sheep many times — they are defenseless and sometimes dumb, vulnerable to attacks, and get lost easily. That's why they need a shepherd to guide and protect them.

When we see people the way Jesus sees them — that annoying friend, or that rude stranger, or the person you can't stand — we will be filled with Jesus' compassion for them.

LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

Do you know: we were like this man — attacked by robbers (the devil is the thief); stripped, beaten, left half dead in our sin, helpless and hopeless.

But even though we were God's enemy, Jesus still came to die for us. *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* **Romans 5:8**

He had compassion for us. He cleaned us with His blood. He bandaged us up. He lifted us and took care of us. He paid the price of our sins for us.

And because of that, we have Jesus living in us, and His love and compassion can overflow from us to those around us. *"We love because he first loved us."* **1 John 4:19**





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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 4:19 *"We love because he first loved us."* (younger kids)

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (older kids)

Do a game/activity to help kids memorize the verse.

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share who they find it hard to show compassion to and ask Jesus to help them to see them the way He sees them, and show them His love.



HOOK

THE SINGING BIRD

Most birds have beautiful melodious voices. They can sing and chirp and communicate. [sample: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_sqG2L8S4o]

However, there are times when the birds can't sing. That usually happens when they are not feeling well, or in an uncomfortable position, or feeling threatened.

I think that is a very natural behaviour — we can sing and worship Jesus when everything is happy and good. But when we are not well, or uncomfortable, or facing threats, can we still worship?

The birds sing when they feel secure and safe.

The truth we have as children of God is that we can feel secure and safe in any circumstances, wherever we are, because Jesus is always with us.

That's why we can worship Him, no matter what, no matter where.





LESSON (Acts 16)

STORY

Let me tell you about 2 friends, Paul and Silas.

Paul and Silas loved to tell people about Jesus. One day, as they were telling people about Jesus' finished work on the cross, a young girl kept following them and shouting at them for many days. She was a slave girl who had a bad spirit in her. Her owners used her to tell people what was going to happen to them in the future, and people would pay a lot of money to the owners.

Finally, Paul just commanded the evil spirit to come out of a slave girl. And suddenly, the girl started to behave like a normal person. She could not tell the future anymore. She could not earn money for her owners anymore. So of course the owners were very angry. They dragged Paul and Silas before the judges, who then ordered them to be beaten up and put in prison.

So Paul and Silas were now in a smelly, dirty, Roman prison. Their bodies were hurting because earlier, they were beaten with rods. Their feet were bound fastened in stocks. They couldn't move freely. They were in this condition although they didn't do anything wrong.

[Idea: Make "stocks" out of cardboard boxes and get 2 volunteers to sit at the front with their legs "locked up".]

How do you think Paul and Silas felt? How would you feel?

Do you know ... Paul and Silas could have sat there in the darkness, sulking and blaming each other? Silas could have blamed Paul for getting them into trouble. Paul could have blamed God for letting them get arrested.

Instead, as recorded in Acts 16:25, Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God in the prison! In the midst of difficulties, they could still praise God. They could still thank Him. They could still sing of His goodness and grace. Because they felt safe and secure — they knew Jesus was with them, and that they do not need to fear because He will work everything out for good.

And all the other prisoners could hear them worshipping and praising Jesus.

But that's not all. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake that shook the entire prison. All the doors flew open. All the chains came loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the doors open, he thought everyone had escaped and he was going to kill himself with his sword.



But Paul shouted out, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer turned on the lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.” They told the jailer and his family about Jesus. That night, the jailer took them, washed their wounds, and then he and his whole family were baptized! The jailer gave them a meal at his house.

From the darkest, most terrible situation, God turned it into a miracle and used Paul and Silas to bring His love and joy to the jailer’s household.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Even when situations and circumstances are bad — when we go through difficult times, or we are angry or sad — we can remember that God is GOOD. And He makes ALL things (the good, bad or ugly) work out for the good of us who love Him (Romans 8:28).

And when we know we have a GOOD God who is FOR us, we can trust Him. We can be secure.

And when we are secure in His love and goodness, we can worship Him no matter what. We can thank Him. We can praise Him.

When we praise Jesus, we are telling ourselves and our problems that our God is bigger than everything else.

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR LIVES

Worship is more than just singing songs and clapping hands. We worship when we fully trust in Jesus and share His love and grace to those around us. We can worship with our time, our money, our talents. And we can worship Him in church ... and out of church — every day of our lives.

Let’s worship Jesus together!



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CONCLUSION

Over the past few weeks, we've been looking at how we can bring Jesus out of the walls of the church in our homes, schools and neighbourhoods.

We learnt that we can walk, open and stretch like Philip, who obeyed the Holy Spirit and shared Jesus to the Ethiopian official.

We can pray for anyone anywhere in Jesus' name, just like Peter and John did for the lame man at the Beautiful gate.

We can show Jesus' love and compassion, like the Good Samaritan.

And like Paul and Silas, we can worship Jesus everywhere, in whatever situation we are in.



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share about challenging situations they may be in now, and encourage each one to voice a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to Jesus — to declare that He is working out their situation for good.

WORSHIP

Lord I lift your name on high <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxuJbKVvNtKLN1ptZlhwTTRwMHc>

[encourage kids to follow the actions, raise their hands, clap etc and sing out to Jesus]