

# BAG MINDS

## BIG IDEA

Just like the Pharisees that Jesus was talking to, people in our churches today are one way on the outside and different on the outside.

## KEY VERSES

Matthew 23:25-26

## MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 23:25-26

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.”

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

## BIBLE LESSON

- Cast: Todd, Danny, Amos, Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Jesus
- Props: Two large paper grocery bags with the words “Good Little Saved Kid” written on front. Cut out hole for the mouth.

## GAME

- Tape or rope to mark the outline of 3 boats

## CRAFT

- Soda tabs (three per child)
- Colored cord or ribbon (30 inches per child)
- Key chain ring (one per child)
- Metal crimps (one per child optional)
- Needle nose pliers or jewelry crimper tool

## WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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## BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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[Tips: Todd and Danny center stage Amos enters and greets them. Each boy has a bag.

Todd: Hey guys!

Amos: What's going on?

Todd: Nothing much. Just hanging around.

Danny: We were fixing to go over to the Stuff-Mart parking lot, wanna come?

Amos: Sounds cool.

Todd: We're going to try to find a girlfriend for Danny Boy here. (all laugh except for Danny)

Danny: Oh man, here comes our pastor. He is heading straight for us! (quickly all three boys put their bags on their heads)

Pastor: Hello boys! How are you doing?

Todd: Hello sir, we are doing great!

Amos: Couldn't be better.

Danny: I must say sir, I really enjoyed your message last Sunday. We all got a lot out of it. (all nod in agreement)

Pastor: Well thank you boys. It does my heart good to see ya'll in church every Sunday. You are growing to be Such godly men.

All: Thank you sir.

Pastor: Well, I need to be going. See you next Sunday. God bless.

All: You too, Good-bye. (pastor leaves and boys take off bags)

Todd: Man that was a close one

Danny: I know, I was afraid he was going to ask something about his message on Sunday. I slept all the way through it.

Todd: Me too. Best nap I've had in a while. (all laugh)

Todd: Hey Amos, you alright?

Amos: I'm fine.

Danny: You guys ready to go? This place ain't cool. (Todd and Danny both slap hands)

Todd: Man what is this? Here comes our Sunday School teacher.

Danny: We must be standing to close to the church or something (boys put back on their bags)

Teacher: Hello gentlemen. What are you up to?

Danny: Just standing around and talking.

Teacher: That's nice. Have you boys been able to do your quiet time every morning this week like we were talking about last Sunday? (all three look away and pause.)

Teacher: Well?

All: (all three give positive answer) Yes. Sure have. You bet.

Teacher: That's good. Keep up the good work, I'll see you next Sunday.

All: Bye (teacher walks of and they take off the bags)

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## BIBLE LESSON • SKIT (CONT.)

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- Todd: Man, what is up with this? Let's go somewhere where we won't run into anymore people from church.
- Danny: Too late. Look...it's Him. It's Jesus. (all three get their bags back on as Jesus enters)
- Jesus: Amos, Todd, Danny, look at me. (Todd and Danny hold bags on tighter. Amos slowly takes off his bags and falls to his knees in front of Jesus)
- Amos: Oh Lord, I'm tired of this game. I want to have the happiness that comes from you. I'm so covered with sin. Please forgive me. Save me...
- Jesus: I have already saved you and I have always loved you. Take my hand and I will show you the way to live. I will never leave you.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did the paper bags represent?
- What are some ways that people pretend to be good and righteous?
- Can we fool other people?
- Can we fool ourselves?
- Can we fool Jesus?

### SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Show kids several items that are clean on the outside and dirty on the inside. See if they can figure out what is similar about the items.*
- *Discuss how people can be clean on the outside and dirty on the inside.*
- *Describe the Pharisees and how Jesus confronted them.*
- *Tell how Jesus can make us all clean on the inside.*
- *Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.*

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## CRAFT & GAME

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### • CRAFT •

#### OBJECTIVE: SODA TAB KEYCHAIN

Kids will make sturdy key chains out of recycled soda tabs.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Cut three pieces of cord/ribbon 10 inches each
- Fold in half
- Thread cord through the ring so it lays in the fold
- Lay three soda tabs in a row beneath the key ring
- Weave the odd pieces over, under, over under, over, under
- Weave the even pieces under, over, under, over, under, over
- Hold ends together with a knot or a crimp

#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, hole punches, staplers

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Soda tabs (three per child)
- Colored cord or ribbon (30 inches per child)
- Key chain ring (one per child)
- Metal crimps (one per child optional)
- Needle nose pliers or jewelry crimper tool

#### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Braid thick yarn on the key ring
- String beads on the key ring

#### EXAMPLE



### • GAME •

#### OBJECTIVE: BOAT TAG

Listen carefully and run to a new boat before you get tagged.

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Tape or rope to mark the outline of 3 boats

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Choose one person to be “it”. Separate the remaining players into 3 groups. Each group stands in a separate boat marked on the floor.
- One at a time call out descriptions such as “kids wearing red” or “2nd graders”. Kids who fit the description try to run to a new boat without being tagged. Periodically call “shipwreck” and everyone must run to a new boat.
- If someone is tagged they become “it”.

