

SIMON THE SORCERER

BIG IDEA

Simon, a sorcerer, believed the gospel and was baptized. However, he let the desire for power overwhelm his fledgling faith. Peter rebuked him.

KEY VERSES

Acts 8

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 8:6

“When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast 4 people: Joe, Bo, Mo, Lloyd
- No props needed

GAME

- Balloon

CRAFT

- Foil
- Cardboard in 2 inch circles, 2 per child
- Yarn, 20 inches per child
- Glue or tape
- Pony beads in green, yellow, white, red and black, 2 of each color per child

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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TIPS

This script is word-intensive and has a specific rhythm. Be sure to practice several times before performing.

SCRIPT

Bo: Yo! Stephen was a man who was really, really BOLD!
Joe: He talked about Jesus in the stories he TOLD!

Mo: The Jews didn't like him.
Joe: No, they weren't too THRILLED.
Lloyd: So they dragged him outside and they had him KILLED.

Bo and Mo: Martyred man! Martyred man! Stephen was a martyred man.
Joe & Lloyd: Martyred man! Martyred man! Stephen was killed....Boyz!

Bo: Yo, his body was killed by the stones they THREW,
Lloyd: But his soul wasn't dead. No, his soul wasn't THROUGH.

Mo: 'Cause it went up to heaven and he started to SING.
Lloyd: He was saved by the grace of the risen KING. I said,

Everyone: (Together) Saved by the grace of the risen KING!

(pause)

Mo: Then the Jews chased the Christians and it wasn't NICE.
Bo: They attacked everybody who believed in CHRIST.
Joe: So they all ran AWAY! "Cause they didn't wanna STAY!
Bo: 'Cause if they did there'd be to big a price to PAY!

Mo: Yeah, they could've been arrested and thrown in JAIL.
Joe: Where the food was bad and the bread was STALE!

Everyone: (together) Nasty food! Nasty food! Eatin' up the nasty food!
Nasty food! Nasty food! Really, really bad!...Boyz!

Bo: So they moved around, and wherever they WENT.
They shared the story of the One God SENT...

Lloyd: ...that man named Jesus who took the FALL,
Joe: Yeah, they shared that news with one and ALL!

Bo: With one and ALL,

Mo: With one and ALL,

Everyone: They shared that news with one and ALL!

Mo: So the story of Jesus spread all AROUND,
Lloyd: As the Christians started traveling town to TOWN.

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Bo: Now Philip was a leader in the early CHURCH.
Mo: When the Jews got mad, well he started to SEARCH.
Joe: 'Cause he knew if they caught ya, they'd BURY YA.
Mo: And that's how he ended up in SAMARIA!

Lloyd: He shared the word. He told the STORY.
Joe: And the Spirit of God made the people SORRY,
Mo: For the wrongs they'd DONE.
Lloyd: They trusted the SON,
Joe: And the Spirit of God came down in GLORY!

Bo & Mo: Glory, baby! Glory, baby! Glory to God!
Joe & Lloyd: Trusting in Jesus, get the glory of God!
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(pause)

Joe: Yo! Philip healed the sick.
Mo: And the blind could SEE!
Joe: And he made demons leave people PERMANENTLY!
Lloyd: They left with a scream and were never seen AGAIN.
Bo: He freed the ladies and he freed the MEN!

Bo & Mo: Screamin' demon! Screamin' demon! Runnin' away!

Bo: There was joy in the land, and a song in their HEARTS!
Mo: "Cause the people got faith and they got a new START.

Lloyd: People heard the Word,
Joe: And the news of CHRIST.
Lloyd: They trusted and repented and they got BAPTIZED.

Bo & Mo: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance about!
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Joe & Lloyd: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance!
Everyone: (Do a beat box and a little rapper dance)

(pause)

Mo: Now a man named Simon was there as WELL.
Bo: The folks called him great, and he said, "That's SWELL!"

Joe: He'd been working as a sorcerer many YEARS.
Mo: And his fame spread around to his friends and PEERS.

Joe: But Simon took his wands and he put 'em AWAY,
Mo: And he trusted in Jesus that very DAY.

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Bo: Meanwhile, the apostles, who had stayed BEHIND ALL,
Lloyd: Heard the Spirit movin' at the great REVIVAL.

Mo: So Peter and John came to visit the TOWN,
Joe: And they found people following Philip AROUND.

Bo & Mo: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance about!
Joe & Lloyd: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance!
Everyone: (Do a beat box and a little rapper dance)

(pause)

Joe: Then Peter and John prayed a special PRAYER
Mo: For all the new believers who had gathered THERE.

Bo: They prayed that the Spirit would fill 'em UP
Lloyd: Like water that you pour in an empty CUP.

Bo & Mo: Empty cup, empty cup! Filling up an empty cup!
Joe & Lloyd: Empty cup, empty cup, fill me up!

(pause)

Mo: Well, Simon saw the power that the Spirit HAD,
Joe: And he thought it'd be cool,
Bo: Yo, he thought it'd be RAD.

Joe: If he could do the things the apostles DID.
So he went up to Peter and he started to BID!

Bo: How much would it cost? How much do you NEED?
I wanna be able

Bo & Mo: To do those DEEDS!
Bo: I'll pay you cash for the power I SEE.
Tell me how much money

Bo & Mo: You want from ME!

Lloyd: But Peter got mad,
Joe: And he got all RED.
Lloyd: And then he said this---
Joe: This is what he SAID!

Bo: When you die may your money be buried with YOU!
For your heart's not right, and our heart's not TRUE.
Now, pray to the Lord! Yo, let him IN!
I can see that your heart's still full of SIN!

Joe: "No! Please!
Bo: Said Simon.
Joe: "May it never BE!

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Lloyd: Say a prayer! Say a prayer! Say a prayer for ME!
Mo: Say a prayer for me!
Joe: I said, say it right now,
Lloyd: Say a prayer for me!

(pause)

Lloyd: Yo, we don't really know what happened THEN,
Joe: 'Cause we don't ever hear about Simon AGAIN!

Bo: Some say he was changed, and he was FORGIVEN,
Mo: But some people say that he kept on LIVIN'

Joe: Just like he had, wantin' power and FAME....
I wonder if he changed or stayed the SAME?

Lloyd: I said,
Joe: I wonder if he changed or he stayed the SAME?

Bo & Mo: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance about!
Joe & Lloyd: Dunk 'em in! Bring 'em out! Sing a song and dance!
Everyone: (Do a beat box and a little rapper dance)

(Do a rapper pose and bow.)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was Philip sharing with the people?
2. Why did Simon hope to get from the apostles?
3. Can the Holy Spirit be purchased with money?
4. Can Christians perform miracles any time they want to?
5. Do you think that people today might want to become Christians for the wrong reasons?
6. What are the right reasons to become a Christian?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Simon the Sorcerer in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.
- Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.

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CRAFT

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: FOIL MEDALLION

Make a medallion with gospel color beads.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Cut a small design such as a cross, dove, star, etc out of one circle of cardboard.
- Glue design on to second circle.
- Cover circle with a 3 inch circle of foil. Fold edges to the and glue or tape down.
- Gently rub the foil on top until the design comes through clearly.
- Punch hold in top of medallion.
- Fold yarn in half, push folded end through hole creating a small loop. Run the two yarn ends through the loop and pull gently.
- Thread the beads on each side of the medallion in the following order: green, yellow, white, red and black.
- Tie knot in yarn near the ends.
- Teach kids about the meaning of the gospel colors

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Foil
- Cardboard in 2 inch circles, 2 per child
- Yarn, 20 inches per child
- Glue or tape
- Pony beads in green, yellow, white, red and black, 2 of each color per child

SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Cut the design (cross, dove, star) prior to Kids Club*
- *Glue the design onto the cardboard circle prior to Kid Club*
- *Roll a piece of tape around one end of the yarn for easier beading*

EXAMPLE



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|  | Heaven is paradise a home where we can have eternal life with God |
|  | Sin is the evil - not God's way. Sin separates us from God. |
|  | God is love; He gave Jesus to be nailed on the cross to pay for our sins. |
|  | If Jesus lives in us, He empowers us to shine - to love and overcome sin. |
|  | If we ask God, He will give us new life Born Again - Born of the Holy Spirit. |

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: BALLOON STICK

Teams try to stick balloons to an object using only static.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Balloons

DIRECTIONS

- Blow up balloons and pile them in the center of a room
- Divide the kids into 2 or more teams
- Teams have 5 minutes to rub balloons on their heads to create enough static electricity for the balloon to stick to a wall or other solid object

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Provide teams with a roll of masking tape
- Teams stick their balloons to an object using tape



Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

