



Kids Care Week 3

# Show and Tell

## SCRIPTURE | 40 MINS

*Jesus showed and told—and he goes with us when we do, too. - Matthew 28:18-20*

## SPARK | 5 MINS - SURFACE EXISTING BELIEF

### SETUP

You will need a space where kids can sit in a circle and one room nearby where a child can step out for a minute. How it works: One volunteer steps outside. While they're gone, the group secretly picks a leader. The leader starts a motion (clapping, tapping, swaying) and the group follows. The volunteer comes back in and stands in the centre. Their job is to figure out who the leader is by watching who everyone copies. The leader changes motions whenever they want, trying to not get caught.

### INTRO HOOK

We're going to start today by playing a game. Let's all sit in a circle. I will pick one person who will be assigned the leader for the round and will start doing an action that everyone will have to copy. I need one volunteer who leave the room while pick we the leader and will have to figure out who it is.

### DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

1. How did you know something had changed before you knew who was changing it?
2. What did the leader have to do? What made them good at being the leader?

## SEE | 10 MINS - LAY NEW BELIEF ALONGSIDE

### STORY SO FAR

We're in week three of God's big story. God made a very good world and made us in his image to be part of it. Then something broke in every direction. Jesus stepped in and announced his mission to reconnect all broken relationships, to heal all things. Today we will see the way Jesus worked and what he invites us to do.

### DELIVERY THROUGH THE ROOF

*Play the video and/or read Luke 5:17-26*



### **Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man**

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’ <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

<sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”



### **TEACHING SCRIPT**

Let's look at this story more slowly.

Imagine a house so full, no one else can get in. Jesus is inside, teaching and healing. A group of friends arrives carrying a man on a mat because he can't walk. But they can't get through the door. So, they climb the roof. They tear a hole in it. And they lower their friend through the hole, right into the middle of the crowd. Think about what that cost them. They brought him across town. They climbed a roof. They wrecked someone's ceiling, because of their love for their friend. They didn't just say they cared, they proved by showing him with their actions.

They didn't take their friend to just anyone. They didn't bring him to someone with lots of money or popularity. They brought him straight to Jesus, because they believed Jesus was the one who could actually heal him. They pointed their friend directly towards Jesus. Every step they took said: this is the one you need. They Showed and Told the love of God.

Now when Jesus sees the man is lying right in front of him, he looks at him and says, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

Not what anyone expected. The man was brought because he could not walk. But Jesus saw something deeper, something broken on the inside that needed healing first. That's Jesus Telling the good news. Jesus spoke something true about who this man was and what he needed most.

Some people in the room were thinking: who does he think he is? Only God can forgive sins. Jesus knew what they were thinking. So, Jesus said, “Which is easier? To say your sins are forgiven, or to say get up and walk? I want you to know I have power to do both.” Then he turned to the man and said, “Get up. Take your mat and go home.”

And immediately the man stood up. In front of everyone. Picked up the mat he had been carried in on. And walked home praising God.

That's Jesus Showing the good news. Jesus didn't just say the good news, he showed it. All things are being healed.

Now, near the end of the time Jesus spent on earth he gave us a mission: to join his mission of healing everything, and reconnecting broken relationships. Let's read it.

*Invite a student to read Matthew 28:18-20 aloud.*

Jesus invites us to bring others into his story. He sends us to “go and make disciples,” which means sharing his love with everyone, everywhere. Show people what God's mission and love look like. Tell them about God's mission and love for them. God cares about the whole person—body, needs, feelings, heart. Show and Tell belong together.

All of this can feel like a lot. Joining God's mission in all these ways can feel overwhelming. But you're not trying to fix everything. You're joining something God is already doing and you're not in it alone. He says that he is with us and we are doing it together. We'll talk more about that next week.

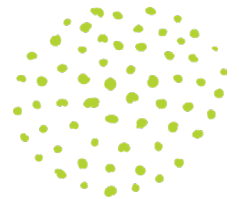


### SEEING JESUS

If you've been to church before, maybe you know who Jesus is. What do you notice about Jesus in this story?

Can you think of other stories where Jesus shows & tells his mission?

Jesus didn't just give the commission and leave. He spent years showing what it looked like. He healed people—that's the Show. He told them the Kingdom of God was near—that's the Tell. He fed five thousand people—that's the Show. He said, “I am the bread of life”—that's the Tell. He sat with people nobody else would sit with—that's the Show. He said, “Follow me”—that's the Tell. All the way to the cross. Every day. Both together. Never one without the other.



### BOTTOM LINE

**Jesus showed and told—and he goes with us when we do, too.**

### WHAT?

What questions do you have about the story today?

Jesus says, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” What do you think he's actually asking his followers to do?

### SO WHAT?

Why do Show and Tell have to stay together? What happens to the good news if you only have one without the other?

### NOW WHAT?

Jesus says he goes with you, through his Spirit. What does it change about going and telling, knowing you're not doing it alone?

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### TRANSITION TO STORY

Let's see how others are joining Jesus in his mission to show and tell the good news.

### **STORY** | 10 MINS - CBM PARTNER NARRATIVE

### PARTNER CONTEXT FOR LEADER

IDO—Iniciativas de Desarrollo con Oportunidades—is a CBM partner in the Dominican Republic running afterschool and community programs through three local churches in the Santiago and La Vega areas. Ana is a mother of five with no steady income. The program she found at a local church does two things at the same time: it builds practical skills like hairdressing, practicing English, learning music, and it provides faith formation through Scripture and community. These aren't treated as two separate programs. They're one.

If a child asks where the Dominican Republic is, it shares an island in the Caribbean with Haiti, about a three-hour flight from Florida. CBM field staff Katherine Scott appears in the video. If kids ask why a Canadian is there: CBM connects Canadian churches with local partners because the local church is the long-term presence, CBM comes alongside.

### STORY INTRODUCTION

Today we're going to hear about the work Canadian Baptist Ministries is doing with their partners IDO in the Dominican Republic. Ana is a mom of five kids who struggles to find the money to support them. She found a church program that helped her family in two ways at the same time: practical skills and growing faith. What's interesting is that the church never separated them. As you watch, see if you can spot both.

## **Play Video**

### STORY REFLECTION

- Did anything in that story surprise you?
- Where did you see the church showing something? Where did you see them telling something?

### **STEP** | 10 MINS - INVITE THE CHOICE

### CHOOSE OPTION A OR OPTION B BEFORE THE SESSION.

#### **Option A (Game): Good News Tag**

Assign one person to be the Messenger. Everyone else spreads out. The Messenger runs and tags someone, saying "Jesus loves you!" That person joins hands with the Messenger, and they tag the next person together—the chain grows until everyone is connected.



Jesus commands us to go and make disciples. We're all messengers on a mission to share his love with the whole world. Let's see how that spreads.

### DEBRIEF

- What happened to the Good News taggers as the chain grew?
- What's one thing you could say and one thing you could do this week to share the good news with one specific person?

### **Option B (Creative): Show and Tell**

**Materials:** Show and Tell printable (Double-sided), scissors, glue, crayons or markers.

Give each kid a Show and Tell printable. Have them cut it in half, and then cut out the top examples of things someone might say and things someone might do to share God's love. They then glue them to either side of bottom half of the page (SHOW on one side, TELL on the other).

Once that is complete. Have each kid think of someone they know. They can write or draw one thing they could say to that person and one thing they could do in the box below the cut and paste section.

### DEBRIEF

- Let's around the room to share both sides of your sheet.

## **SENT** | 5 MINS - SEND INTO THE WEEK

BOTTOM LINE

**Jesus showed and told—and he goes with us when we do, too.**

### THE 3-2-1

Before we leave (or play some more game) let's take a second to do our 3-2-1 for today.

Think of 3 things you noticed today. Anyone want to share?

How about 2 things you're grateful for today?

What is one thing you're hoping God will do this week?

### PRAYER PROMPT

Let's close with prayer. I'll give you a few sentence starters—finish them in your own words, out loud or quietly, however you want to.

Thank you, Jesus. You showed and told your love by..

For the person who came to mind—I pray that you...

This week I want to...

Close in your own words—one or two sentences. Gather up what the group named and offer it back to God. Thirty seconds is enough.

### FORWARD LINK

Next week, Jesus doesn't send us alone. You're about to find out how big the family already is.





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