

Secret Agents Holiday Club

Raising the widow's son. Luke 7:11-17

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Time	Activity	Notes
2 mins	Welcome to Secret Agents Holiday Club	 (RECORD) Big high energy for the first 30 seconds. List coming highlights of the day and reasons to stay tuned for Day 2 of Holiday Club. Live the theme (wear a secret agent costume and have a gadget). As Secret Agents in training we are investigating a new truth about Jesus. Big Question of the Day: Who is Jesus? LINK to video: Here's a big hello from some of the Secret Agents. Request 'hello' videos be sent in to show the next day. Ask children to tell you: → Their favourite part of Holiday Club → A joke → What they are looking forward to during Holiday Club → A fun fact → A riddle
2-3 mins	Hello videos	(RECORD) Insert videos that have been sent in. Keep Secret Agent disguise videos for the end of the session. (Increase the length of this time as the week goes on and you receive more material.)

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3-4 mins	Starter activity/recap quiz	 (RECORD) Show the leader board and give a shout out to people who are on it. Activity – Guess who. Choose 3 people/characters the children will know (e.g. the Queen – to link to the talk – and a leader dressed up in a disguise) and either show distorted images (blurry/swirly) or give a few facts about them so children can guess who they are. Pause for children to think of their answer but keep it fast paced and fun. LINK: We had to work out who these people were. Today we are going to find out who Jesus is. Recap Quiz: Insert a slide of questions about yesterday's Bible story. Read them out one by one. Pause after each one for children to think of their answer before saying it – keep it fast paced. Quiz questions: What did everyone think Jesus was going to do for the paralysed man? What was the first thing Jesus did instead? This is a hard one: Why were some people so upset at what Jesus said? If you had been in the room and saw all this – how Jesus helped the paralysed man – what do you think you would have said to your friend afterwards? (No right answer – bonus point if you said something like 'Jesus forgives sin') 1 point for every right answer. Keep score and send it in to go on the leader board. LINK to next video: Our Secret Agent is on the case of Jesus this week.
2 mins	Sketch 1 video	 The Sketch Video (Part 1) SUMMARISE: The secret agent is going to find out who Jesus is. He's going to uncover the truth. Is he really God? Or is he just pretending to be?
3-4 mins	Song	 LINK: This song tells us that Jesus is the king, he's the Lord of everything. We can trust him with our lives because he always wins. Are you ready to do the actions? (INSERT SONG / RECORD your musicians playing the song and RECORD leaders doing actions) Jesus Wins (Michael J Tinker) Check out his songs on his website
1 min	Link to Bible story	 (RECORD) Today's Bible story is from the book of Luke. Watch carefully so you can spot these 3 facts: (Put up a slide with the questions and read them out) 1 Why was the lady sad? 2 What miracle did Jesus do? 3. How could Jesus do that?
6 mins	Bible drama video	(INSERT VIDEO) Insert your own video or use the Quiz Worx video 'Jesus and the Widow's son' available on their website

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5-7 mins	Talk	 (RECORD) Use the Day 2 Short Talk script. LINK to the next song: Jesus can raise people to life. He is God's King and he is the hero we all need.
5 mins	Song	(INSERT LYRIC VIDEO / RECORD your musicians playing the song and RECORD leaders doing actions) The Hero (Awesome Cutlery) Alyric video can be downloaded from their website
2 mins	Challenge	 (RECORD) Secret Agent Training Challenge #2: Maze master Show a sped-up video of a leader completing a maze (drawn on a piece of paper/masking tape on the floor/string pegged down in the garden). Secret Agents need to be quick thinking and fast moving. Your challenge today is to make a maze for someone else or ask a parent/sibling to make a maze for you. What kind of maze will you make – a drawing? Tape on the floor? String in the garden? How quickly can you/others get through the maze? What will you do if you are lost in the maze? Take a photo or a video and send it in so we can show it tomorrow!
2 mins	Sketch video 2	The Sketch Video (Part 2) SUMMARISE: The secret agent has uncovered some truth he's discovered Jesus is God – he's the King of the world.
2-3 mins	Conclusion and previous day challenge photos/ videos	 (RECORD and INSERT VIDEO) Conclude with a summary of the Big Question of the Day and the answer. REMINDER: Send in videos of jokes/what you're looking forward to etc. and photos/videos of today's challenge to be shown tomorrow. VIDEO: Make a montage of the photos/videos of children in their disguises to be shown in this slot.
5 mins	Questions/discussion time	 (INSERT SLIDE of questions and RECORDED VOICEOVER reading the questions out) Questions for different age groups: Younger – Why was the lady sad? What miracle did Jesus do? Who is Jesus? Middle – What miracle did Jesus do? Why could Jesus do that? What do you think of Jesus? Older – What did Jesus do to show people he is God's promised King? What kind of King is Jesus? What do you think of Jesus? How do you think someone decides to let Jesus be the King of their lives? Leave slide up for 5 mins to allow time to answer the questions.

Additional

Supply a craft idea or worksheets via the daily email you send to parents or upload to your website / Facebook page. Organise a zoom meet up for group discussion time and to give the children a chance to interact with each other.

Craft suggestion – Changing Face

Use a paper plate as a face. Decorate one side with a sad/crying face like the widow in the beginning of the story. Decorate the other side with a happy face like the widow's face after her son was brought back to life. Use different things around the house and garden for the eyes, nose and mouth e.g. bottle caps, cotton wool rounds, pictures from magazines/newspapers, old cereal boxes, egg boxes, dried pasta shapes, pebbles, leaves, flower petals. Retell the story and use the face to show the change in emotions before and after the miracle.

If you are preparing an activity pack for children, include a 'Guess Who' activity as an alternative to the starter activity suggestion in the plan. Print pictures of the famous people/characters (e.g. the Queen - to link to the talk – and a leader dressed up in a disguise) and cut each one into 3 or 4 horizonal strips. Place all the strips in an envelope. Children must reassemble the faces to guess who each person is. Reveal the answers by showing the original pictures in the 'Starter activity/recap quiz' section.

Activity suggestion

Wrap toilet paper around a person to be the 'widow's son'. Act out the story and tell them to get up. Challenge – can they stand up without the toilet paper breaking and falling off?

Worksheets

These are included in the full Holiday Club package.

Zoom meet up

Plan half an hour for a 'tea break' after the above session has finished. Then meet on Zoom so you can break up into smaller groups to chat and enjoy seeing each other. 2 leaders per breakout group. Meet in the same groups each day.



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You will need:

Picture of the Queen, postage stamp with the Queen on it, crown, party horn/blower, confetti/ glitter, stretcher for the dead son figure to lie on (e.g. piece of thick card), toy figures to be the widow, the son, and you.

Drawings of the following with Blu Tack on the back to stick them to the crown: a strong arm, a heart, the world, a clock, 'God' written in a crown.

Drawings of the following with Blu Tack on the back to stick them to the Jesus figure: a strong arm, a heart, 'God' written in a crown

Drawings/photos with Blu Tack on the back to stick to the play figures: 'sad crying' emoji face, happy emoji face, picture of your face.

Props and visuals used in talk 1: Jesus and paralysed man toy figures, 'Loves God' heart.

Practice with props before recording.

This is Queen Elizabeth II (show picture). We know she's the queen because she has a crown and fancy clothes. She lives in a palace and her face is on a stamp (hold up stamp). We can be sure she is the queen. She cares about her people and she uses her power to look after them. But today, we're going to hear about the greatest king ever (hold up crown). He's the most powerful (stick 'strong arm' drawing to the crown) and most loving king (stick 'heart' drawing to the crown). He didn't look like a king, but he showed he was through the miracles he did. We're going to find out who the king of the world (stick 'world' drawing to the crown) is and why he's the best king to have.

Long ago, God promised to send a king. He'd rule over everyone (point to 'world' drawing on crown).

He'd love his people (point to 'heart' drawing on crown). He'd rule forever (stick 'clock' drawing to the crown). No king would ever compare because God's king would be God himself (Stick 'God' to the crown). A king who was God – imagine what he'd look like! You'd expect the biggest crown, the most expensive clothes, the strongest army and the fanciest palace. This is what God's people were expecting. That's why they were so surprised when ordinary looking, plain clothes, no palace Jesus said he was God (hold up the lesus toy figure).

Remember yesterday's story? Jesus forgave a man's sins (hold up the 'Loves God' heart) - that's something only God can do. People didn't believe his words, so he fixed the man's legs to show them he really is God (hold up paralysed man toy figure and move his legs around). He can forgive our sins too. But Jesus doesn't want to just forgive our sins. He wants to be our king too. He wants to be number 1 in our lives because he is the king God promised to send (hold up crown).

And what a king Jesus is! Today's story shows us how loving and powerful he is (stick a 'strong arm' and 'heart' on the Jesus figure). He isn't a distant king who doesn't know our names. He isn't a king who only cares about the powerful or rich. He's a king who loves his people.

There was a very sad lady in today's story (hold up toy figure and stick a crying emoji face to it). She was a widow which meant that her husband had died. And now, she was at the funeral of her only son (add son toy figure lying on a stretcher to the scene). How sad that must have been for her. Maybe it was the saddest day of her life.

Jesus, the king, saw this lady (hold up Jesus figure). He saw her crying. One of his people was hurting very much. And his heart went out to her because he loves her. When you love someone, it makes you sad when they are sad. And Jesus loves his people. He said to her, 'Don't cry.' And then he did what only God can do. He said to her dead son, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!' And he did (stand the son figure up)! Jesus brought the dead son back to life! Imagine how happy that lady must have been in that moment

(replace sad emoji face with a happy one)! Her saddest day would now be her happiest (blow party horn/blower, throw some confetti/glitter onto the scene).

Jesus may have looked very ordinary (hold up *Jesus figure*). But he is extraordinary because he is God (stick 'God' onto Jesus figure). When Jesus brought the young man back to life, he showed the lady, her son, the people watching and all of us that he has the power (point to 'strong arm' drawing) that only God has. He has power to give people life. With this miracle, lesus shows us he has power over everything. As God's promised king (hold up the crown), he has all power and he will be in charge for ever.

If you live in the United Kingdom, then Queen Elizabeth II is your Queen (show Queen picture). She's great but she has limited power. She can't tell the people in France what to do. She can't tell the people in Spain what to do. She only has power over some people. She cares about her people, but she doesn't know all of them. She doesn't know our names or where we live. She doesn't know when we are happy or sad. And even though she has been the Queen for a very long time, she won't be the Queen forever.

But Jesus has unlimited power (hold up the crown). Not even death can compete with him. He loves his people deeply (point to the heart). He knows you and he knows me. He knows everyone in the world. He

knows all our names, where we live, our favourite ice cream flavour, when we're happy and when we're sad. He knows it all. And we can be friends with him. You can be friends with him and I can be friends with him (hold a toy figure with a photo of your face stuck to it next to the Jesus figure). We can be friends with the king of the world. Wow! How amazing that the king of the world wants to be in your life. Have you asked him to be your king yet? What's stopping you?

With Jesus as your king, you're never alone (hold up the Jesus figure and the figure with your face on it), you're always listened to (tug on your ear), you're always loved and cared for (hand on your heart). When you're scared, you can remember that Jesus is more powerful than anything you are scared of *(point)* to 'strong arm' emoji). And best of all, he will be king forever and we get to spend forever with him. That's amazing! (blow party horn/blower and throw up more confetti/glitter)

Next time you see a picture of Queen Elizabeth (show Queen picture) or you see her face on a stamp (hold up postage stamp), think about Jesus – God's promised king (hold up crown). He's the most loving (point to 'heart' on crown), most powerful (point to 'strong arm' on crown) forever king (point to 'clock' on crown). And the best part is that we can have him as our king (hold up figure with your face on it). Let's pray.