



Sunday Service Bill & Ted Drama

Secret Agents Holiday Club

Powerpoint/visuals needed:

1. 'The missions'
2. 'Jesus of Nazareth - do we need him?'
3. *Pic: Silhouette of a man with title, 'God himself'*
4. 'Jesus the King - is he God?'
5. *Pic: Silhouette of a man with crown on head*
6. 'Jesus the King - friend or enemy?' [slides 6 & 7 missed out if you did the 3-day version]
7. *Pic: Man standing looking lost next to a complicated signpost*
8. 'Jesus Christ - criminal or rescuer?'
9. *Pic: Screen split down middle. On one side, pics to represent criminality. On the other side, pics to represent rescue.*

Bill arrives at the front of Church to explain what they've been doing all week.

Bill: We have had such a good week. Unravelling the truth. Searching for clues. Special gadgets, and dangerous weapons. It's unreal. If our Mum could see us now... What do you think she would say, Ted? *Realises Ted isn't there.* Ted, where are you? Ted! TED!

Ted: *We can hear Ted but we can't see him.* Shh. I'm deep undercover. No-one will ever find me.

Bill: Ted, I need you to be here now.

Ted: But I'm undercover, can't I do it from here? I want to stay safe.

Bill: Safe?! Ted, the problem is that we've got to explain all that we've been doing this week. Please will you come over here.

Ted arrives at the front, joining Bill. He is wearing a disguise.

Ted: Hi, I'm Ted and I'm...

Bill: Oh Ted, please can you just stop being undercover.

Ted: Bill, you can't stop being a Secret Agent. *Pause.* Alright. *Takes off "cover".* Hi, I'm Ted and I'm the very best Secret Agent in all the world.

- Bill:** Whatever you say Ted. I thought we'd tell them what we've been learning.
- Ted:** Well, we learnt that a spy in the field can survive on doughnuts and cream for more than six months, before he'd even start to look like....
- Bill:** Ted! The daily missions... *powerpoint 1*
- Ted:** Oh right, we've learnt other things as well. Each day of the week we had a different mission to understand more about Jesus. On Tuesday, our mission *powerpoint 2* was to find out who Jesus is. Is he good or bad? We looked at the Bible story of Jesus and the paralysed man and saw that Jesus of Nazareth can forgive all our sins, as only God can. *powerpoint 3*
- Bill:** On Wednesday, our mission *powerpoint 4* was to find out if Jesus is really the King. He raised a dead man to life, just with touch and a word, and really cared for the man's grieving mum. *powerpoint 5* He has power over even death. He's King of everything.
- Ted:** I'll do this one. On Thursday, we needed to *powerpoint 6* know whose side Jesus was on, was he a friend or an enemy. We read the story of the bad tax collector Zacchaeus. *powerpoint 7* Jesus came to be a friend for those who know they're lost.
- Bill:** And on Friday, we found out *powerpoint 8* that Jesus was arrested and sentenced to death. We asked, was he a criminal or a rescuer. We found out he was a rescuer – *powerpoint 9* he was rescuing us for Heaven.
- Ted:** Wow! We aren't as stupid as we look.
- Bill:** Well... Anyway today we're going to see what happened to Jesus next.
- Ted:** I'm going back undercover, *putting his disguise back on*. I'm on the mission.
- Bill:** Thanks Ted. Say Goodbye. *Drags Ted off. Both leave.*



Sunday Bill & Ted Drama

JESUS TODAY: DEAD OR ALIVE?
LUKE 24:36-53

Secret Agents Holiday Club

Aim: To be certain, despite appearances, that Jesus is alive and ruling in Heaven

Props: "Ted is here" hat, homemade Secret Agent handbook. Map

DRAMA AT THE START OF THE SESSION

Intro music. Ted runs on massively over-excited. Fist pumping. High jumps. Bill walks on delighted and a little bemused by Ted.

Ted: This is it. I'm ready. Let me go. Release Secret agent Double-0-T.

Bill: Ted, I'm really pleased you're this excited. I was worried that with this being the last day and all, you might be just a little down, and a bit sad.

Ted: You stop that Bill. Did you put on your grumpy pants this morning? Pull on your excited pants, and hold them up with fun straps, ...in fact stick them on with thrill glue because there's a real danger they'll blow off with all the crazy adventures we're about to have. I am ready for being out there, as a secret agent.

Bill: *Impressed* Are you, really? Well, that's incredible.

Ted: Firstly, I have decided that for my own safety, I need to be monitored and tracked, because who knows where I'll end up or what will happen to me? Wherever I go, I want my friends to be able to follow me, keeping me safe, without drawing attention to myself. No-one will know that I'm being tracked. It's very sophisticated.

Reaches into a drawer or cupboard, and brings out a hat with an enormous arrow saying "Ted is here" drawn on it. Ted puts it on.

Ted: Now, it's not the final thing. I think I need to make some modifications to it. I think it might need to be a bit larger to make it more effective. And obviously, you couldn't use this one...

Bill: Obviously..

- Ted:** Because I'm Ted, and this says Ted on it. Can you see? You're Bill, so you would need....
- Bill:** No, Ted, I really understand. I mean Ted, as is often the case, I am speechless. Ted. You're quite the most astonishing person in the world.
- Ted:** *Proud.* I know. I've also drawn up my own Secret Agent handbook.
- Get's out a huge book, "Ted's really good Secret Agent Handbook"*
- Ted:** I know it's big, but I thought that way, I won't be able to ignore it. I'll see it, and think, "I need to read that." Shall I show you what's written inside?
Open and read one page at a time.
- "Secret Agents never stop finding the truth". Because Bill, the truth is out there.
- "Being a Secret Agent, is just the same wherever you are".
- Bill:** Because once you're a Secret Agent, you have all you need to go anywhere.
- Ted:** *surprised.* Exactly. Very good Bill,
- "Secret Agents don't stay in spy school. They are needed all over the world"
- Because this is just the training. You don't train and train and train. Get out there and get agent-ing.
- Bill:** Is there more?
- Ted:** One more. *Reading*
- "If you smell something so bad your nose hurts; check you've changed your clothes in the last year. Oh and Ted, while you're there you might as well have a bath, because last time you forgot to bath for more than a year, you got that funny rash."
- Bill:** Well, that is terrific. So now you're ready?
- Ted:** Absolutely.

Telephone ring sound effect. Bill picks up the phone

M: This is a message for agents Double-0-B and Double-0-T. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is it to find out the truth: *pause* Jesus Today: *Pause* Dead or Alive? We now know that he is the King, God himself on earth. But he has died. So is Jesus really God's final promised King?

And there is evidence that Jesus' friends have visited his tomb and found it empty. Where is the body? Who has taken it? We need answers!

Jesus today: Dead or Alive?

As always, the answers to this Mission are in the Bible. Luke's Gospel hasn't ever let us down. It's in your drawer. It's been proven to be the truth. If there are answers out there, you'll find them in the Bible. *Ted gets out a map, unfolds it amazed by its size. Bill despairs and gets out the Bible from another desk drawer.* Good luck Agents.

Bill hangs up

Dr G theme tune. Dr G makes an entrance with the day's gadget. Dr G arrives. Ted hugs Dr G but doesn't let him go.

Ted: *Hugging Dr G* Oh Dr G, you're like a great big Grandad of fun, with gadgets of joy and things that go bang. I love you!

Bill: *Whispered.* You've got to let go of him Ted. ... Now!

Dr G: Now agents Double-O-B and Double-O-T, I have a gadget for you. *Presents camera.* This is a mind reading camera. You take a photo of him, the rays zap into his brain, around his nose and out of his ears and straight to this screen (*powerpoint screen*) where we will see exactly what sort of person you are dealing with.

Bill: That sounds amazing.

Dr G: Let me demonstrate the power of this. *Point it at Bill.* I'm taking your photo, into your brain, and straight to this screen. *Picture of school boy appears.*

Ted: Wow! It's exactly right. That is amazing. Please let me try. *Takes a photo of Dr G. Picture of a professor appears.*

Bill: Oh Dr G, you have excelled yourself. Please can I have a go. Takes a photo of Ted. *A picture of a monkey appears with "Sub human error flashing"*

Dr G: Oh. *Bill can't control himself. Ted looks indignant.* I'm sure there's been some sort of mistake. I need to check that. Very strange.

Say thank you's. Dr G leaves.

Bill: Jesus today: Dead or Alive?

Ted: Let's go find the truth. It's out there.

Bill & Ted leave

DRAMA AT THE END OF THE SESSION

[On the Sunday, there is no time for "Secret Agent or Double Agent" or The sketch]

Bill & Ted enter

Bill: Right Ted, it's been a terrific week, you've seemingly learnt a huge amount, which has surprised me. But do you think you can tell me one last time; what's the big thing you've learnt?

Ted: I have learnt that Dr G's gadgets aren't as good as I thought they were. I am not a monkey. In what way am I a monkey? Monkeys just eat and stick things up their noses. I'm a highly intelligent individual.

Bill: Anything else?

Ted: Oh right. Yes. Jesus today: Dead or Alive?

Bill: And??

Ted: *Very matter-of-fact* Jesus is alive! Which is jolly nice.

Bill: *A bit angry* Jolly nice? Has your head fallen clean off your neck? It's not "jolly nice", it changes everything.

Ted: Does it?

Bill: *Irritated.* Yes! *Explaining.* If Jesus rose from the dead, it means he's alive today. He's beaten death. Death is ... well... it's dead. So we know that Jesus is alive; ruling as King in Heaven.

Ted: *Very matter-of-fact* Oh, I see. That is lucky.

Bill: *A bit cross now.* Lucky? Lucky? I'll give you lucky. That's not the finish. Let me tell you how wonderful it is, that Jesus is alive ruling in Heaven... today.

Take your tracking hat as an example. *Pick it up, and put it on Ted.* You might need this for Spy Base to keep track of you. But you don't need it for Jesus to keep track of you. He knows and sees everything. Wherever you go, whatever you're doing, Jesus knows about it and is looking after you.

Ted: I quite like that.

Bill: Give me your Handbook. *Ted nervously gives it to Bill fearing the worst.*

Reading "Secret agents never stop finding the truth".

Explaining If Jesus is alive, we trust a living King, so we want to keep pointing to words "finding the truth" from God's book, the Bible.

Reading "Being a secret agent, is just the same wherever you are".

Ted: *Getting it! Explaining.* If Jesus is alive, then he has sent us His Holy Spirit. By His Holy Spirit he is with us "wherever you are". We're never alone. Jesus' Spirit is Jesus with us... always.

Bill: *Reading* "Secret agents don't stay in spy school. They are needed all over the world"

Ted: *Explaining* If Jesus is alive, then we need to tell the world about him. We're needed all over the world. Everyone needs to know.

Bill: *Reading* "If you smell something so bad your nose hurts; check you've changed your clothes in the last year...."

Explaining It would be quite nice if you didn't stink.

Ted: Does the Bible say that?

Bill: No, but I do.

Ted: Right *Gets way over-excited*. Bill, this is the real deal. I'm getting it. Everything has changed. If Jesus is alive. He's won. *Shouting with arms outstretched* King Jesus rules

Bill: *collapses into a chair exhausted*. Finally.

Bill: Jesus today: Alive or Dead?

Ted: *leaping the air and high air punch* Alive!

Bill: Mission accomplished

Exit



Sunday Bible Drama

LUKE 24:36-53

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Props: Two chairs, a sandwich

Two disciples, Cleopas and Joanna walk on. Two sit near each other. Disciple 1 has head in hands. Disciple 2 is sat down, scratching his head and looking confused. Cleopas is pacing up and down. Joanna is sat alone thinking.

Bill & Ted arrive with their Bible open. They check details in their Bible as the characters speak.

Cleopas: *Fast.* I can't explain it. I know it doesn't make sense. But it happened!

Disciple 2: He walked with you for seven miles and you couldn't tell it was him?

Cleopas: *Fed-up at having to go through it again.* No I couldn't! I don't know why ... Until he broke bread. Then I knew it was him.

Disciple 1: Did he look different? Could it have been a ghost? Or maybe a dream? I mean ... we all want Jesus to be alive. I know I do. But he is dead.

Joanna: *Exasperated.* He's alive! You don't believe me either. I know what the two angels said to me at the empty tomb, "He is not here; he has risen!"

Disciple 2: I need proof. Dead men don't come back to life. Particularly crucified men!

Jesus walks into the room, unseen by the others, until he speaks and then they all suddenly realise that he is there.

Jesus: Peace be with you.

Disciple 1: *Terrified.* It's a ghost.

Disciple 2: *Amazed.* Can anyone else see this?

Jesus: Why are you troubled and why do you doubt that it's me?

Holding out hands and then showing his feet. Look at my hands and my feet. It's me.

Touch me. Check. Look. A ghost doesn't have flesh and bones. I have!

Disciple 1: I'm baffled.

Disciple 2: I can't see how it's possible.

Jesus: Do you have anything to eat?

Joanna: *Running to grab a sandwich.* Here's a fish finger sandwich.

Jesus takes a bite and chews slowly. With a smile. Disciple 1 walks around Jesus checking every angle. Disciple 2 gets up right close to Jesus. Cleopas and Joanna stand still, happy.

Jesus: This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything that is written about me in the whole of the Bible must happen. Let me open your minds so that you can understand what I mean.

Every other character looks like they have suddenly got it.

Jesus: This is what was written in the Bible about me: "God's promised King, the Christ, will suffer, die and then rise again from the dead three days later. He will do this so that the people's sins can be forgiven. Then this will all be explained all over the world, to anyone who will listen. Starting here, in Jerusalem, and then everywhere."

Joanna: Oh! It does make sense. All of it.

Cleopas: I get it.

Disciple 2: I see it now.

Jesus: You are witnesses of all this. You've seen it happen. Soon, I am going to leave. But I will send you the Holy Spirit, as my Father in heaven has promised. Until then. Stay here. Wait. You will be given the Holy Spirit. He will be your power so you can tell others. Don't worry.