



Bill & Ted Drama (day one)

JESUS: GOOD OR BAD?

LUKE 5:17-26

Secret Agents Holiday Club

Aim: To see that Jesus is better than all others, able to help us as no one else can, by forgiving sin.

Props: Telephone & telephone ring sound effect. Internal mail postbox. Dressing gown. Plasters, medical thermometer & bandages. Dark glasses. Toy snake. Fluffy toy bunny. Toy dinosaur. Kids Bible. Adult Bible.

[Welcome from Academy Leader. Give safety instructions and listening instructions. Handover to Bill & Ted for today's mission.]

At some point during the first day: You may have noticed our post box: this is only for internal Secret Agent mail. You can write to me, or Bill & Ted, you can also send letters to your group leader... with jokes, codes, challenges or facts.

DRAMA AT THE START OF THE SESSION

Intro music. Bill enters alone.

Bill: Well, imagine it. Me, as a secret agent? Who would have thought it? Deep undercover. 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, hey Ted? *Realises Ted isn't there.* Ted, where are you? Ted! TED!

Ted shuffles on in dressing gown, hood up and doesn't face the audience. He tries to stay hidden.

Bill: What, what are you doing?

Ted: *Whispers.* Don't look at me Bill. Imagine I'm not here. Bill, look the other way.

Bill: *Looks around. Edges over to him. Whispers.* What is it, Ted? Are you hiding from someone? Who's after you?

All whispers for this section

Ted: I don't know.

Bill: Are you on the trail of an enemy? Are you following them? Is that it?

Ted: I don't know.

Bill: *Pause to think.* What are you doing?

Ted: *Pause* I don't know

Bill: *Talks normal volume.* This is ridiculous. What do you mean, "I don't know". You're doing something. You must know what you're doing.... Come over here.

Ted gingerly walks over to Bill. He faces the audience. He's wearing bandages on head and hands, a thermometer in his mouth and dark glasses. Bill takes off his hood.

Bill: *Babbling.* Wow! Ted, what's happened to you? Are you alright? Does it hurt? Does Mum know? She'll blame me! I didn't do it... did I? Is it serious? How long have you got?

Ted: Six days.

Bill: Six days? Six days! *Throws arms around Ted and cries.* I'm so sorry. I love you. I know I've been an awful brother, but I've tried. I'm going to miss you. Six days and then you'll be gone? *Breaks off. Walks away, chewing his hand. To think that in just a week from now, they'll be no Ted.*

Ted: Why's that?

Bill: Ted, you've got to face the truth... you'll be dead.

Ted: WHAT? Dead? Me? In a week. Oh no. How will it happen? Will it hurt? Will Mum be there. Do I get a last meal? Can I choose anything? Anything at all? Could I just ask for everything, all at once?

Bill: *Stops crying and comes back to Ted.* Ted, stop. Stop. Stop. You just said you've got six days. If you're not going to die. What happens in six days?

Ted: That's when it's all over. On Sunday. That's the last day. Of being a secret patient.

Bill: A what?

- Ted:** A secret patient. Between now and Sunday, I'm going to be a secret patient. Isn't it terrific? That's why we're here. Has no one told you? Secret Agents Academy - we're secret patients.
- Bill:** What?
- Ted:** No one will know. I'll stay hidden. I'll be the best secret patient ever. I'll be pretending to be poorly. Very poorly. It's like I'm in hospital... a patient... with doctors and stuff, but no one must know I'm here. I'm a secret patient. I'll be...
- Bill:** Oh, I get it. You clot. We're not here to be secret patients. We're here to be secret agents.
- Ted:** Oh, even better. I've always dreamt of being a secret agent. Secret agent. Agent that's secret. Very secret. And very agent....*pause*. What's a secret agent Bill?
- Bill:** Ted. A secret agent is someone who finds out the truth... in secret. Whatever their mission. They're in, they're out, without being seen, but they leave with the truth.
- Ted:** What's our mission Bill?
- Bill:** I don't know. I've only just arrived as well. It my first day here as well.
- Telephone ring sound effect. Ted picks up the phone, and the children can hear (but not see) M...*
- M:** This is a message for agents Double-0-B and Double-0-T, your mission, should you...
- Ted hangs up.*
- Bill:** What are you doing?
- Ted:** It's a wrong number. It was for agents Double-0 B and Double-0 T.
- Bill:** That's us!
- Ted:** Oh. *pause* What's your name?
- Bill:** Bill.

Ted: Fine. And mine?

Bill: Ted.

Ted: That sounds right. That's not who they said.

Bill: It's our code names. Secret names. Names that no-one else knows. *Points to Ted.* Double-0-T and *points to self* Double-0-B

Ted: They really are secret names. I didn't know them. Which one am I again?

Telephone ring sound effect. Ted stares at the phone in disbelief.

Bill: *Shouting* Pick 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 to find out the truth: *pause* Who is Jesus? *Pause* He lived about 2000 years ago. He looked like any other man, but we have reason to believe that he was different. You must find out the truth: Who is Jesus? And of utmost importance, you must find out, *pause* do we need him?

The only lead we have to go on at the moment is the Bible. You'll find one in the drawer. *Ted takes out a children's book. He loves it and reads it through. Bill is frustrated and takes out a Bible from a different drawer. Ted realises that Bill has a different book, and puts the kid's book down and looks at the Bible a little sheepishly.* In the Bible you'll find Luke's Gospel. It is the true facts of Jesus' life. Search through it to find answers.

Good luck Double-0-T and Double-0-B.

...And one last thing. If this mission has any chance of success, you'll need gadgets, Dr G will provide you with them.

Ted hangs up.

Dr G theme tune. Dr G makes an entrance with the day's gadget.

Dr G: Good morning Double-0-B, Double-0-T. Now listen carefully. If your mission is to have any chance of success, the gadgets I've got for you today will be absolutely vital.

- Ted:** I can't remember the last time I was this excited. *Pause* I think it was probably the time Mum accidentally quadrupled the chocolate cake recipe and I...
- Bill:** *Ted continues mumbling to himself, and mimes climbing into a container and stuffing his face full of cake.* Dr G. Excuse my brother. Please continue, and my advice would be to completely ignore him. I often find that it's the only way to get anything done.
- Dr G:** Oh right. Well firstly may I introduce the Superlative, Interactive, Procurative Mirror. *Holds up mirror.*
- Silence as Dr G holds it up with enormous pride, and Bill and Ted just stare at it. Eventually...*
- Ted:** Oh that is good. I've never seen anything like it.
- Bill:** *whispers to Ted.* It's a mirror Ted. I think it does something more than just... mirror. *Out loud.* Dr G, please explain how it so... superlative, interactive and procurative, while also being so mirror-y.
- Dr G:** I'm pleased you asked that Double-0-B. This is the prototype. The very first of its kind. You can ask this mirror for absolutely anything, and without delay, it will simply produce it.
- Bill:** You're joking
- Dr G:** When it comes to gadgets, I don't joke. Wherever you are, just speak directly to the mirror, whatever you need, and it will be provided.
- Bill:** *Stares into mirror.* Oh give me a break.
- Dr G pushes a snake through the mirror. Ted is open mouthed. Dr G just grins with pride. Silence. Bill is clearly thinking this through.*
- Bill:** The thing is Dr G. I think the mirror misheard me. I said, "Give me a break" and it gave me a snake
- Dr G:** My goodness, you're right. But that was just messing about. This is a field gadget not a toy. Have another go. What would be really useful on a mission?

Ted: Money! *Speaks directly to the mirror* We would like money.

Dr G pushes a stuffed bunny through the mirror. Ted is open-mouthed. Dr G just grins with pride. Silence.

Ted: Wow.

Bill: I think that's a bunny. Not money.

Dr G: My goodness, you're right again. Let's try once more. Picture the scene, you're locked up deep within the enemy's lair. There are bars across the windows. The door is solid. You are trapped. But fortunately in your pocket is the mirror. What do you ask for.

Bill: A file and saw to get through the metal bars on the window and escape. To the mirror. File and saw.

Dr G pushes a dinosaur through the mirror. Ted is open mouthed. Dr G just grins with pride. Silence.

Ted: A dinosaur! That is terrific. Shakes Dr G by the hand and takes the Mirror from him. Thanks so much Dr G. I'm going to take this with me where ever I go. Dr G, how can we ever thank you?

Dr G: For Queen and Country Double-0-T.

As Dr G leaves, 'Sketch' theme tune starts playing.

Dr G: *Pops back.* That's Sketch. Remember, boys. He never speaks; he only draws.

Dr G leaves

Sketch comes on and starts drawing Sketch 1, Day 1. Sketch theme is turned down, but audible throughout.

Bill and Ted keep muttering, "he never speaks, he only draws", "Who is he?", "He's so mysterious.", etc

As he's drawing, Bill and Ted say some of the following. Intersperse with nonsense to fill time.

Secret Agent

- *Secret agent*
- *Uncovering the truth*
- *Looking at the evidence.*
- *Hearing what the eye-witnesses really saw*

Thumb up

- *Good.*
- *Was Jesus good? Someone we need?*
- *Was he who he said he was?*

Thumb down

- *Bad*
- *Out for himself. Not interested in other people.*
- *Was he someone we don't want to know*

When Sketch finishes, he leaves, and the music stops

Bill: Now Ted, we need to go deep undercover and find the answer from the Bible.

Ted: I can't argue with that Bill. If there's a question we need to find the answer. What's the question again?

Bill: Oh, Ted! Come on.

Bill & Ted leave

DRAMA AT THE END OF THE SESSION

Bill & Ted run on. Ted is chasing Bill with his toy gun. Bill is getting cross.

Bill: Ted. Just stop that. We've got work to be doing. We do not have time for this.

Ted: *Shoots him.* I've always got time for shooting you Bill. Never a bad moment.

Bill: If you don't stop that I'll be forced to... Can you hear that?

Ted: What?

'Secret Agent or Double Agent' theme tune starts playing in the background

Bill: My goodness. Ted, that can only mean one thing.

Ted: Yes it can. What is that, Bill?

Bill: That's the alarm. In this room, there may be a Double Agent. Someone who appears to be one us, but is really against us; seeking to tell the enemy all about us. But who is it? *Go walking amongst the children and drag up a leader you've prepared. Put them in the hot seat. Mock interrogation.*

Ted: I've got a fiendish question for him. *To Suspect.* What is your name? *Suspect gives their name*

Bill: Are you a Secret Agent or a Double Agent?

Suspect: I'm a Secret Agent because I follow Jesus Christ

Ted: If you really are a Secret Agent, tell me why you first decided to trust and obey Jesus?

Suspect: *Gives real reason, in three or four slow sentences, why they first decided to become a Christian.*

Bill: Finally, what is the best thing about following Jesus?

Suspect: *Gives real, personal highlight of being a Christian. In three or four sentences.*

Ted: Bill, we've got a Secret Agent. We're safe

Give a round of applause to the Suspect.

Bill: Ted, get into the hot seat. *Ted sits down.* What have you learnt today Ted?

Ted: *Takes out gun* Well Bill, during gun skills I found out that when I shoot you on the nose you go, "Ow", if I get you on the neck you say, "AAAhhh", but when I get you on the back side, you scream like a baby "Wahhhhh" and then you say, *put on deep voice* "Oh Ted, would you just grow up, you're just so annoying"

- Bill:** We did not come here to the Academy to.... learn about... about about me! What about Jesus?
- Ted:** Oh right. Jesus looked like an ordinary man, from an ordinary town. And he lived 2000 years ago.
- Bill:** Anything else?
- Ted:** *panic* He had an ordinary... cat? called *pause to think* Mr Ordinary. And Jesus' job was ordinary, and his life was ordinary, in fact his middle name was...
- Bill:** No, no, no. He was not that ordinary.
- Ted:** He seemed ordinary but *suddenly realising the implication, announces proudly:* He was different.
- Bill:** Yes! Terrific. How?
- Ted:** Oh I don't know. Give me a clue.
- Bill:** Remember the man, whose legs didn't work?
- Ted:** *Excited.* He came through the roof. And Jesus said... Your... *pause...* your... BINS are ...
- Bill:** Bins? Or was it ssss.
- Ted:** *shouting excitedly.* Your sins are forgiven.
- Bill:** Yes.
- Ted:** So he could be friends with God again!
- Bill:** *surprised.* Yes! And what's your biggest problem?
- Ted:** That's easy. My feet smell of mouldy cheese, and sometimes I can scrape bits off them that...
- Bill:** Stop. Stop. Stop. That is not your biggest problem
- Ted:** That's not what you say when I push my big toe into your ear.

Bill: Ted. What was the man's biggest problem?

Ted: His legs... *Bill shakes his head at him...* No, that's not it. Sin? Yes, sin was his biggest problem. And sin is my biggest problem because I don't do things God's way, I do things my way. So, I really need Jesus to forgive my sins!

Bill: Good work

'Sketch' theme tune slowly gets louder. Sketch comes on and draws Sketch 2, Day 1.

Sketch draws in the order below.

As Bill and Ted watch sketch, they chat through these ideas, as well as a fair bit of nonsense.

Secret Agent

- *That's our secret agent.*
- *Like us. That's what we're doing*
- *Reading the Bible. Hearing the truth.*
- *Working out what's going on.*
- *Uncovering what really happened.*
- *And what it means for us.*

Sin

- *Holding a lump? A book? Must be the Bible?*
- *No it's "sin".*
- *It's the secret agent's sin.*
- *He's holding his sin.*
- *I wouldn't hold my sin up for everyone to see!*

Jesus' hand

- *Very big.*
- *It's a hand!*
- *Jesus' hand?*
- *Offering to take the sin away.*
- *His sin*
- *Even his biggest problem is sin. Who would have thought it?*
- *He was out to uncover the truth and he's discovered that it's not just about the man who couldn't walk. It's about him!*
- *But Jesus can fix it. Only Jesus can fix it.*

Sketch leaves, music stops.

Bill: Mission accomplished

Ted: I can't wait until tomorrow. Who knows what truth we'll uncover.
Secretly!

Bill & Ted run off.



Bible Drama (day one)

LUKE 5:17-26

Secret Agents
Holiday Club

Jesus comes onto stage and stands on a chair.

Three townsfolk and two Pharisees walk on as well. And stand around Jesus, listening as he mimes preaching.

Bill: *Walks on with Ted, holding the Bible open. Searching for the right place.*

That's him. Imagine that. Us seeing Jesus, in the flesh. Crumbs

Ted: He's much taller than I'd imagined.

Bill: You know that he's standing on a chair, don't you? He's teaching them. Everyone's pitched up. It says here, that people came from every village in Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem.

Ted: That's because they didn't have televisions.. or computers... or cake.... or whoopee cushions...or..

Bill: Ted, you're missing the point. When Jesus was teaching, everyone turned up. He was unbelievable. Everyone wanted to be near him. It's nothing to do with cake. If he was around today, it would be the same. He's bigger than *name 3 famous people from current affairs, known to the children.*

Ted: Bigger than all of them? *Pause* No, you said he was standing on a chair.

Bill: Stop it Ted, you clot.

Four friends arrive carrying a paralytic on a large sheet. Stand at the edge of the crowd.

Ted: Who's this? Are they going to give him the bumps? I don't like the look of that sheet. I'm not sure it's going to hold him if they really give him some air.

Bill: No, *showing Bible, reading...* There was a man who was paralysed. Some men were carrying him on a mat. They tried to bring him in and put him down before Jesus. *Looking up.* This must be the paralytic.

- Ted:** No, it's definitely not. It's too small. If you jumped out of a plane with that sheet strapped to your back, I wouldn't rate your chances.
- Bill:** *Despair.* That's a para-chute , Ted, this man is a para- lytic. It means his legs don't work. He can't walk.
- Ted:** Oh I get it. But they can't get close enough to Jesus. *Friends walk off with the paralytic.* Oh well they've given up. Too much hassle. Jesus can't be that great.
- Bill:** No, that's not it. *Reading.* But because there were so many people there, they could not find a way to Jesus. So the men went up on the roof.
- The crowd start shielding their eyes from imaginary falling plaster, and wiping it off their heads, and avoiding larger bits. Jesus is the last to look directly above him.*
- Ted:** *Pointing.* They're making a hole in the roof. Good skills!
- Bill:** *Points to the back of the room behind the children, and says amazed, "What's that? Is that a...?" While all the children are turned around, looking to see what he is pointing at, the paralytic runs on and lies at Jesus feet.*
- Bill:** Oh it's nothing. I thought I saw something.
- Ted:** *Pointing to the paralytic.* Crumbs Bill, they've lowered the man down right where Jesus is standing
- Jesus:** Friend, your sins are forgiven
- Bill:** *Looking at Bible.* This is where it all kicks off. Watch this. Jesus reads the Pharisees' mind.
- Pharisee 1:** *Steps out of the group in a huff. Seemingly talking to himself.* Who is this guy? Who does he think he is? God? Only God can forgive sins. He's going to be in a whole heap of trouble when the religious leaders find out about this.

Jesus: *Pointing at the Pharisee, angrily.* Why do you have thoughts like that in your hearts? Which is easier: to tell this paralysed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to tell him, 'Stand up and walk'? *Pause.* But I will prove to you that the Son of Man, (that's me!) has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Speaking to the paralytic. I tell you, stand up! Take your mat and go home.

Paralysed man is amazed to find himself gingerly standing up. Taking his time. Real drama. Checks that his feet, ankles and legs are working. Picks up sheet. Cheers. Shrieks and he runs off punching the air.

Townfolk 1: What? That has absolutely blown my mind

Townfolk 2: Praise God. He did this!

Townfolk 1: He is the real deal!

Townfolk 3: Today we have seen amazing things!