



MARVEL

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BIBLE STORY

The Ax Head Floats
2 Kings 6:1-7

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

We can have faith even for the small stuff.

SERIES VERSE

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim
the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
Psalm 19:1-2 NIV

WEEKLY VERSE

Your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!
Matthew 6:8b NLT



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SKIT INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

The skits will require two people. One person will play him or herself (the straight character), and the other person will play the funny character. It works best if you can find a person willing to commit to being the character for the entire series.

CHARACTER BIO

The character's name is Mr. Marvelous. This skit is written with a male in mind, but feel free to use a female for this character if desired. Mr. Marvelous is a wannabe super hero who believes that he can do just about anything, but in reality he has no super powers and needs to learn to rely on the power of God. He will wear a cape, mask and a shirt with a giant M on the front. There is no need to get a full super hero costume for him because he is supposed to look thrown together and not like a legitimate super hero.

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SKIT

- Leader:** Hey guys! We are back for another marvelous week in the Marvel Series!
- Mr. Marvelous:** Comes "flying" in humming his own theme song.
- Leader:** Oh good! You're back! *Sarcasm.*
- Mr. Marvelous:** Of course, I'm back! Last week I said I would be back and super heros keep their word!
- Leader:** I suppose they usually do. So, I remember you saying that you were going to do all these amazing things last week like fight crime and defeat an evil villain or something about a cat?
- Mr. Marvelous:** Oh, they weren't just amazing things.
- Leader:** Let me guess, they were marvelous?
- Mr. Marvelous:** How did you guess?
- Leader:** I have no idea...
- Mr. Marvelous:** Well, it doesn't matter anyways because I can't tell you about any of it!
- Leader:** Why not?
- Mr. Marvelous:** It's a super secret remember?
- Leader:** Oh yeah, but you could tell us! We are super secret keepers! Right kids? *Allow kids to respond.*
- Mr. Marvelous:** Sorry it's just too risky to tell anyone.
- Leader:** Ok, but I am not going to give up until you tell me what your super secret super power is.

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- Mr. Marvelous:** It's never going to happen!
- Leader:** Just keep telling yourself that.
- Mr. Marvelous:** So, what are you talking about today with the kids?
- Leader:** I thought you would never ask! We are talking about having faith in God even for the small stuff.
- Mr. Marvelous:** I guess I don't understand why you would need God's help with something small. Isn't God a little more concerned with big picture stuff?
- Leader:** Actually, God cares just as much about the small stuff in our lives because he cares about us!
- Mr. Marvelous:** That's kinda like when I helped Agnus get her stinkin' cat out of the tree even though I had bigger and better things to worry about like saving the entire city?
- Leader:** I guess it is kinda like that, only God is a lot more powerful and marvelous than even you!
- Mr. Marvelous:** I can't believe you would say that!
- Leader:** Why not? It's true!
- Mr. Marvelous:** We will see if that is true! Anyways, I need to go!
- Leader:** Let me guess, to go fight crime?
- Mr. Marvelous:** Actually, I need to go pick up my other cape from the dry cleaner. I'll see you next week! *Flies out of the room.*

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GAME: BALLOON VERSE RELAY

SUPPLIES

- 8 red balloons
- 8 blue balloons
- Black marker
- 2 large bags
- Tape (floor safe)

SETUP

- Place a line of tape on the floor where you would like the teams to line up and another line of tape a good distance from the first line of tape.
- Inflate the balloons and write phrases of the verse on them. Put the balloons in separate bags for the teams (red and blue).
- Verse breakdown: The heavens declare/ the glory of God;/ the skies proclaim/ the work of his hands./ Day after day/ they pour forth speech;/ night after night/ they reveal knowledge.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose four kids and break them up into teams of two (blue and red).
2. Kids will line up behind the first line of tape.
3. Teams will have to carry each of the balloons (8 total) over a line of tape on the floor using only each other's backs. No hands allowed!
4. Once a team has all 8 balloons over the line they will need to put the verse in order.
5. The first team to get their balloons in the correct order of the verse wins.

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MESSAGE

SUPPLIES

- A Bible in your preferred version (This week uses NLT.)
- An ax
- A stick

INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to week 2 of our Marvel Series. In our Marvel Series we will be exploring some of God's marvelous miracles found in the Bible. In today's Bible story, we will learn about how God performed the miraculous for something seemingly simple and small to us.

BIBLE STORY

Turn in your Bibles to 2 Kings 6:1-7.

Allow the kids time to turn to 2 Kings 6:1-7.

Our Bible story today is short and simple, but I believe it will teach us a very important truth. The prophet Elisha is the hero of our story today. Elisha was chosen as the prophet to take over for Elijah a few chapters back. Let's look at what verses 1-2 say, "One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, 'As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. Let's go down to the Jordan River, where

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they are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet.' 'All right,' he told them, 'go ahead.'"

For some reason, these prophets who worked with Elisha wanted to build a new meeting place down by the Jordan River. The Bible doesn't tell us exactly why, but it might be because of all the miraculous and amazing things that had taken place at the Jordan River earlier. If you look back in 2 Kings chapter 2, you will see both Elijah and Elisha parting the Jordan River to walk across it. Elijah was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire without even dying right at the Jordan River. How cool is that? If you go back one chapter to chapter 5, a man named Naaman gets healed of an awful disease called leprosy by washing in the Jordan River seven times. I don't know about you, but I would want to be close to a place where God had chosen to perform so many miracles!

Back to our story. So they decided to go down to the Jordan River to build this new meeting place. The Bible says that when they arrived, they began cutting down trees to make the building. Did they have chainsaws? No! What do you think they used to cut down the trees then? **Allow kids to respond.** An ax! **Pull out an ax if you have one and demonstrate how to use one and how heavy it is.** There they are cutting down trees when all of the sudden one of the ax heads flies off and falls into the river.

Can axes float? **Allow kids to respond.** Definitely not! Now, if I was this guy, I probably would have just been glad the ax head didn't chop someone's head off. Instead, he starts crying about it to Elisha. In verse 5 he says, "'Oh sir!' he cried. 'It was a borrowed ax!'" What do you think this guy should do? **Allow kids to respond.** He could buy another ax for his friend. It's not like it was made of gold! It doesn't seem to me like Elisha should even care about something that small and unimportant,

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but for some reason, Elisha responds by asking him to show him the place where he dropped the ax into the river. This is the crazy and unexpected thing Elisha does. He picks up a stick ***pick up the stick*** and throws it in the water. What's that going to do? Nothing, unless God is involved. Amazingly, the ax head floated to the surface for the man to grab.

LIFE APPLICATION

Why do you think God cared enough to perform a miracle for something so small?

Allow kids to respond. God may not always choose to perform a miracle for us, but what we can take away from this story is that God cares about the little stuff that we worry about in our lives. We may think that He has better things to do with His time than listen to our prayers, but He wants to hear about every little part of our lives. We can have faith in God for the big stuff and the small stuff. Let's say Today's Takeaway together, "We can have faith even for the small stuff." ***Say Today's Takeaway with the kids.*** As we pray today, I want you to think of something small that you need God's help with and ask Him to help you with it.

Optional: Offer a prayer of salvation for any kids who have not accepted Jesus into their lives.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who did God give the ability to perform a miracle in today's Bible Story?

Answer: Elisha

2. What fell into the Jordan River?

Answer: an ax head

3. What miracle did Elisha perform?

Answer: He made an ax head float in the water.

4. What is Today's Takeaway?

Answer: We can have faith even for the small stuff.

5. In which book of the Bible is our series verse found?

Answer: Psalm

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever borrowed something small from a friend and lost it? What did you do?
2. Has anyone ever borrowed something from you and never returned it? How did that make you feel?
3. Take a moment and think of a toy or item you lost at some point. Is it really that important to you now?
4. What is something that seems small to you that you could ask God to help you with?
5. Have kids look up these verses and discuss them as a group.
Matthew 6:26, Luke 12:7, Matthew 6:8

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GROUP ACTIVITY: WILL IT FLOAT?

SUPPLIES

- A large bowl of water (1 per small group)
- Random items: sponges, rocks, eggs, spoons, balls, etc.
(1 of each item per small group)

SETUP

- Fill each of the bowls with water about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Have the group sit in a circle and place the large bowl of water and items in the middle of the circle.
2. Pass each of the items around the circle and ask the group if they think it will sink or float in the bowl of water.
3. Once everyone has had a chance to guess, place the item in the bowl to see if it sinks or floats.
4. Repeat this process with each item.
5. Optional: brainstorm unlikely items that will float.