

Activity: Showing Jesus for Who He Is



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Teaching Goal: To reflect Jesus to others without getting in the way or distorting their view of Him.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which come from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Materials: Large white T-shirts, old or new, you may use 1 per child or share
Permanent Markers
Unlined, white paper
Plastic wrap
Pencils or pens
Tape
Scissors

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. Let's draw a picture of Jesus on this t-shirt. Draw it big so that it almost looks like a Jesus costume when you put it on. Remember, we don't really know what Jesus looked like, so there is no "right" or "wrong" way to draw Jesus. After we finish, we can put on this shirt to show that Jesus lives in your heart.

Draw the picture on both the front and the back of the t-shirt, if time allows. You may draw his face on one side and the back of his head on the other OR draw his face on both sides, it's up to you.

As we draw, let's also come up with things that help others see Jesus in our lives and things that keep others from seeing Jesus in our lives. Can you think of some things? See attached list for ideas. Write each thing-that-keeps-others-from-seeing-Jesus on a separate piece of unlined white paper. Write each thing-that-helps-others-see-Jesus on a separate piece of plastic wrap. If you made a shirt for each child, then each child should have a set of papers and plastic wrap pieces.

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Once the Jesus shirts are finished have each child put his on (or take turns if you only made one). **We can really see Jesus well in your life. Now let's start adding some of the things we wrote down.** Tape each piece of plastic wrap and paper all over the picture of Jesus. **Uh-oh, we can't see Jesus in your life very well anymore! What can we do to make sure we keep Jesus as most important in our life so that others can see him?** *Move some of the pieces of paper, cut some of the papers to a smaller size.*

B. One thing we can do is to reprioritize or reorganize our lives so that Jesus comes first. Re-tape some of the pieces so that they cover Jesus less. **Another thing we can do is make some changes to the way we do things so that they don't take up so much "space" in our lives. We can spend less time doing some things so that there is more time for things that help others see Jesus.** As you speak, cut some of the papers down to a smaller size and re-tape them on the shirt. **There is nothing wrong with some of the activities we have in our life, like sports or TV. It's only wrong when we spend too much time doing them and not enough time doing what God wants us to do.**

Move the things written on plastic wrap right over the face and body of Jesus on the shirt. **Do you see how others can still see Jesus clearly when we are doing the things that God wants us to do?**

C. Let me show you one more thing. Pull a piece of the plastic wrap away from the shirt until Jesus' picture becomes blurry or distorted. **Can you see how the picture of Jesus is blurry? One important thing to remember as we grow is to make sure that the things we do for Jesus are things He really wants us to do. We can be signing up to work for every group at church until there is no time left to even talk to God. Is that what God wants? *No.* God wants us to have a relationship with him, to talk to him daily and to learn what he wants us to do each day.** Move the plastic wrap closer to the picture of Jesus. **As we make sure our relationship with Jesus stays close, others will be able to see him clearly.**

V. Memorize:

God, change my heart and help others see,
The Savior, Jesus, who lives in me.

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass it On Make a copy of this activity and *pass it on* to another family.

Things that **help** others to
Jesus in my life:

Going to church
Bible reading
Honesty
Compassion
Spirit of unity
Balanced life
Service
Peacefulness
Spiritual activities and talk

Things that **keep** others see
from seeing Jesus in my life:

Too much involvement in:
work, sports, church, etc.
Dishonesty
Gossip
Fighting
Priorities out of order
Being too busy
Chaos
Watching too much TV