



Visions

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:17, "... your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

A vision is when the Holy Spirit lets you see into the spirit world.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

One of the gifts of the Spirit listed in I Corinthians 12:10 is discerning of spirits. I am choosing to use the word "vision" instead, because "discerning of spirits" is such a big word for kids. Part of discerning of spirits is seeing demonic activity, but we will not talk about that in this lesson, because it can tend to scare kids. Discerning of spirits is discerning both kinds of spirits, good and evil, so we will focus on the good side.

Kids have great imaginations. Sometimes kids will hear about visions and make up a story about a vision. This does not mean we shouldn't talk about visions to kids. Adults make up stories too. We should preach about visions because they are in the Bible.

What is a vision? Vision is seeing into the spirit world. The spirit world is more real than the world you can see. All around us are angels. The Bible says that every child is assigned an angel. The world will pass away at some point and time, but the spirit world will not pass away. Your body will die one day, but your spirit will live forever.

When someone has a vision, it is like looking into the spirit world.

Bible examples of visions:

1. Mary and Joseph and the shepherds all had visions of angels.
2. Elisha and Gehazi saw a whole army of angels.
3. Paul was caught up to the third heaven.
4. John had a vision of the resurrected Lord.
5. Peter fell into a trance and saw a vision of a pig.
6. Abraham and Lot entertained angels.
7. Peter, James, John and Jesus all saw Moses and Elijah in the spirit on the Mount of Transfiguration.

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There are three types of visions:

1. Picture - You see a picture inside of your spirit. Sometimes it is a moving picture, kind of like a movie. This is the most common kind of vision.
2. Trance - if you fall into a trance, your physical actions are suspended. This is what happened to Peter.
3. Open Vision - This is the highest kind of vision. When Jesus appeared to John, that was an open vision. When Abraham entertained angels, that was an open vision.

We should not seek visions. Do not use your imagination to dream up a vision. Visions come from the Holy Spirit, not from your imagination. The gifts of the Spirit are as the Spirit wills. Do not ask God for a vision. It is up to Him. Be open to visions from the Holy Spirit, but don't try to make them happen.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

<u>WHO</u>	<u>LESSON OUTLINE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #10
_____	6. Bottom Line:	A vision is when the Holy Spirit lets you see into the spirit world.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Acts 2:17, "... your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Not Too Bright: "Human Cannonball"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	The Spirit World
_____	10. Short Film:	Earthquake
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	What You Don't See
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC:
The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Holy Spirit: Episode #10

TO THE KIDS:

- Wow! Things looked pretty sorry for our hero, for a few minutes.
- Johnny was surrounded by bad guys.
- Then what happened? Why did Stringer and Rowdy run away?
- The Holy Spirit let them see into the spirit world a little bit and they saw two big angels that were protecting Johnny.
- This reminds me of a story in the Bible, when the Syrian army came to capture Elijah and his servant Gehazi. There were just two of them and they were surrounded by the enemy. Elijah prayed that God would open up Gehazi's eyes and he saw an army of angels all around Elijah.
- When somebody sees an angel, that is what the Bible calls a vision. What is a vision? A vision is when the Holy Spirit lets you see into the spirit world."



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Not Too Bright: "Human Cannonball"

CHARACTERS:

Not Too Bright

PROPS:

Not Too Bright costume, old photograph prop (not shown to kids)

DRAMA SCRIPT:

Teacher: The Bible tells us about many different people who were given visions by God.

Not Too Bright enters carrying an old photograph.

Not Too Bright: I had a vision! I had a vision!

Teacher: Mr. Not Too Bright?

Not Too Bright: Yeah, I had a vision. Can you believe it?

Teacher: You had a vision? What did you see?

Not Too Bright: There I was in a big top tent at the circus.

Teacher: You were at the circus with the elephants and acrobats?

Not Too Bright: Sure was. I was in the center ring by the trapeze when I saw myself.

Teacher: What were you doing in the vision?

Not Too Bright: I was laying in a huge cannon next to a sign that said, "The Human Cannonball".

Teacher: Wow, that is one wild vision. Why do you think the Lord gave it to you?

Not Too Bright: The Lord?

Teacher: Yeah, sometimes the Lord gives us visions through our spirit.

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NOT TOO BRIGHT: "Human Cannonball" Drama Script — Continued

Not Too Bright: The Lord didn't give it to me. My Nana Not Too Bright did!

Teacher: Wait, what do you mean your Nana Not Too Bright gave you a vision?

Not Too Bright: Here's my vision right here!

Teacher: Do you mean she gave you a picture?

Not Too Bright: Yeah, a vision, a picture, whatever.

Teacher: Mr. Not Too Bright, a vision and a picture are not the same thing.

Not Too Bright: Yeah they are!

Teacher: Why do you think they're the same thing?

Not Too Bright: Cause I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Oh, well let me help you to understand. A picture is a photograph, but a vision is when the Holy Spirit lets us see into the spirit world.

Not Too Bright: Like a time machine?

Teacher: No, not like a time machine.

Not Too Bright: Oh, I get it. So I'm gonna be a Human Cannonball like my vision picture.

Teacher: No, I doubt it. May I see your picture?

Not Too Bright: Here ya go.

Teacher examines the picture.

Teacher: Wow, the guy in the cannon looks just like you! Not Too Bright, this picture is dated nineteen thirty-five. Is this your Great Grandpa in the picture?

Not Too Bright: Yeah, that's Great Grand-Pappy Not Too Bright! He was a star in the circus.

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NOT TOO BRIGHT: “Human Cannonball” Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Oh, now I understand. It’s a picture of your Grandpa. It’s not a vision.

Not Too Bright: I think it could be a vision.

Teacher: Why do you still think it’s a vision?

Not Too Bright: Cause I’m Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Well, here’s your picture back. You don’t wanna lose it, but thanks for sharing it with us today.

Not Too Bright: Bye kids, I’m off to buy a vision album!

Not Too Bright exits with his picture.

Teacher: You mean a photo album! Oh man, that Not Too Bright never seems to learn. Don’t be like him kids, and be sure to pay attention if God gives you a vision.

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

The Spirit World

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Matthew 17:1-9

TAKE HOME POINT:

The spirit world is more real than the world you can see.

WHAT YOU NEED:

White poster board, yellow poster board, magic markers

PREPARATION:

Cut out a large figure of a boy from the white poster board. Cut out exact same figure from yellow poster board. Color the white poster board with face, clothes and shoes. Leave the yellow poster board blank except for the face.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Hold up the figures with the full color picture of "Teddy" in the front and the yellow copy behind it.)

How many of you can see "Teddy?"

(Most of the kids will raise their hands.)

"No, you can't. All you can see is Teddy's house. This is Teddy's house – his body, but this is the real Teddy (pull out the yellow picture that represents Teddy's spirit) – his spirit."

This is Teddy's house and this is Teddy. Teddy's spirit looks like his body. Our spirits are not blobs floating around. When we get to heaven we will recognize each other even though we won't have our bodies, because our spirits look like our bodies.

One day Jesus went up into a mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus' face began to glow brightly. The three disciples saw Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah. They saw a picture of the spirit world. How did they know it was Moses and Elijah? They knew because your spirit is the real you. Your spirit looks like you. In fact, the spirit world is more real than the world you can see.

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The Spirit World Object Lesson — *continued*

A vision is like a small picture of the spirit world. A vision lets you see into the spirit world.

- Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah.
- Mary, Joseph and the shepherds all saw angels.
- Elijah and Gehazi saw an army of angels.
- Paul was caught up to the third heaven.
- John saw a vision of the resurrected Lord.

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INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

What You Don't See

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** There is a whole world around us that we do not see.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** A chair, a pillow, a blanket, a blindfold, masking tape, one contestant.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - With the masking tape make a path across the front of the class.
 - Pick one older boy as your contestant.

Contestant will walk the path 3 times.

 - First time, no blindfold, nothing on the path.
 - Second time, blindfolded, put the chair, pillow and blanket in the path.
 - Third time, not blindfolded, keep the chair, pillow and blanket in the path.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

First Time: The first time, the contestant is not blindfolded and could see where he was going and there was nothing in his way.

Second time: The second time, the contestant was blindfolded and there were all kinds of things in his way that he could not see. He stumbled and fell. He could have gotten really hurt.

Third time: The third time the contestant was not blindfolded and could see the obstacles that were in the path and could walk around them and avoid them.

This is sort of like the world we live in. There is a spirit world all around us that we cannot see unless God allows us to and opens our eyes to see.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED:

Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE

TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Acts 2:17 says "...your young men will see ____."
A. heaven
B. hell
C. visions
D. all of the above
2. A vision is when the Holy Spirit lets you see into the ____.
A. ocean
B. space/time continuum
C. spirit world
D. Hidden City
3. What is a Bible example of someone who had a vision?
A. When Mary saw the angel Gabriel
B. When Peter, James, John and Jesus saw Moses and Elijah
C. When Paul was caught up to the third heaven
D. All of the above
4. What not to do:
A. Don't seek visions
B. Don't ask God to give you a vision
C. Don't try to use your imagination to create a vision
D. All of the above
5. The spirit world is more real than the world you can see.
A. True
B. False
C. Most of the time
D. All of the above



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Drama: Not Too Bright: "Human Cannonball" - Pages 5-7

_____ Not Too Bright Costume

_____ Old photograph prop

Object Lesson: The Spirit World - Pages 8-9

_____ White poster board

_____ Yellow poster board

_____ Magic markers

Inter-Active Object Lesson: What You Don't See- Page 10

_____ Chair

_____ Pillow

_____ Blanket

_____ Blindfold

_____ Masking tape

Small Group: God-Given Pictures

_____ Swim goggles (or sunglasses)

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?