

You can use the sessions in the pack in any order. Individual sessions can stand alone.

Choose sessions that relate easily to the experiences of your group ... or show the cartoons to the group, and ask them to choose.

There are different ways to combine the video and the pack...

- ✓ You may like to watch the whole video, before going on to the sessions in the pack
- ✓ You may like to use several sessions before you watch the video.
- ✓ If you're just using one session, you could look at the cartoon picture and share experiences, then watch the whole video, looking out for the relevant clip.

It really is up to you and your group to decide what will suit you. But we would recommend that when using the session materials, you begin with a cartoon and move on to looking at the story of Jesus.

LIVING WITH THE MIRACLE MAKER...

Using Unlock materials for the first time? Using Living with the Miracle Maker with a new group?

A daft idea?! (pages 8, 9 and 10) is a good starting point. It can begin with some lighthearted sharing of "daft things we've done".

Using Living with the Miracle Maker as a Lent course?

- What about ...
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| Week 1 | Show the whole video |
| Week 2 | Memories (Mary anticipating Jesus' death, the significance of the gift of myrrh) |
| Week 3 | A false claim? |
| Week 4 | "Just doing my job" |
| Week 5 | Prove it to me! |

Each session in the pack gives you 3 sheets:

A cartoon picture
You can photocopy this sheet to give one to each person in your group, or you could make a larger copy to share between you, or use as a poster.

A Bible passage
This can be used to back up the video clip—but it's not essential. Again, this can be photocopied for use in your group.

Some leader's notes
These give you some ideas of questions for the session, and let you know which part of the video to use.



THE MIRACLE MAKER: Jesus

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No-bed Bethlehem

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birth place of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby.



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BETHLEHEM BIRTH-DAY: Mary remembers Jesus birth

She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger - there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Luke 2v4-7

Night security staff hear voices

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went

away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2 v 8-20

Stars in their eyes

Soon afterwards some men who studied the stars came from the east to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

On their way, they saw the same star they had seen in the east. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to him.

Matthew 2 v 1-2, 9-11

You might like to ask people to bring a special photo with them to this session?



MEMORIES LEADER'S NOTES

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a wedding photo
Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- How do you think the people are related to each other?
- Was it a happy day or a sad day?
- Why is the older woman crying?
- What changes are about to happen in their lives?
- Where is the photo album kept?
- What is in the older woman's handbag?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

(If people have brought photos, share them here.)

- Do you have any memories of people who mean a lot to you?
- Have you ever let someone go?
- Have you ever done something that's upset others in your family?
- What special things bring back memories for you?
- You may also like to think about special memories in the life of the group that is using this pack.

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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You can use the Bible passage as well as the video if you want to, but



The video clip starts after about 5 minutes of the video, and lasts about 3 minutes.

It is the scene where Mary is remembering Jesus as a boy in the temple, and the events surrounding his birth
The dialogue that comes just before it is "We should never have come to this terrible city", as Jairus and Tamar are leaving Sephoris.
It ends with the words "the doorway into life" and Mary looks at Jesus.

Background notes

One of the gifts brought for Jesus was myrrh. It was traditionally used in funeral rites, and in the healing of wounds.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of Mary and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of Mary and Jesus?

Luke 2 v4-20 & Matthew 2 v1,2, 9



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TAKE A BREAK: Jesus gives time to Martha

Women in the kitchen?

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching.

Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10v38-42





BUSY WOMAN?! LEADER'S NOTES

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group

Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a kitchen

Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- What is the woman doing? How does she feel?
- What else could she be doing?
- What do you think she should be doing? Why?
- Why is she in this situation?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Have you ever rushed around looking after other people?
- What different things do you try to balance in your life?
- Have you ever felt someone else wasn't pulling their weight?
- Has anyone ever encouraged you to make time for what you need?

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The video clip starts after about 12 minutes of the video, and lasts about 2 minutes. It is the scene where Jesus goes to a meal with Lazarus, Mary and Martha

The dialogue that comes just before it is: "You shall not put your God to the test", at the end of Jesus temptations. It ends as Mary says "on earth as it is in heaven."

Background notes

Only men were allowed to sit and learn from religious leaders. When Mary was sitting with Jesus, learning from Him, Jesus was treating her with value not usually given to women.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of Martha, Mary and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of Martha, Mary and Jesus?

Luke 10 v38-42



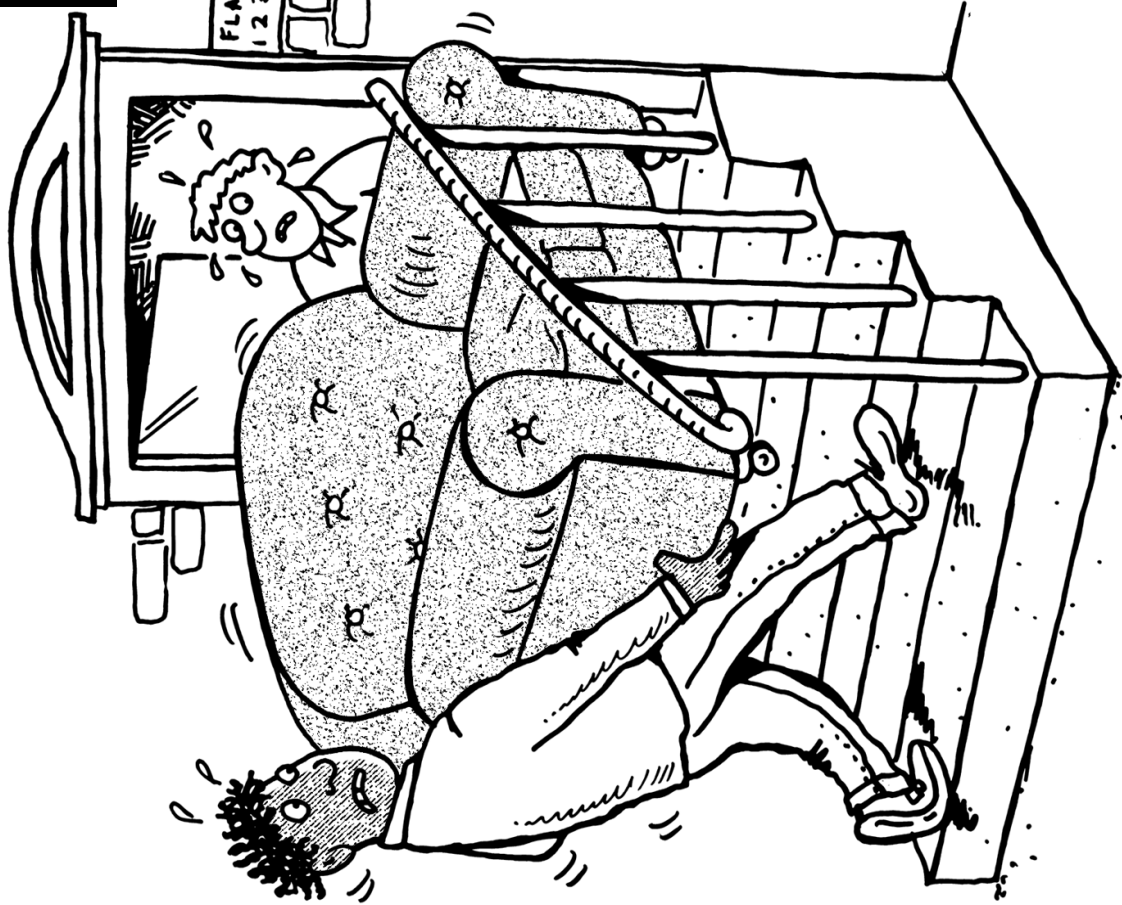
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A DAFT IDEA?! ... or more than you expected?



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... or more than you expected?

One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the Word of God.

He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats - it belonged to Simon - and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd.

Push off Simon

When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch."

Mid-day madness

"Master," Simon

answered, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets." They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!"

He and the others with him

were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Beached boats

They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Luke 5 verses 1-11



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PHOTO FINS: Jesus helps Simon and Andrew land the catch of fish

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Give out the **cartoon pictures** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, men carrying a settee, babies
Then ask **"What are these pictures about?"**

- Why are the men carrying the settee?
- Where are they taking it?
- Whose idea was it for them to move the settee?
- Will they get it moved to where they want it?
- Is the woman related to the babies?
- What changes are happening to the lives of the babies' parents?
- Were the parents surprised by the babies, or did they expect all 6?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Has anyone ever got you to do something you felt was a daft idea?
- Have you ever been part of a group that's pulled together to handle something?
- Have you ever received something you didn't expect?
- Have you ever received far more than you expected?
- Has this group ever done something daft? Has it ever been surprised by something good?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

This part is to help people link their stories with the stories of people who met Jesus.

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The **video clip** starts after about 18 minutes of the video, and lasts about 5 minutes. It is the scene where Jesus goes with Simon Peter and Andrew onto the boat. The dialogue that comes just before it is: "Dream of your Messiah, Judas, dream of your house with hot baths." It ends as Jesus says "Don't be afraid, Simon. From today I'm going to make you a fisher of men." This video clip goes straight into the clip for Can't come in!

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?
What light does the story of Simon Peter and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of Simon Peter and Jesus?

Luke 5 v1-



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CAN'T COME IN!

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DIY—SOS: Mates carry man to Jesus

Full house

One day when Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of the Law were sitting there who had come from every town in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was present for Jesus to heal the sick.

Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a bed, and they tried to take him into the house and put him in front of Jesus. Because of the crowd however, they could find no way to take him in.

DIY SOS

So they carried him up on the roof, made an opening in the tiles, and let him down on his bed into the middle of the group in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man, “Your sins are forgiven, my friend.”

The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who speaks such blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins!”

Man told “Go home!”

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Why do you think such things? Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? I will prove to you, then, that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralysed man, “I tell you, get up, pick up your bed, and go home!”

At once the man got up in front of them all, took the bed he had been lying on, and went home, praising God.

Luke 5 v17-25





CAN'T COME IN! LEADER'S NOTES

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, football supporters

Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- Who wants to go through the gate?
- Why are some people inside and some outside?
- What is stopping them getting in? What is the barrier?
- What do they feel like on the outside?

Then ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Have you ever felt left out?
- Did anyone help you get in, or did you stay outside?
- What stops you feeling part of the action?
- What barriers stop you doing what you want to?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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You can use the Bible passage as well as the video if

you want to, but you don't have to.



This video clip follows directly on from the clip for A daft idea?! and goes straight into the clip for Woman behaving badly? It starts after about 23 minutes of the video, and lasts about 3 minutes.

It is the scene where a paralysed man is let through the roof to Jesus, by his friends.
The dialogue that comes just before it is: "I must prepare a report on this Jesus and take it back to Jerusalem"
It ends as the man says "I've been healed" 4 times, and dances in the street.

Background notes

It was accepted that sin caused illness.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of this man and Jesus give to our own stories?

What light do our own stories give to the story of this man and Jesus?

Luke 5 v17-25



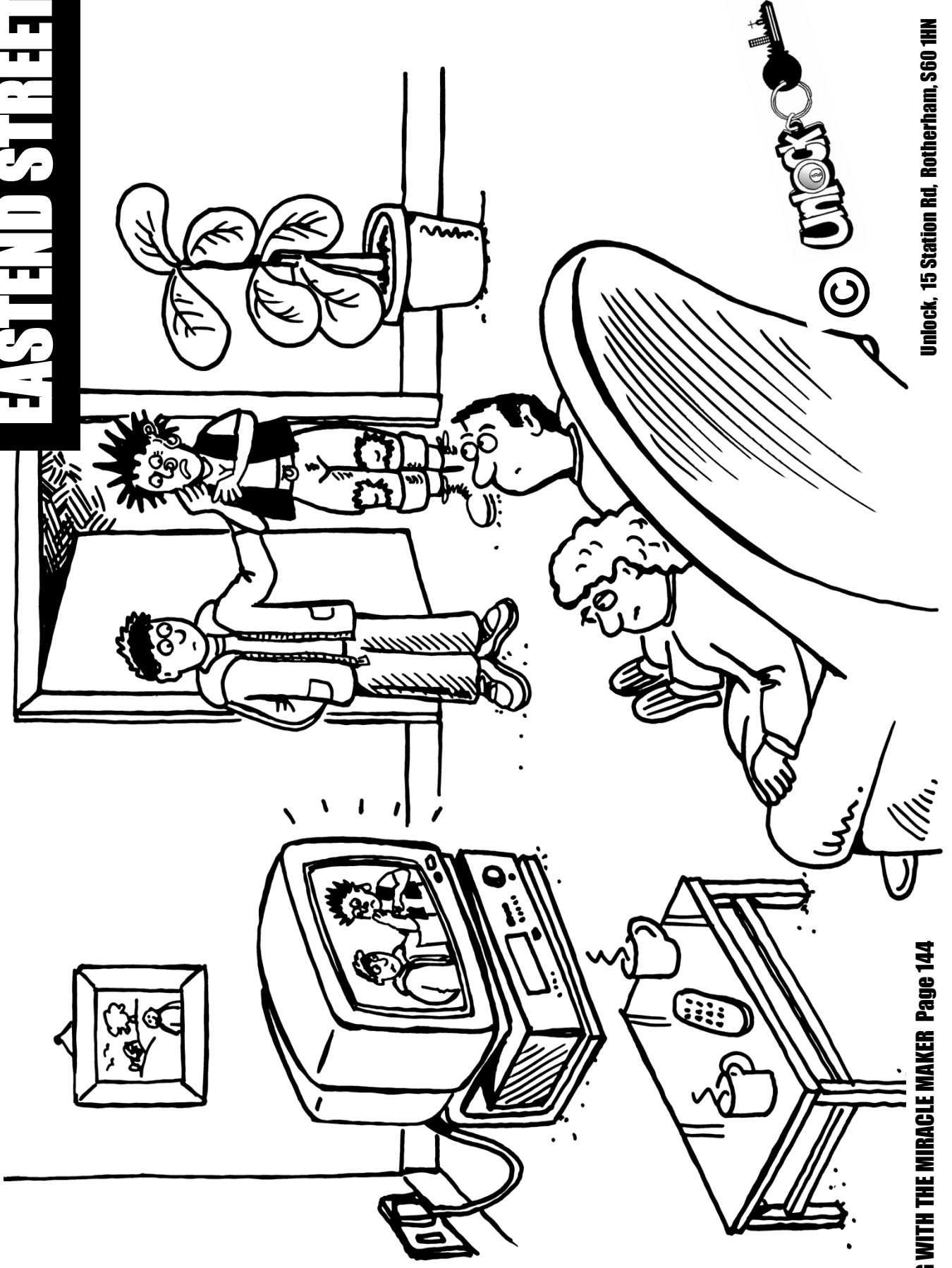
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EASTEND STREET



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When Jesus returned to the other side of the lake, the people welcomed him, because they had all been waiting for him.

Religious leader on his knees

Then a man named Jairus arrived; he was an official in the local synagogue.

He threw himself down at Jesus' feet and begged him to go to his home, because his only daughter, who was twelve years old, was dying.

(Jesus was then delayed by other business)

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ALIVE: Jairus' daughter Tamar, restored to life by Jesus

A messenger came from the official's house. "Your daughter has died," he told Jairus; "don't bother the Teacher any longer."

But Jesus heard it and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; only believe, and she will be well."

When he arrived at the house, he would not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother.

Everyone there was crying and mourning for the child. Jesus said, "Don't cry; the

child is not dead—she is only sleeping!"

They all laughed at him, because they knew that she was dead.

Breakfast party

But Jesus took her by the hand and called out, "Get up, my child!" Her life returned, and she got up at once, and Jesus ordered them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded, but Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Luke 8 verses 40-42 and 49-56



Watching the soaps on TV this week may give you some good extra discussion material!



EASTEND STREET LEADER'S NOTES

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Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, people watching a TV

Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- Are the 4 people related?
- What do you think the girl is saying?
- What are the older couple saying to the young people at the door?
- What happens next?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Have you ever experienced a disagreement between parents and a young person (or a young person and someone older)?
- Have you ever asked for help, even if it meant losing face?
- Have you ever been part of a family row?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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The video clip starts after about 30 minutes of the video, and lasts about 9 minutes.

It is the scene where Jairus decides to go to Jesus, and Jesus heals Tamar.

The dialogue that comes just before it is: "One more. One more. Matthew, the tax collector". "That traitor" " Follow me"

It ends as Jesus says "She's hungry, fetch her something to eat." Tamar says "I'm alright" and dances in the street. The clip for Don't show me up! is included within this clip.

Background notes

The synagogue was the centre of earning.

Jairus would have been seen as one of the most educated people around.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of Jairus and Jesus give to our own stories?

What light do our own stories give to the story of Jairus and Jesus?

Luke 8 v40-42 and 49-52



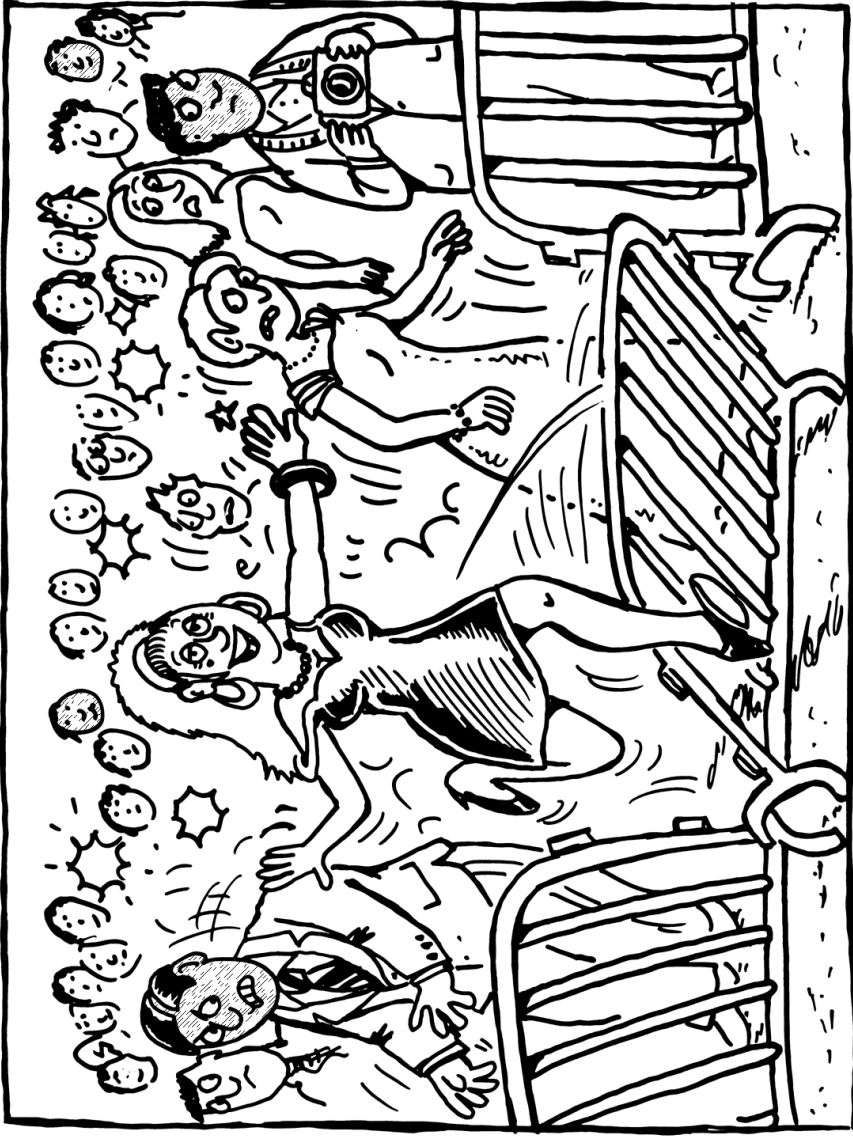
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WOMAN BEHAVING BADLY!



Gatecrashing woman causes havoc amongst the stars...



WOMAN BEHAVING BADLY?

A Pharisee invited Jesus to have dinner with him, and Jesus went to his house and sat down to eat.

In that town was a woman who lived a sinful life. She heard that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, so she brought an alabaster jar full of perfume and stood behind Jesus, by his feet, crying and wetting his feet with her tears. Then she dried his feet with her hair, kissed them, and poured the perfume on them.



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GATECRASHING: woman causes havoc amongst the religious leaders

Wash and know

When the Pharisee saw this, he said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet, he would know who this woman is who is touching him; he would know what kind of sinful life she lives!"

Jesus spoke up and said to him, Simon, I have something to tell you." "Yes, Teacher," he said, "tell me."

Loan sharks tale

"There were two men who owed money to a money-lender," Jesus began.. One owed him five hundred silver coins, and the other owed him fifty. Neither of them

could pay him back, so he cancelled the debts of both. Which one, then, will love him more?"

"I suppose," answered Simon, "that it would be the one who was forgiven more." "You are right," said Jesus. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your home, and you gave me no water for my feet, but she has washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You did not welcome me with a kiss, but she has not stopped kissing my feet since I came. You provided no olive oil for my head, but she has covered my feet with perfume. I tell you, then, the great love

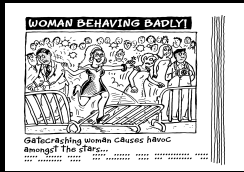
she has shown proves that her many sins have been forgiven. But whoever has been forgiven little shows only a little love."

Jesus forgives

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." The others sitting at the table began to say to themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" But Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7 v36-50





WOMAN BEHAVING BADLY?

LEADER'S NOTES

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a newspaper story
Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- Why has the woman broken through the crash barrier?
- Who has put up the crash barrier? Why?
- Who has the woman upset? Why?
- What will the crowd say?
- What will she feel when she sees her picture in the paper?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Have you ever broken the rules?
- Have you ever been so determined to do something, that you didn't care what people thought?
- Have you ever pushed your way in somewhere?
- Have you ever felt as if other people didn't want you around?
- Have you ever wished you could be a bit more daring?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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The **video clip** starts after about 27 minutes of the video, and lasts about 6 minutes.

It contains the scenes where Mad Mary is healed, and then she "gatecrashes" the dinner party at the home of Simon the Pharisee. The dialogue that comes just before it is: The paralysed man says "I've been healed" 4 times, and dances in the street. It ends as Jesus says "Be at peace" and Mary leaves.

Background notes

The woman was touching Jesus in ways associated with prostitution: with her loose hair and perfume.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of this woman and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of this woman and Jesus?

Luke 7 v36-50



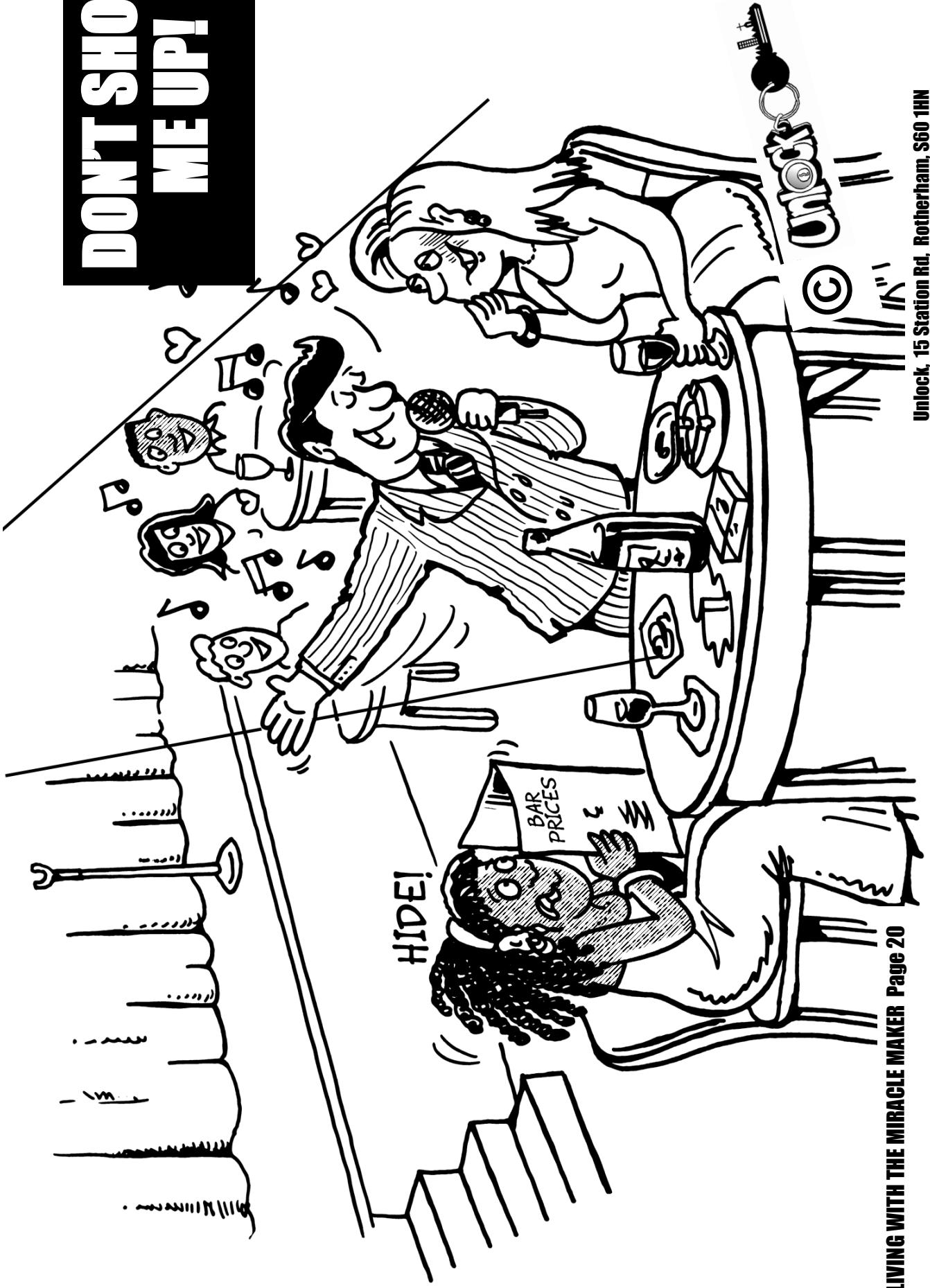
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**DON'T SHOW
ME UP!**



HIDE!

DON'T SHOW ME UP!

Health care scandal Doctors fees for 12 years, but no cure



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HEALED: woman touches Jesus cloak

Doctors turn backs on woman's health

As Jesus went along, the people were crowding him from every side. Among them was a woman who had suffered from severe bleeding for twelve years; she had spent all she had on doctors, but no one had been able to cure her

unclean woman

She came up in the crowd behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once. Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master the people are all round you and crowding in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I knew it when power went out of me."

had been found out, so she came trembling and threw herself at Jesus' feet. There in front of everybody, she told him why she had touched him, and how she had been healed at once. Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Luke 8 v 42b-48

Jesus touched by

Faith healing

The woman saw that she



DON'T SHOW ME UP!

LEADER'S NOTES

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a singer

Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- Why has the man come down from the stage?
- What is he singing?
- One woman is in the spotlight. How does she feel?
- Why is the other woman hiding?
- What do the people at the other table think?

Ask **"Does the picture ring any bells with real life?"**

- Has anyone ever made a fuss of you in public, and embarrassed you?
- Have you ever tried to stay in the background and avoid the spotlight?
- Have you ever sat back and watched someone else get noticed?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

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You can use the Bible passage as well as the video if you want to, but you don't have to.

The **video clip** starts after about 35 minutes of the video, and lasts about 2 minutes.

It is the scene where the woman touched the edge of Jesus clothes.

The dialogue that comes just before it is people in the crowd saying "It's Jairus, Jairus." "The leader of the synagogue."

It ends as Jesus says to the woman. "Your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

This video clip is included within the clip for Eastend Street.



Background notes

There were religious rules connected with menstruation. The woman's continued bleeding would have meant she was socially excluded. Contact with her would have made Jesus religiously unclean.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of the woman and Jesus give to our own stories?

What light do our own stories give to the story of the woman and Jesus?

Luke 8 v 42b-48



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A FALSE CLAIM?



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When day came, the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law met together, and Jesus was brought before the Council. "Tell us," they said, "are you the Messiah?"

He answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me; and if I ask you a question, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated on the right of Almighty God."

They all said, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He answered them, "You say that I am."

And they said, "We don't need any witnesses! We ourselves have heard what he said!"



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QUESTIONS: Caiaphas challenges Jesus

Luke 22 v66-71

Misleading Messiah?

The whole group rose up and took Jesus before Pilate, where they began to accuse him: "We caught this man misleading our people, telling them not to pay taxes to the Emperor and claiming that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"So you say," answered Jesus.

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no reason to condemn this man."

Riots spreading

But they insisted even more strongly, "With his teaching he is starting a riot among the people all through Judea. He began in Galilee and now has come here."

Push-over Pilate

When Pilate heard this, he asked, "Is this man a Galilean?" When he learnt that Jesus was from the region ruled by Herod, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very pleased when he saw Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been wanting to see him for a long time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some miracle. So Herod asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus made no answer.

The chief priests and the teachers of the Law stepped forward and made strong accusations against Jesus. Herod and his soldiers mocked Jesus and treated him with contempt; then they put a fine robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. On that very day Herod and Pilate became friends; before this they had been enemies.

Luke 23 v1-12



A FALSE CLAIM? LEADER'S NOTES

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a man filling in a form
Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- Why is the man filling in a form?
- What is the woman doing?
- What separates them?
- How do they come to be on different sides of the desk?
- Who has the most power?

Ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Which side of the desk do you feel you are on?
- Have you (or someone you know) ever been pushed from one authority to another?
- Has anyone tried to catch you out with awkward questions?
- Have you, or someone you know, ever been accused of breaking the rules?
- Have you ever had to make sure someone obeyed a rule?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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You can use the Bible passage as well as the video if you want to, but you don't have to.



The video clip starts after about 61 minutes of the video, and lasts about 9 minutes.

It is the scene where Jesus is arrested and brought to Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod. The dialogue that comes just before it is: "Father, your will be done"
It ends after Jairus says "They've taken him, they're killing him."
This video clip goes straight into the clip for Just doing my job.
Another way to use the video for this session is to look for the build up of tension between Jesus and the religious and political authorities throughout the video.

Background notes:

*Herod was a puppet head of state, allowed to remain in place by the occupying Romans.
Pilate was the representative of Rome.
The elders and chief priests were the Jewish religious leaders.*

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does this story of the authorities and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of the authorities and Jesus?

Luke 22 v66-71 & 23 v1-12



Releasing Life changing skills and confidence

This part is to help people think about changes for themselves and others.

"What difference will this make for us and our neighbours?"



"JUST DOING MY JOB"



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“JUST DOING MY JOB”

Public execution

Two other men, both of them criminals, were also led out to be put to death with Jesus. **When they came to the place called “The Skull”, they crucified Jesus there**, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, “Forgive them, Father! They don’t know what they are doing.” They divided his clothes among themselves by throwing dice. The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at him: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!”

The soldiers also mocked

him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, “Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!”

Night at midday

It was about twelve o’clock when the sun stopped shining and darkness covered the whole country until three o’clock; and the curtain hanging in the Temple was torn in two. Jesus cried in a loud voice, “Father! In your hands I place my spirit!” He said this and died.

Officer offers praise to God

The army officer saw what had happened, and he praised God, saying, “*He really was the Son of God!*”^{*} When the people who had gathered there to watch the spectacle saw what happened, they all went back home, beating their breasts in sorrow. All those who knew Jesus personally, including the woman who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance to watch.

Luke 23 v32-38, 44-49

** This statement is taken from Matthew 27v54*



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CRUCIFIXION: The Son of God





“JUST DOING MY JOB” LEADER’S NOTES

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **“What do you see?”** for example, a supermarket

Then ask **“What is this picture about?”**

- Why does the man have a bottle in his pocket?
- Has the security guard been keeping an eye on the man, or has he just spotted him?
- How does the security guard feel about stopping the man?
- Does anyone else notice what is happening?
- What happens next?

Then ask **“Does this ring any bells with real life?”**

- Have you ever had to obey orders and do your job, even if you didn't want to?
- Have you ever found yourself caught up in a situation you're not really part of?
- Have you ever had to wear a uniform?
- Have you ever watched while someone was wrongly accused?

Ask **“What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?”**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

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This video clip starts after about 70 minutes of the video, and lasts about 5 minutes. It follows directly on from the clip for A false claim?, and goes straight into the clip for Prove it to me!

It is the scene where Jesus is crucified.

The dialogue that comes just before it is Pilate saying “I'm washing my hands of all of you, all of you. Deal with their king according to Roman law.”

It ends after Mary, at the tomb, says “My Lord, he's gone, he's gone”.

Background notes

Crucifixion was a common form of execution under Roman law.

The curtain divided the sanctuary from the body of the Temple. The High Priest went through it only once a year.

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?
What light does the story of the army officer and Jesus give to our own stories?
What light do our own stories give to the story of the army officer and Jesus?

Luke 23 v32-38, 44-49



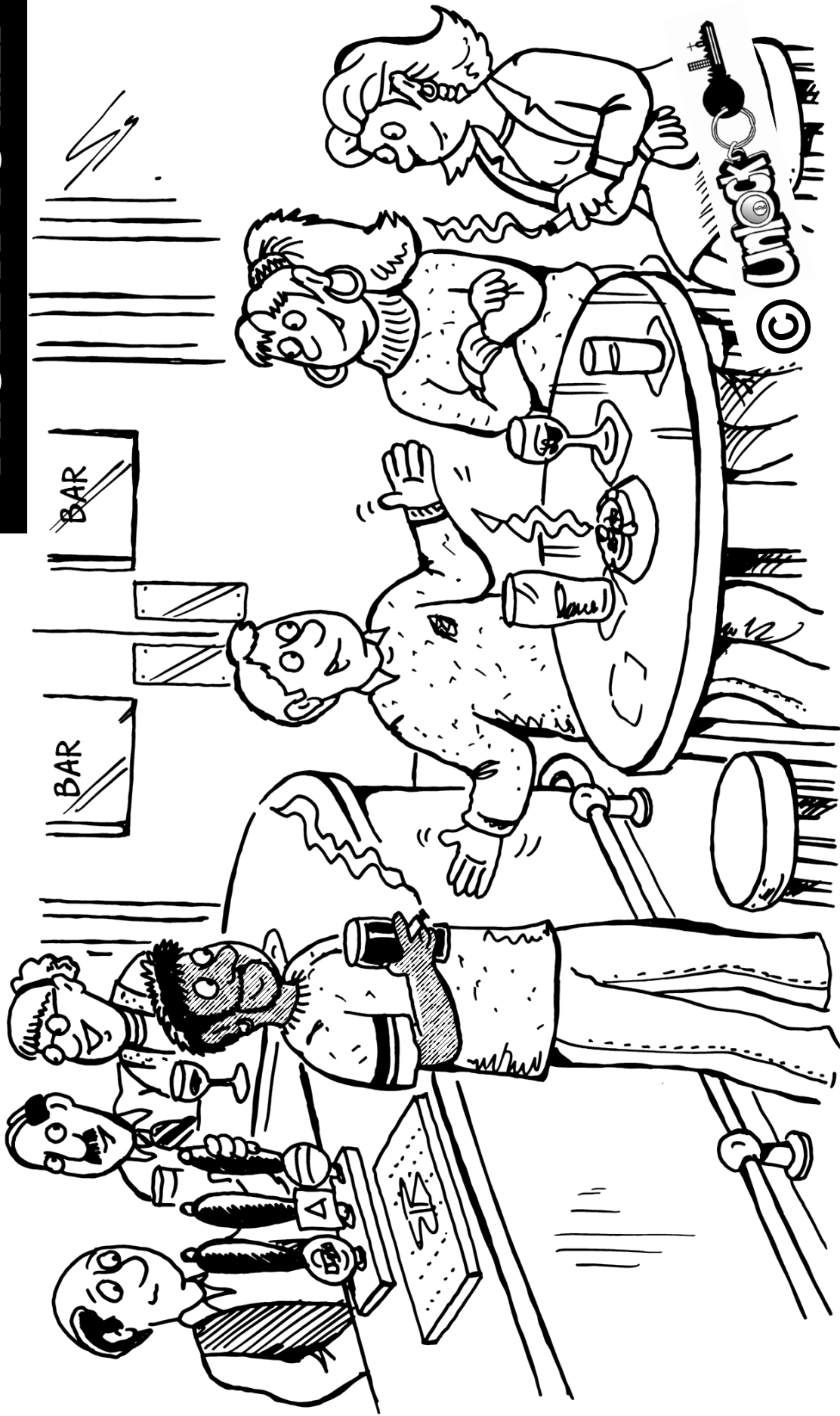
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PROVE IT TO ME!



“Jesus alive and walking through locked doors” claim his disciples

PROVE IT TO ME!

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

Behind closed doors

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting,

and believe!” Thomas answered him, **“My Lord and my God!”**

Not seeing is believing?

Jesus said to him, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

John 20 v 24-29



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SEEING IS BELIEVING: Thomas with the risen Jesus



PROVE IT TO ME! LEADER'S NOTES

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

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Give out the **cartoon picture** to each person in the group
Ask **"What do you see?"** for example, a pub

Then ask **"What is this picture about?"**

- One man has his arms wide. What do you think he's telling the others?
- What are the two women at the table thinking? What will they say?
- One man is walking across with a drink. What will he say when he sits down?
- What do the older couple and the barman think. Have they noticed the man with his arms wide?

Then ask **"Does this ring any bells with real life?"**

- Have you ever needed a lot of convincing about something?
- Have you ever taken someone at their word without needing proof?
- Have others ever doubted what you've told them?

Ask **"What links can you see between the real life stories shared in this group?"**

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

This part is to help people link their stories with the stories of people who met Jesus.

You can use the Bible passage as well as the video if you want to, but you don't have to.



This video clip starts after about 74 minutes of the video, and lasts about 7 minutes (or a couple of minutes more to the end of the video!)

It follows directly on from the clip for Just doing my job. It is the scenes where Jesus followers see him alive again. The dialogue that comes just before it is Mary at the tomb saying, "My Lord, he's gone, he's gone". It ends as Jesus says to Thomas, "Yes you believe because you've seen me Thomas, but even happier are those who will believe without ever seeing me at all."

Can you make any connections between your stories and the video clip?

What light does the story of Thomas and Jesus give to our own stories?

What light do our own stories give to the story of Thomas and Jesus?

John 20 v24-29



Releasing Life changing skills and confidence

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Unlock's method

These notes assume that a group leader has some basic experience and understanding of working with groups.

A good small book with over 70 drawings (many humorous) is Once upon a group, by Michael and Maggie Kindred, Price £5 plus £1 P&P, from 4M Publications, 20 Dover Street, Southwell, Notts NG25 0EZ

The usual method of Bible study

Most Bible studies begin with text, moving on to analysis of the text, and deduction of general principles. This provides a logical framework, and the person stores the information (in his/her mind, in note form or on disc) for use when needed. It requires a way of thinking and communicating which is based on book and lecture (linear) methods of learning. This is not appropriate for a growing number of people.



Unlock's method of Bible study (used in this pack)

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

Starting from a cartoon picture, people share their real life experiences.



Releasing life changing skills and confidence

Change happens as a result of linking real life experiences with the Bible.

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

They compare their real life stories with similar situations in the story of those who met Jesus in the video. (The pack also includes Bible passages on individual pages, for optional use with a group.)

...leading to more experiences, and the process continues ...

Do you want more sessions? Then **Do It Yourself!**

What are the issues in the group? Encourage them to share their experiences of what's important to them

Think together ...

Are there any scenes from the video that link with the stories?

Are there any other Bible stories that come to mind?



Some hints for the group leaders!

This pack is based on stories—peoples own stories and the story of the people meeting Jesus.

Be positive about everyone's contribution! There are no right and wrong answers when it comes to stories. If you've got some Bible knowledge, use it to help the group when it's useful—it's an added extra, not the starting point!.

You will need to decide as a group leader where you draw the line and say "No, you can't say that about this Bible passage." Our experience has been that taking risks and being positive about whatever people say brings new energy to passages you may have looked at many of times before, as the Biblical story engages with peoples' experiences.

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

This part is to encourage people to share their everyday life experiences. It is not expecting "spiritual" answers, and there is no right and wrong. Begin by giving out the picture for the session., and use the questions on the leaders page to take you through a process:

Ask "What do you see?" The idea of this part is to make sure the group has some common understanding about what the picture is—or at least people know if they are seeing something differently from others.

Ask "What is this picture about?" Some suggested questions are given in the leaders notes for each session, but add your own! The idea is to get under the surface of the picture. Again, there's no right and wrong answers! Continuing to ask "Why?" can often take a group deeper in to looking at the root causes of some situations.

Ask "Does this ring any bells with real life?" The idea of this part is to encourage group members to share some of their own experiences. What they say will depend largely on how long the group has been going, and how much they trust each other—but be ready to be surprised! It could be that someone's shared story will mean that you, or others, will need to offer support outside the group.

Ask "What links you can see between your stories"? Placing one story next to another shows solidarity.

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

This part is to give people an opportunity to move from their stories to the story of those who encountered Jesus.

Show the relevant clip from the video of "The Miracle Maker"

Ask

"Can you make any links between your stories and the story on the video?"

"What light does the story of the people who met Jesus give to our own stories?"

"What light do our stories give to the story of the people who met Jesus?"

Don't forget, there are no wrong answers. Be ready to be surprised by the Holy Spirit's revelations to the group—and be ready to learn. A lot of Bible studies are designed to help the group leader get a preset message across. This pack is designed to give the story of Jesus to people who can make sense of it from their own situation.

You may want to refer to the actual Bible text here, but it's not essential. (You can make copies of the Bible page for each person to have one, or someone could read it to the group.)

Releasing life changing skills and confidence

This part is to encourage change for individuals and groups, and may lead to change among those around them.

"What difference will this make for us?"

It might be something the group can do. It might be a change of attitude (a positive outcome!)

...and this gives more experiences to unlock, and the process continues....



More information about



Who are we?

Unlock is a Christian organisation that has been around for over 35 years. It exists to help urban churches of any denomination to respond to the challenges in their areas. We are especially concerned with communication in a tabloid (non-book) culture.

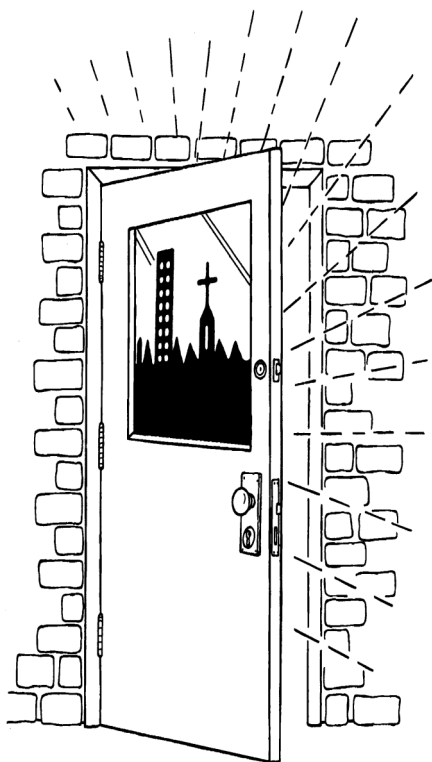
What do we do?

As well as our team of workers, we publish a variety of group Bible study packs, games, Lent courses and audit materials.

"Unlock more than you think" would give you more ideas about using Unlock's methods. This and several other Unlock resources are available to download free from our website www.unlock-urban.org.uk

What don't we do?!

We don't offer pre-packaged answers. Each group has to struggle with its own unique situation, and we offer to assist in that process. What we do will depend on the need being felt. We'll try to find someone from our team of workers to help you!



Please send me

- more information about Unlock and its resources
- information about Unlock workshops in my area (to find out more about using Unlock methods—for church leaders, house group leaders, etc)

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THE MIRACLE MAKER video ...

S4C Films presents The Miracle Maker with the participation of British Screen and Icon Entertainment International, in association with Cartwn Cymru and Christmas Films. Video distribution is through Icon Home Entertainment, Warner Home Video and Bible Society.

An accurate and entrancing portrayal of the gospel story ... Set in first century Israel, a sick young girl encounters a strangely compelling carpenter who performs miracles, draws together a band of followers and confronts corrupt authority before his inevitable execution and its surprising outcome. Find yourself irresistibly involved in the power struggles, the passion, the despair and the elation of the man who is "The Miracle Maker."



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LIVING WITH THE MIRACLE MAKER...

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This pack helps you get under the skin of some of the characters in the story, as they met Jesus—not just the ones who get noticed a lot, but also some who are a bit more in the background.

The cartoons are designed to encourage small groups to talk about their own stories of life, and then compare them with the story of Jesus—The Miracle Maker.

We can imagine the pack being used with small groups of people, and with families at home.

It could provide

- an introduction to the Christian faith for those who prefer to watch a video, rather than read a book
- an opportunity for Christians to again encounter the living Christ who changes lives.

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