



Prayer Of Intercession

MEMORY VERSE: **Romans 8:26**, “...the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (NASB)

TAKE HOME POINT: The prayer of intercession is standing in the gap for someone else.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three points to this lesson:

1. What “intercede” means.
2. Why do we intercede?
3. The Holy Spirit will help us to intercede.

The word intercede means “to stand in the gap.”

When you pray this prayer, you are standing in the gap between God the Father and your friend. Your friend doesn’t know God, but you do, so you are praying for your friend to get saved or to become a Christian.

Why do we need to intercede? How come lost people don’t just get saved? The devil has blinded the minds of unsaved people. They cannot see. The Bible says that satan is the “god of this world.” (2 Corinthians 4:4) That means that the devil is the boss of the people that don’t know Jesus, but they don’t realize it. They don’t know they are blinded by the devil. When we intercede for lost people, it takes the blindfold off of their eyes so they can see the light of the Gospel and get saved. This is why it’s best to pray for people before you tell them about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit will help you intercede. (Romans 8:26) You may not know how to pray for your lost friend. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you intercede and He will. The Holy Spirit lives inside of you and He will give you the words to pray. (He wants your friend to get saved too.)



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #11
_____	6. Bottom Line:	The prayer of intercession is standing in the gap for someone else.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Romans 8:26, "...the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." (NASB)
_____	8. Drama:	Not Too Bright: "Jedi Training"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Blinded By The Darkness
_____	10. Short Film:	"Hands Free Intercession
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Peel First Then Eat
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Episode #11

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question “**What is the Bottom Line?**” Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question “**What is the Memory Verse?**” Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



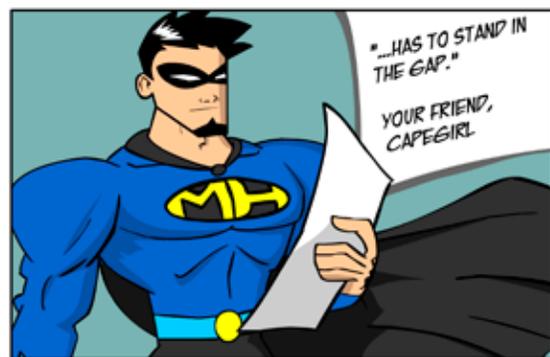
Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Not Too Bright: “Jedi Training”

TAKE HOME POINT: We can intercede on behalf of those that don’t know how to pray for themselves.

CHARACTERS: Not Too Bright

WHAT YOU NEED: An apple, or other everyday object
A table
A light saber, toy sword, or any other “sword-like” object

Drama Script:

Teacher: One type of prayer that the Bible talks about in the book of Romans is intercession. Now to intercede means to stand in the gap. This is the type of prayer we pray for people who don’t know how to pray for themselves.

(Not Too Bright enters carrying the light saber.)

NTB: Bzwong! Bzzzz! Bishwong!

Teacher: What are you doing?

NTB: I’m using The Force!

Teacher: The what?

NTB: The Force! I’ve been watching sci-fi movies for a month straight without sleep, so I could learn how to use The Force and have super powers!

Teacher: Why do you think that watching sci-fi movies will give you super powers?

NTB: Cause I’m Not Too Bright!

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Not Too Bright: “Jedi Training” Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Oh, I get it. Why do you want super powers anyway?

NTB: So I can protect people that can't protect themselves.

Teacher: But we can do that Not Too Bright, we can intercede for them.

NTB: Intercede? What does that mean?

Teacher: It means to stand in the gap for them.

NTB: Gap? What gap?

Teacher: The gap between them and the answer to the prayer. The gap between them and God.

NTB: But then the good guys would win.

Teacher: We want the good guys to win, don't you?

NTB: No, I want the bad guys to win.

Teacher: Why in the world would you want the bad guys to win?

NTB: Cause I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Well, we want to help those that can't help themselves, but we want to do it for good, not evil.

NTB: I just wanna have super powers and the bad guys have all the best super powers in the sci-fi movies.

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Not Too Bright: "Jedi Training" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: What kind of super powers do they have?

NTB: Like blaster guns and The Force.

Teacher: You're a little mixed up, but those things aren't real. It's just in a movie you watched.

NTB: Nuh uh, The Force is real. I'll prove it!

Teacher: How are you going to do that?

NTB: I'll...I'll use The Force!

Teacher: You'll use The Force?

NTB: Yeah, I'll use The Force to move that apple.

(Not Too Bright stands a few steps away from the apple that sits on the table)

Teacher: But that's the apple for the object lesson later in the service.

NTB: Well, I'm gonna use The Force and make it fly across the room and into my mouth.

Teacher: You can't do that! The Force is just something George Lucas made up for the movie. It's not real.

NTB: Oh yeah? Watch!

(Not Too Bright tries really hard to use The Force. He squints his eyes, grunts, puts out his arm and makes motions to try to make the apple fly over to him.)

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Not Too Bright: "Jedi Training" Drama Script — Continued

NTB: I just don't get it. It didn't work.

Teacher: I told you, The Force is just pretend, but you know what's real?

NTB: What's real?

Teacher: The power of prayer, and we can unleash it when we intercede for someone else. Do you want to intercede for someone?

NTB: No, no way!

Teacher: You mean you didn't learn your lesson?

NTB: Duh, what lesson?

Teacher: About being a good guy, and interceding for someone else.

NTB: Why would I want to do that?

Teacher: Why didn't you learn your lesson?

NTB: Cause I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Ah, just go home Not Too Bright. I don't think you'll ever learn your lesson.

NTB: Bzwong! Bzzzz! Bishwong!

(Not Too Bright swings the light saber as he exits.)

Teacher: Kids, maybe it's time we start interceding for Not Too Bright.

The End



OBJECT LESSON *Blinded By The Darkness*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: **2 Corinthians 4:4**, *“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ...should shine unto them.”* (NJV)

TAKE HOME POINT: Satan has blinded the eyes of unsaved people so they don't know that they need to be saved. When we intercede for the lost, it takes this blindfold off so they can clearly see the light of the Gospel.

WHAT YOU NEED: A blindfold
Small flashlight

TO THE TEACHER:

- Select two children to help you.

At the beginning of class have them stand to your side:

- One child holds the flashlight.
- As you begin, put the blindfold on the 2nd child.
- Make sure the blindfold is thick enough to not see through.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

The Bible tells us that satan has blinded the minds of unsaved people, so they can't see the light. A lot of people don't know they need to be saved because the devil has blinded their minds. Have you ever told someone about Jesus who didn't want to be saved? That is because the devil has blinded their mind. They don't know they need Jesus.

(Have the child with the flashlight on the other side of the room. Take the blindfolded child and spin him around, then tell him to go towards the light. Take a few minutes to do this and then bring the blindfolded child back to your side.)

If someone has a blindfold go to they can't see anything. They can't see where they are going and they can't see any light. To help this person you would take the blindfold off of them. That is what we do

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Blinded By The Darkness Object Lesson — Continued

when we intercede. We take the blindfold off of them. We should intercede for people before we tell them about Jesus.

How many of you have friends and relatives that don't know Jesus. Maybe an uncle or possibly your grandma doesn't know the Lord. Why don't they just get saved? Because the devil has tricked them into thinking they don't have to. We can't make our lost friends and family get saved, but there is something we can do. What can we do?

We can stand in the gap and pray for our lost friends and relatives. Standing in the gap or interceding takes the blinders off their spiritual eyes so they can see the light.

(Take the blindfold off of the child and now tell him to go to the light.)

If you don't know how to stand in the gap, that is okay. In the Bible it says when I don't know how to pray the Holy Spirit will help me. (Romans 8:26) The Holy Spirit is our helper. He wants our lost friends to get saved too. You don't have to wait to stand in the gap. You can do it today. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words.

See how easy it was when the blindfold was taken off, for the person to go to the light? That is how it is when we intercede for the lost.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

Peel First Then Eat

- ▶ **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** *Before you witness to lost people, you need to intercede for them.*
- ▶ **WHAT YOU NEED:** 1 table
5 oranges (easy to peel)
Paper towels
- ▶ **CONTESTANTS:** 4 Contestants (It will be easier with older children)
- ▶ **PREPARATION:** Place the 4 oranges on the table.
- ▶ **INSTRUCTIONS:** Race to see who can peel and eat the orange the fastest. The first one done is the winner.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

(Hold 1 orange in your hand, after the race.)

Did you notice that each contestant had to “peel” their oranges before they could eat them? This reminds me of the prayer of intercession. Before I can witness to a lost friend, I should intercede for them. If I don’t, it is kind of like eating this orange without peeling it. Have you ever tried to bite an orange before peeling it?

(Take a bite of the orange.)

Yuck. This is really bitter. I know that there is good fruit on the inside of this orange, but I need to peel it first. I know that there is good fruit inside of my lost friends, but I need to stand in the gap before I tell them about Jesus. I need to intercede for them before I talk to them.

When we intercede for our lost friends, it strips away all the hardness and bitterness and opens their eyes to the Gospel.



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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. What does “intercede” mean?
 - a. To stand in the gap**
 - b. To stand on the table
 - c. Eat lots of Twinkies
 - d. Same as the prayer of faith
2. The prayer of intercession is standing in the gap for _____.
 - a. my dog
 - b. my math test
 - c. my lunch
 - d. someone else**
3. How come lost people don’t just get saved?
 - a. They like to sin
 - b. They want to go to hell
 - c. They don’t like church
 - d. The devil has blinded their minds**
4. Who will help us intercede?
 - a. The Pope
 - b. The Holy Spirit**
 - c. Superman
 - d. Lost people
5. What should I do before witnessing to my friends?
 - a. Give them bubble gum
 - b. Intercede for them**
 - c. Memorize 182 scriptures
 - d. run three miles



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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)

Not Too Bright: “Jedi Training” — Pages 4-7

Characters

_____ Not Too Bright

Props

_____ An apple, or other everyday object

_____ A table

_____ A light saber, toy sword, or any other “sword-like” object

Object Lesson: Blinded By The Darkness — Pages 8-9

_____ A blindfold

_____ Small flashlight

Inter-Active Lesson: Peel First Then Eat — Page 10

_____ 1 table

_____ 5 oranges (easy to peel)

_____ Paper towels

Small Group Club: Stand In The Gap

_____ 3 children from class

_____ Activity page

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed