

# “NO NAME” - LESSON 1

## “The Fantastic Four”

### Main Focus:

It is our job to bring our friends to Jesus!



### Power Verse:

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”  
- Mark 16:15



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Bring My Friends To Jesus!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Most Christians know we are supposed to tell others about Jesus. The sad thing is - many Christians cannot tell you the last time they actually shared their faith with a friend.

One of the reasons so many Christians do not share their faith is because they are scared, they don’t know how, or they don’t realize it is their job.

One of the last commands that Jesus gave His followers was to “Go into all the world and make disciples...” If you are a follower of Jesus, then it is your job to make disciples...period!

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of the four friends of the paralyzed man. They will understand that each of us must do whatever it takes to bring as many people to Jesus as possible.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Be A True Friend”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Disco Dave teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Mystery Man”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Balloon Battle”



### Bible Story

“Four Amazing Friends”



### Power Verse Video

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### Call To Action

“The Fantastic Four”



### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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**Lesson 1 Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video  
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

**Character Skit**

- “Mystery Man” Theme Graphic/Music

**Offering Time**

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Balloon Battle” Graphic  
- Three Balloons  
- Four Pool Noodles  
- Masking Tape

**Bible Story**

- “Four Amazing Friends” Graphics

**Power Verse Video**

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**

- “The Fantastic Four” Graphics

**Rewind!**

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video  
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Various Craft Supplies For The Group To Share  
- Power Verse Print Piece  
- Envelopes  
- Bring My Friends To Jesus Print Piece  
- Pencils, Crayons, or Markers

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**Small Group Experience**



## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Today, we are starting a series! It’s called “NO NAME.” In this series, we are learning important lessons from some people in the Bible who are important...but the Bible doesn’t tell us what their names are.

We are going to have a great time today! But first, I have a question for you. How many of you have friends? *(allow response)* How many of you have a BEST friend? *(allow response)* Well, what is the BEST thing that a friend has ever done for you? *(allow a few kids to raise their hands and answer that question)*

There are many great things that our friends can do for us. But the absolute BEST thing any friend could ever do for another friend is introduce them to Jesus. That’s the thing that we are learning about today. But right now, I want you to check out this awesome video...

***(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)***

**Leader:** That’s something we have to always remember. It’s ALL of our responsibility to bring others to Jesus! No matter if someone is our best friend or our worst enemy, our goal should be to introduce them to the One who can change their lives - JESUS! You’re going to find out more about that in your lesson today, but before we get too far into that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

***(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)***



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character: “Mystery Man”** (*Mystery Man is a highly energetic guy that has his share of problems. He wears a funny costume that features a large question mark on his chest and is complete with a mask.*)

**MM:** (*runs in with his arms out as if he is flying*) AAHHHHHHAA! A place filled with people! Certainly I can find some friends here. (*approaches a few kids, asking them*) Hello! Would you be my friend?

**Leader:** Well, well, well! Who do we have here? A mysterious stranger, a superhero, looking for friends?

**MM:** Oh, yes, my apologies! I am (*one hand on his hip and the other forming a fist in the air*) MYSTERY MAN! And yes, indeed! I believe that good friends are the most valuable treasure one can have. I am on a quest to find them! Have you seen any?

**Leader:** (*smirking*) Well, Mystery Man, I happen to be one of the leaders of this group. If you want to find good friends, you must pass a series of tests to prove your worthiness.

**MM:** (*hands on his hips*) I accept your challenge! I’m ready to prove myself. Nothing scares me! Well, I am afraid of the dark. I sleep with a nightlight.

**Leader:** Alright, Mystery Man. The first test is all about trust. Stand on that platform and fall backwards, trusting that I will catch you.

**MM:** (*nervously*) Trust fall? Alright, here goes nothing!

**-Mystery Man falls backwards, and the Leader catches him.-**

**Leader:** Well done, Mystery Man! You have passed the first test. Trust is indeed a valuable trait in good friends.

**MM:** Of course I passed! I am (*one hand on his hip and the other forming a fist in the air*) MYSTERY MAN!

**Leader:** Now, it’s time to test your teamwork skills. You must navigate through an obstacle course, but there’s a catch - you can only succeed if you work with me.

**MM:** (*determined*) Teamwork, here we go! (*leader pulls out a blindfold*) Hey, now! I may be SUPER, but I have to use my eyes! And I told you I’m scared of the dark!

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**Leader:** It's all part of the process, Mystery Man! Trust me, and I will help you through the obstacles.

**MM:** Okay then... *(puts on the blindfold)*

**-They work together, the Leader helping Mystery Man overcome the obstacles in the course. At the end, Mystery Man pulls off the blindfold excitedly.-**

**MM:** YES! I did it! Haha! *(runs around giving high fives to kids)* Well, WE did it!

**Leader:** Excellent teamwork, Mystery Man! You have proven that good friends support and help each other. The last test is all about communication. You must guess the word I'm acting out through charades. Good friends can understand each other even without words.

**MM:** *(Enthusiastically)* Charades is my favorite!

**-The Leader acts out a word, and Mystery Man successfully guesses it.-**

**Leader:** Well done, Mystery Man! You have passed all the tests and have proven yourself a good friend!

**MM:** Thank you! I have learned that good friends are the true treasures in life. It's not about their mysteriousness or their leadership but about the value they bring to our lives.

**Leader:** *(smiling)* Right! Good friends are there for us through thick and thin, bringing joy, laughter, and support. In our lesson today, we will learn how important it is to have good friends who want the very best for you!

**MM:** I'd better get flying now. There are lots of friends to be found! Nice to meet all of you. I am Mystery Man! That's all you need to know! *(one hand on his hip and the other forming a fist in the air; speaking in a low but strong voice)* UNTIL NEXT TIME! *(holds his arms out as if he is flying and runs out of the room)*

*(EXITS WHILE HIS THEME MUSIC PLAYS)*



# **GAME TIME**

## **“Balloon Battle”**

### **Items Needed For Game:**

Three balloons; Four pool noodles; Masking tape

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### **Preparation:**

Choose two boys and two girls to participate in this game. Have the balloons blown up and tied. Place a line of masking tape on each side of the room marking the “goal” for each team.

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### **How To Play:**

Each player will get a pool noodle and line up in front of their “goal.” When the game begins, the leader will toss two balloons into the air in the middle of the playing field. One player from each team will be facing off against a player from the opposing team, attempting to use the pool noodle to hit one of the balloons to the other team’s goal while their teammate is doing the same with the other balloon. Once one goal has been made, the leader will toss in the third balloon, and the process will repeat.

If a balloon falls to the ground, a player or leader must pick it up and throw it straight up into the air to continue play. The first team to score two points is the winning team!



# Bible Story

## “Four Amazing Friends”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Mark 2:1-12; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Mark chapter 2. It’s a story about a man who was born with a terrible handicap. He was paralyzed. That means that he couldn’t walk or even stand. Can you imagine being unable to walk or stand for your entire life? It was terrible. His legs were so weak he couldn’t even hold up his own weight.

One day, he heard that Jesus was teaching nearby (*show pic*). He had heard of Jesus’ power to heal and wanted to go see Jesus. But there was only one problem...he was paralyzed. He couldn’t get to where Jesus was by himself. His legs were just too weak. This man had four incredible friends. His friends made the decision that, since this man couldn’t take himself to see Jesus, they would help him. His friends picked him up and carried him all the way to where Jesus was teaching. It was a house that was quite a distance away. When they got there, they noticed a BIG problem. (*show pic*) It was so crowded that there was no way to get the man in to see Jesus.

Now, they could have given up right then and said, “Well, we tried. Sorry, man.” But they didn’t. They didn’t just “try” to bring their friend to Jesus. (*show pic*) When they saw they couldn’t get in from the front door, they climbed up to the roof, cut a hole in it, and lowered him down into the middle of the room, right where Jesus was. Do you think that was easy? No way! It’s hard enough just to carry someone, but then to lift them up to the roof? WOW! These were some incredible friends!

Once they lowered their friend down to where Jesus was, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My son, your sins are forgiven. (*show pic*) Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home.” At that moment, the man’s legs filled with strength. He stood up, picked up his mat, and walked home. The people all celebrated the fact that the man could walk. People talked about it for a long time.

This story describes very clearly what each one of us should do as Christians. These fantastic friends - even though we don’t know their names - give us an awesome example of doing whatever it takes to bring people to Jesus. Just as they overcame obstacles and were determined to get their friend to Jesus, we should do the same. We should constantly be looking for ways to invite our friends to church and bring them to Jesus.





# Call To Action “The Fantastic Four”

### Materials Needed:

The “The Fantastic Four” graphics

### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “The Fantastic Four”



### The Message: *(title slide)*

We asked the question earlier - “What’s the coolest thing a friend has ever done for you?”. Let you borrow a video game? Gave you a really cool birthday present? Saved you a seat at lunch? Maybe you’ve had a friend do something amazing for you like help you study for an incredibly hard test or even loan you money when you were totally broke. Friends are awesome.

Today, we are learning about a man who had four amazing friends. These friends did something way more important than any of the things I just mentioned! They picked him up and brought him to the house where Jesus was teaching. Then, when they couldn’t get him in the front door, they cut a hole in the roof and lowered him down. Isn’t that incredible?

These four fantastic friends understood the very thing that God wants you to understand...

### True Friends Won’t Let ANYTHING Get In The Way Of Bringing Others To Jesus *(slide)*



Many of us have friends who need to know Jesus. Maybe they are friends at school, in our neighborhood, or even on our sports team. It’s easy for us to say, “Well, it’s just too hard to invite them to church. I tried once, and they didn’t want to come. So I’m done.” But that’s not what these friends did. They did whatever it took. They went above and beyond. When something didn’t work, they tried another way. They knew their friend needed to get to Jesus. They were willing to work as hard as they had to in order for their friend to make it to Jesus.

That’s exactly the way we need to be with our friends. We need to be willing to do whatever it takes to bring our friends to Jesus. Give them a ride to church. Witness to them on the ball field. Invite them to your house and talk to them about Jesus. Whatever it takes.

Did you notice what Jesus said to the paralyzed man once his friends had lowered him down to where Jesus was? The Bible says, “Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My son, your sins are forgiven.’”

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# Call To Action

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WOW! The friends had brought the man to Jesus in order for him to be healed, but Jesus knew what he really needed more than healing—salvation! You see...

**Jesus Knew What The Man Needed Most** (slide)



Jesus knows what ALL of us need most. We need salvation from our sins the most! We need that more than friendship, more than healing, more than anything! Jesus knows what each one of our friends needs most, as well! Our friends need to know Jesus!

After Jesus forgave the paralyzed man’s sins, he got up, picked up his bed, and walked home. The people all celebrated the fact that the man could walk. People talked about it for a long time.

These fantastic four friends remind us...

**We Must Bring Others To Jesus** (slide)



You might think, “There’s nothing I can do to help someone come to Jesus.” You’re wrong. Every time you show kindness to a friend, share a prayer with them, invite them to church, or tell them about God’s love—you are being just like one of the friends we learned about today.

All God asks is that we do everything we can to bring our friends to Jesus, and He will do the rest. We don’t have the power to save them, but God does. He just asks us to do the work of talking to them about His love, inviting them to church, and doing everything we can to bring them to Jesus. Then, He will show them His power, and their lives will be changed.

**ALTAR RESPONSE:** (play soft music)

Have the children think of the friends they have who need to come to Jesus. Have them pray for those friends out loud, by name. Pray that God will give them ideas on how to bring those friends to Jesus. Perhaps even schedule a “Friend Day” for an upcoming week and have everyone invite at least one friend to church.



**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

**Preparation:**

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “I Will Bring My Friends To Jesus!”

**2. Where was Jesus teaching in our Bible Story?**

**Answer:** A House

**3. What handicap did the man in our Bible Story suffer from?**

**Answer:** He Was Paralyzed

**4. How many of his friends carried the man to Jesus?**

**Answer:** Four

**5. When they couldn’t fit him into the house, how did the friends get him in?**

**Answer:** Through The Roof

**6. According to our lesson today, “True Friends Won’t Let ANYTHING Get In The Way Of \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Bringing Others To Jesus

**7. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Knew What The Man \_\_\_\_\_ Most.”**

**Answer:** Needed

**8. According to our lesson today, “We Must Bring Others To \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Jesus

**9. True or False: It was the faith of the friends that inspired Jesus to forgive and heal the paralyzed man.**

**Answer:** True

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Mark 16:15