

I AM Nisha



Children's Resource

Leader's notes

Choose some children to be actors, and some to be narrators. Six actors: angel of the LORD, Moses, two sheep and two flames! Three readers: narrator, voice of Moses and voice of the LORD

Read Exodus 3:1-15. The three readers tell the story, and the actors mime the story. Explain that at the end of the reading you will ask some questions, and there will be small prizes for the correct answers!

Note: If your number of children is lower than nine, reduce the number of sheep or flames, or ask the Moses actor to read his lines, and the angel to read the voice of the LORD's lines.

KEY MESSAGE:

God was with His people then. He saw them and knew how difficult their lives were. And he still sees and knows what people's lives are like today, including children with leprosy like Nisha. He loves and cares for them.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What did Moses think was strange about the bush?**
It wasn't burning up.
- 2. Why did the LORD ask Moses to take off his sandals?**
Moses was standing 'on holy ground' because God was there in the burning bush.
- 3. What does God say His name is?**
I AM
- 4. What promise does God make?**
Clue: It starts with "I will".
I will be with you
- 5. What do you think God's name tells us about Him?**
He didn't have a start or an end, He's eternal. He's the Creator. He doesn't need anything else. He doesn't change. He sees and knows everything. He's always with us.

For Question 5, if this is quite challenging for the children in your group, you could prepare attributes about God around the room on pieces of paper/card in advance (e.g. God is Creator, God is all knowing, God is strong, God is always with us), and the children can find them to help answer the question.

I AM Nisha



Nisha's Story

Nisha lay on her bed, listening to children laughing outside. They were on their way to school.

She used to go too. But not anymore.

She remembered the mean words:

Go away!

You're not clean!

Those words hurt. Nisha felt sad and angry. Life didn't feel fair.

Question: How would you feel if your friends stopped talking to you?

Nisha lives in a small village in India with her dad and brother. Her dad works far away because there's no work nearby. Nisha's mum died when she was tiny, but her stepmum, Maya, was kind and loving. They didn't have much, but they had each other.

Then Maya got sick with leprosy. The hospital couldn't help, and Maya got weaker and weaker. Nisha tried to care for her, but nothing worked. When Maya stopped eating, Nisha knew she was going to die. Nisha lost her second mum when she was only nine.

Question: What would you do to help someone you love who is sick?

While looking after Maya, Nisha noticed a strange patch on her face. She thought it was just a rash. The doctor gave her cream, but it didn't help. Soon, patches spread to her arms. She was scared. After many hospital visits, a doctor finally said the word: leprosy.

Her face swelled and turned red. People stared and whispered. Even her friends stayed away. Nisha felt invisible and heartbroken. She loved school, but she had to leave.

Question: Why do you think people were afraid of Nisha?

At home, she cooked rice, fetched water, and helped her dad. But her body was getting worse. Her hands and feet felt numb, and painful lumps appeared on her skin. Nisha stopped smiling. She thought her life was over.

Then hope came! Someone told her dad about Champa Leprosy Mission Hospital. They went there together. It was the best decision ever.

Nisha was very sick, but the nurses cared for her. They gave her medicine, good food, and hugs that reminded her of Maya, her stepmum.

Question: How do you think Nisha felt when the nurses hugged her?

After three weeks, Nisha went home stronger and healing. But life is still hard. People in the village still whisper. She's not allowed back at school yet. Will Nisha ever have the future she dreams of?

Question: What would you say to Nisha to make her feel better?



Activity

The Leprosy Mission is working hard to give Nisha a better life, but you can help her to know that God knows her and loves her. Write a card or draw a picture to show kindness to a child with leprosy like Nisha. If you are able to send it to us, we will take it to hospitals in India and to Africa.

Nisha's Story Wordsearch

Find these words hidden in the grid!

NISHA

HOSPITAL

LEPROSY

FRIENDS

INDIA

HEALING

SCHOOL

LOVE

HOPE

JESUS

KINDNESS

GOD

C	J	G	W	R	R	A	A	B	Q	W	G	I	M
J	J	O	O	H	E	A	L	I	N	G	R	A	I
T	I	D	U	F	G	A	E	C	Z	V	O	G	L
D	N	S	C	H	O	O	L	H	D	J	D	A	C
Q	D	C	K	I	J	L	E	P	R	O	S	Y	S
I	I	V	V	W	E	E	G	Q	K	J	Z	V	X
Y	A	H	G	K	S	B	T	C	I	D	J	D	W
R	C	O	S	J	U	R	R	C	N	J	X	E	A
R	N	S	R	W	S	N	Z	M	D	Z	O	C	F
I	X	P	B	K	J	J	A	Q	N	J	C	L	N
I	U	I	H	N	I	S	H	A	E	R	Z	O	R
V	O	T	O	H	O	P	E	I	S	D	H	V	B
H	L	A	Z	R	C	X	N	U	S	F	H	E	H
I	G	L	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	Z	C	P	B



🏠 The Leprosy Mission Great Britain, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay Peterborough, PE2 5GZ

☎ 01733 370505
✉ hello@LM.org.uk
🌐 leprosymission.org.uk

📘 The Leprosy Mission Great Britain
✂ @leprosytalk
📷 leprosymission