

Nativity!



Children's Talks - DIY Scripts

These scripts are provided for you to present your own children's talk in live events (NOT for broadcast or republication in any form). To do this...

1. Go to www.damaris.org/nativity to see the clips. **IMPORTANT:** If these clips are no longer live on the site it means that the film is no longer in its promotional window and we no longer have the right to provide the clips for you – in that case you will not be able to download the clips for this film and you must NOT use them if you have already downloaded them. (N.B. The promotional window usually lasts for 6 months after the release of the DVD.)
2. Follow the links to download the clips (available free by special arrangement with the film company), or if you have a current subscription to www.toolsfortalks.com you can also access the download from there.
3. We have provided two versions; the first one uses just one clip – clip D 'Who are you?', the second uses a selection of clips grouped together called 'Nativity diy kids talk' with stop points for you to then talk between them. Feel free to edit these scripts and skip through sections of the clips as appropriate for your needs in the live event where you are presenting the talk.

Children's talk - short version: Nativity! - becoming like a little child

Using clip D called 'Who are you?' www.damaris.org/nativity

Script suggestion points

- Ask kids to suggest differences between grown ups and children
- What would a grown up who acted like a child be like?

Clip D – 'Who are you?'

Talk about Jesus' teaching about the value of children:

- Matthew 18:1-4 *'At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."*
- Why did Jesus think the children were so important?
- Obviously adults have to do important things and have responsibility
- But Jesus says to the grown ups, *"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"*.
- What does that mean
 - for adults? – Trust, inquisitive, wanting to learn and grow
 - for children? – Don't stop being like that!

Children's talk - long version: Nativity! - becoming like a little child

Using the clip called 'Nativity diy kids talk'

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Menu of ideas for script

Clip – Mr Maddens handing out detentions

Talk about 'grumpy grown ups' who have forgotten how to enjoy life:

- Aren't grown ups often like Mr Maddens – grumpy, smiling upside down?
- Sometimes they are so grumpy they don't even think it is worth the effort of spending time with children, and certainly don't enjoy it.
- You may like to get children to suggest excuses that grown ups use when they haven't got time to spend with them.
- You could rank them in order – the top 10 most annoying, the top 10 most silly etc.
- Discuss how that makes the children feel.

Clip – Martin Freeman introducing Mr Poppy

Clip – Who are you?

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- Matthew 19:14-15 *'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".'*
- Why did Jesus think the children were so important?
- What does it mean to become like a little child?
- You could get people to suggest good things about children such as:
 - They are full of questions (Why? Why? Why?).
 - They trust their Dad (obviously the parallel here is with trusting God but be sensitive to those who may have had bad experiences of their earthly Dad).
 - They enjoy life – if you are able to steer the suggestions towards laughing then you have a link into the next clip.

Clip – Marc Wootton on laughing

Clip – Playtime

Talk about what adults can learn from children and children from adults:

- Obviously adults have to do important things and have responsibility.
- But Jesus says to the grown ups, *"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"*.
- What does that mean:
 - for adults? – Trust, inquisitive, wanting to learn and grow.
 - for children? – Don't stop being like that!
- In conclusion you could suggest they make a pact to work together and help each other to be more like the people that Jesus wants us to be. Maybe they could have a Rewards Chart (sticky stars) through December for the times they actually achieve that – the one with the most stars could get a special Christmas treat!

Clip – Rehearsals

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