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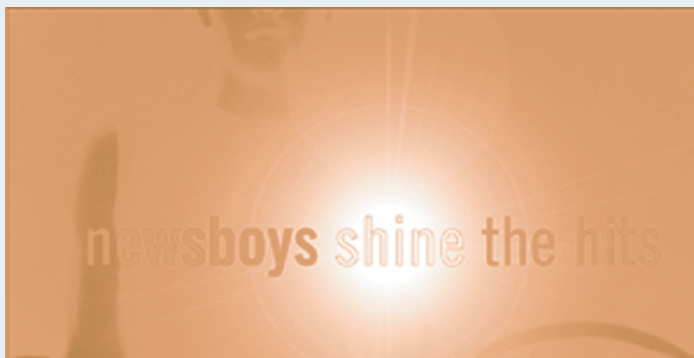
SHINE... THE HITS
SPARROW RECORDS

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Theme

Evangelism; God's Representatives

Objective

Students will identify their own feelings about being a Christian, discern what they are doing that is winsome to their pre-Christian friends, and develop a plan for attracting those friends to faith.

Warm Up

If your group is typical, you probably have a bunch of kids who prefer not to get involved in the game-playing time. No matter what game you play, they want to just stand around and watch. You also realize that those are sometimes the toughest students to reach – their detachment during games carries over into the rest of the meeting. During this activity plan to play a game that you know many of those students will choose not to play – maybe something like Ultimate Frisbee. Go ahead and let those kids stand around and watch. (If you do play Ultimate, add this rule: guys can only throw the Frisbee to girls, but girls can throw to anyone – that way the game isn't dominated by your studly athletes.) Here's the catch: sometime before the meeting, talk with one of your "sideliners" and ask him or her to sit out the first part of the game, and yet they should point out to his or her friends how much fun the rest of

the group is having, and how un-cool it is to think that standing on the sidelines is more mature. Then, about halfway through the game, have that person join a team and play the rest of the game with enthusiasm – and see if any other "Sideliners" join in too.

Transition

When you've finished playing and have gathered the kids (going through your regular routine of singing, announcements, etc.), explain to the group what you did with your "Sideliner." Then interview that student, asking questions like:

- If I hadn't asked you to participate in this experiment, do you think you would have gotten involved?
- What kind of responses did you get when you talked with your friends about how much fun everyone seemed to be having playing the game? What response did you get from your team when you joined the game? Did you have fun?
- What point do you think we're trying to make through this activity?

Video

Say, "Being a Christian is a lot like being involved in the game we played – it should be a lot better than standing on the sidelines. Sometimes though, being a Christian feels like being on the sidelines – while the rest of the world

is having fun, we have to go to church. The **Newsboys** understand—their song about this issue is one of the best Christian videos you'll see. Let's watch and listen to what they have to say. Write down words on your handout as of the lyrics." Hand out the Student Guides and play the video. When it's finished, go back through the lyrics and make sure everyone knows what the lyrics are. (You might want to rewind the video and play it again.)

Feedback

Once the young people have a grasp on the lyrics, the images from the video will start to make sense. Ask for their feedback by pointing out these things: • What do you think the "numbers" were about? • What is "oragami"? Why do they connect it with a Dictator? • What is a "Dead head"? • The line that states "Let 'em wonder what you've got, let 'em wish that they were not on the outside looking bored" seems to be a key to unlocking this video. What do you think they mean by that lyric? • What's the deal with the guy in the straight-jacket being hoisted by his feet? • If you had to sum up the message of this video, what would it be? • Toward the end, a verse from the Bible was on a sign. What verse was it? — You should have plenty of interest in seeing the video again. Show it again, pointing out that the verse on the placard is the one you'll be studying in a few minutes.

Bible Study

Use this outline as the basis of a "talk-with" message (where you get feedback and discussion going during your talk, rather than a one-way delivery) from **Matthew 5:14-16**.

- Although you may not realize it, you are what the world needs. (v. 14) Life without Jesus is "darkness." What are the differences between living as a Christian and living without Christ? If your life with Jesus seems less appealing than it should, what do you think the problem is?
- It's not normal to hide your life with Christ from the world. (v. 15) What's up with a Christian who hides his or her faith from his or her friends?
- It's what you do, as well as what you say, that points people to God. (v. 16) What is it that people should see? It's not your reputation you should be worried about, but God's honor and glory!

Wrap Up

Have the students work in small friendship clusters to plan one or two "good works" they will do in full view of their pre-Christian friends this week. Then, have several students conclude the meeting (include your "Sideliner" from the Warm Up activity) with prayer.

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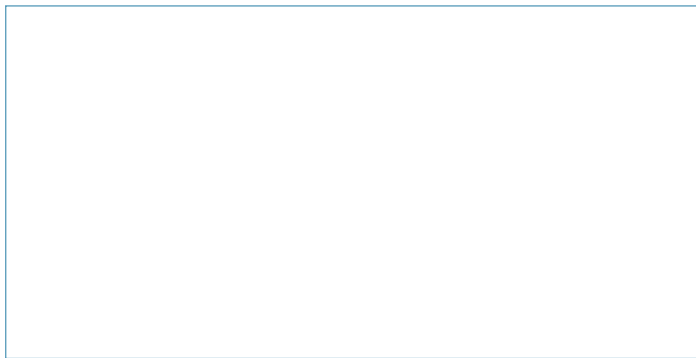
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Lyrics

You Are The Light

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Don't Hide Your Life

If your life with Jesus seems less appealing than it should, what do you think the problem is?

What You Say And Do

What's up with a Christian who hides his or her faith from his or her friends? What is it that people should see?

Matthew 5:14-16