

The Picture of God

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Supporting Scripture Verse:

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation..."
Colossians 1:5

What the Audience Sees:

The Magician discusses how we can see an invisible God. He shows a blank, white hanky and claims that it's his picture of God. Because God is invisible, He cannot be seen with our natural eyes. The hanky is placed in a box, tube or bag. Several other colorful hankies are placed in the same container and after some time of discussing how we see God thru Jesus, a large hanky is removed that represents Jesus - it appears that all the hankies placed in the container have come together to make this large picture.

How it's Done:

You are using a switching device, i.e. a change bag, massall tube, popcorn dye-box (hint: look at any of your production or vanishing props. How can they be used to make something change from one thing to another?)

Needed:

- A Switching Device
- A 36" Silk that represents Jesus (either a picture silk or a colorful silk that has lettering that spells: Jesus) in the "Presentation" it will be referred to as the "Jesus Silk"
- 4 - 5 solid color silks (depending on the size of your switching device, you may need to consider the size. 9", 12" or 18". Also 4 -5 will be determined by how many attributes you want to elaborate on).

Preparation:

Place the large Jesus Silk in the switching device so it can be removed with now problem. Have the other silks nearby and ready to be picked-up.

Presentation:

Tell the following story: *"A little girl was in a drawing lesson, she was six [years old], and she was in the back drawing. The teacher said that this little girl hardly ever paid attention, but at this drawing lesson she did. The teacher was fascinated and went over*

to her and she said, 'What are you drawing?' The girl said, 'I'm drawing a picture of God.' The teacher said, 'But nobody knows what God looks like.' The girl said, 'They will in a minute.'"

Announce: "I too have drawn a picture of God... do you want to see it?" Show a white silk. "This is kind of my little joke... you see, we don't know what God looks like... If I were to try and draw a picture of God it would look like a blank piece of paper. But that doesn't mean that we cannot know Him - in fact... **WE CAN KNOW HIM!** We can know Him personally: We can know about his love (**show the red silk, place it in the device**). We can know about His power (**show the yellow silk, place it in the device**). We can know about His plans and ideas (**show the blue silk, place it in the device**). We can know his voice via His Word (**show the green silk, place it in the device**).

"You see, we know Him as a person that came to earth... not INVISIBLE... but, God came to earth VISIBLE as a man so that we wouldn't be afraid of an INVISIBLE God. In Colossians 1:5 it says: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation..." That means that if we want to know an invisible God, we look to the actions, attitudes, teachings, miracles and promises of Jesus!" (**Remove the Jesus Silk during this last sentence**).

"The Invisible God becomes visible thru Jesus, Himself."

Adaptation:

If you are already doing something with silk and you want a change of props, you could use the "Bible Tear" method without making any tears. Print a large, colorful picture of Jesus onto 8.5" X 11" or 11" X 17" paper (at least a 24lb bond paper - make sure it's opaque) glue this to the back of a large, blank piece of paper the same size. Fold the Jesus Picture so it's concealed on the back of the blank paper in a small packet (use a fold similar to the Bible tear) Have some smaller pieces of paper of various colors.

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"You see, we know Him as a person that came to earth... not INVISIBLE... but, God came to earth VISIBLE as a man so that we wouldn't be afraid of an INVISIBLE God. (Begin to fold all the papers together like you would with a Bible Tear - keeping the blank paper to the back. In the act of folding the papers together, casually turn the papers over... so the Jesus Picture is now the folded paper facing the audience). In Colossians 1:5 it says: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation..." That means that if we want to know an invisible God, we look to the actions, attitudes, teachings, miracles and promises of Jesus!" (Unfold the Jesus Picture during this last sentence).

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