

Tricky Messages for Kids

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57 Cents and Little Hattie May

- You will need a small coin purse or bag of pennies, a jumbo penny (printed or bought online), large opaque hanky
- You are making a switch under the hanky from the small penny to the large penny as you come to the end of the story.

CLEAN (a DIY Magical Illustrated Message)

- To prepare create the lunch bag by placing one inside of another, gluing both short sides and one long side together. Trim both bags down so you now have an secret pocket. Attache a picture of Jesus on the outside of the bag. Ruin a white pocket hanky by staining and tearing it. Place a new pocket hanky in the main interior of the gimmicked bag.
- Show the ruined hanky as the result of sin on someone's life
- Place the ruined hanky in the secret pocket and discuss how Jesus took the punishment for our sinful life.
- Hold the secret pocket closed as you dump the new hanky out onto the table. Casually show the interior of the bag as if it's empty.
- Show the new hanky and discuss how we can be forgiven.

Read the Bible Today (Card Match)

- 5 pairs of matching cards (Bible questions and their answers) and one sign that reads: "READ THE BIBLE TODAY"
- Make 2 piles of each so they match.
- Place one pile on top of the other.
- Move cards from the top to the bottom until someone says stop.
- Separate the cards into 2 piles by counting one pile down to the table.
- A spectator decides which pile to start spelling from.
- Move a card from the top to the bottom for each letter in the word.
- The spectator may tell you to switch as many times as they want.
- For each word spelled, the top 2 cards should match

Jumbo Nail Thru Papers (Jesus Took Your Place)

- Papers are folded and a jumbo nail apparently pierces thru both
- The outer paper is unprepared and has the name "Jesus"
- The inner paper has the words "Me and YOU."
- The Inner page is prepared with a slit along one edge that is covered by the outer paper - but, it appears that the nail goes thru both papers.

The Real You (Make the Right Choice)

- 3 favorite soft drinks are on display
- A spectator can freely choose a can
- It is shown that the can was apparently predicted (guessed) ahead of time
- One can has a note on the bottom. One can has a note on the back of the back that was covering it. One can has a note on on the tray where all the cans are displayed.

String Theory (Jesus can Restore)

- You will need kitchen twine or packing twine that is made up of many threads, twisted together.
- Use a 3 foot length of string - separate the threads near the middle and allow the separated strands to twist into what will look like the ends of the string.
- Glue the real ends together so when the string is held near the fake ends, it looks like you are holding the string in a loop.
- Cut the string near the glued ends.
- Place the fake ends in someone's hand and pull the cut ends.

Discussion:

- Look for both, "Gospel Specific" Tricks and Tricks that you can customize/adapt.
- Practice and keep practicing. When you think it's good enough — practice it 10 more times.
- The message should be the most important element. The trick should only enhance the message that's already on your heart.
- Have a place it comes from and a place it goes away — keeps the mystery & keeps other's hands off of your prepared props.
- Don't tell the secret unless you're teaching someone else so they can use it to minister.

Additional Resources

Laflin Magic - www.laflinmagicstore.com **Vendor here at the conference.** They carry various props and resources that will help enhance your ministry.

Duane Laflin's Gospel Magic Channel - www.youtube.com/user/GospelMagicChannel/ a great place to see solid examples of gospel magic routines that can be used in a variety of ministry settings.

Dock Haley Gospel Magic - gospelmagic.com - they supply many ready-to-perform routines and supplies, specific for presenting gospel magic.

The Fellowship of Christian Magicians - FCM.org - a fellowship of those who use Gospel magic and other related skills to present the gospel. Bi-monthly magazine full of useful ideas.

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