

It's been said that "Tiny Steps of Faith" is the poor relative of "Footsteps of Faith". I just can't agree with that! While it's true that "Footsteps" is the much more popular and widely used teaching material supplied by BCM, there is a hidden gem that so many miss by not using "Tiny Steps". Allow me to tell you my experience with this fantastic resource.

There are 4 volumes of "Tiny Steps of Faith". They are all good in and of themselves and a treasure store of teaching materials. It's very easy to understand and simple to use. Pre-school children have no problem in grasping the lessons that are taught when it is used as the teaching book instructs.

However, it really begins to shine when you go beyond what it was originally designed to do. "Tiny Steps" isn't restricted to being useful in teaching very young children – I know, because I've used it to teach primary and secondary school pupils as well! It is so versatile and can be used in all sorts of situations to teach many more Bible stories than are contained within the material that you have within its pages.

The figures of "Tiny Steps" are the most durable of any teaching material I've ever come across. The plastic figures adhere easily to the likes of glass and metal; so that all sorts of surfaces can be used to place them on to tell stories with. My personal favourite, that I use all the time, is a photograph album! Not only do the figures stick onto the pages so you can go through stories like a flip-chart, but all the other figures can be stored in the back pages so I can take it all with me just about anywhere! Of course, you don't have to stay within the Bible stories that the teaching books provide. I don't think there's been a time where I haven't had the figures I need to tell any story I've wanted to. It really is very versatile.



Steve, Nathanael, Bethany and Liz

As I said, I've used "Tiny Steps" in primary and secondary schools.

I'd like to think I am so skilled that it's my teaching ability that carries the materials, but in truth I know that the material does most of the hard work and probably carries me! The figures are each in a single colour, so there's no controversy over what something looks like – it's just accepted for what it is. Because the plastic figures are so durable it's perfectly feasible to let the children handle them without fear of them being ripped or otherwise damaged. The figures are all roughly to the same scale as each other which makes placing different ones together easy for even the novice teacher. All-in-all, there's very little that can go wrong with the whole package!

And then there's the price. If you invest in the 4 volumes what you might pay to get your favourite football team's shirt, you'll find that you have something that will last for decades, be user friendly, teach any Bible story and keep up with the times. What more could you ask? I think it's brilliant and wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to anyone who wants to teach children the things of God, in just about any setting. Why not get it and see for yourself? You won't regret it.

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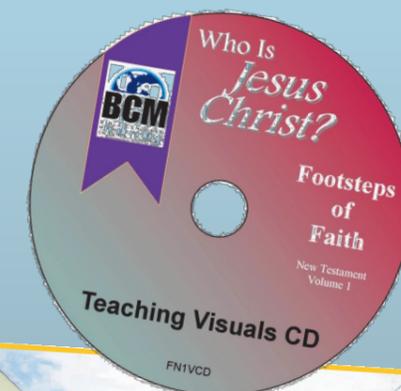
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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

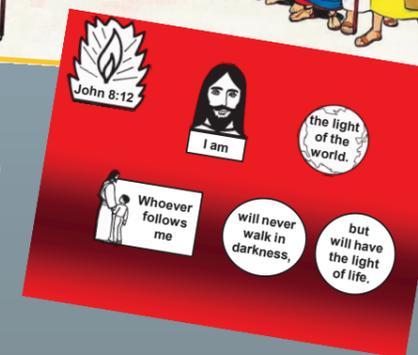
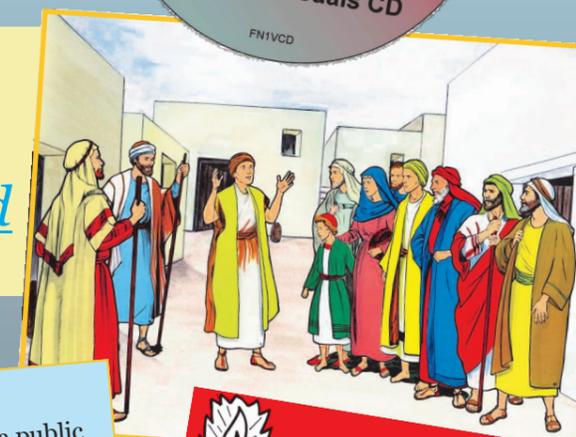
Theme: *I Am the Light of the World*

Option 8

Prepare cue cards. Let the children volunteer to read the various responses to the healing of the man who was blind.

Note 1

To be thrown out of the synagogue was a public disgrace that meant being excommunicated from the Jewish faith and permanently removed from social and economic status in the community.



Insert this CD into your computer and you will be presented with all the files for learning and teaching this lesson to the children in your Bible Club, Sunday School, midweek class etc.

If you have access to a computer video projector this will add a new dimension to the lesson pictures especially for larger groups or Family Services.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Volume 1 - God Calls Us. 19 lessons.

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Unfolds God's plan and provision as He leads His people to the Promised Land.

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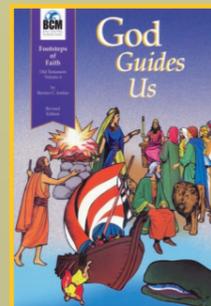
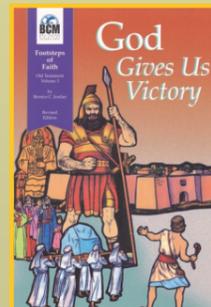
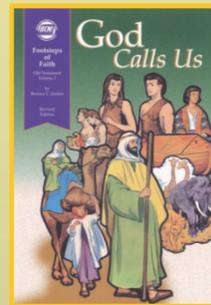
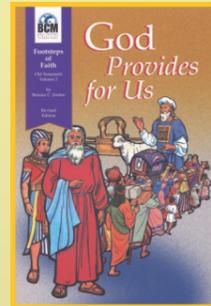
Shows God establishing His nation in the Promised Land, giving victory over the "giant" hindrances the people met.

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God's prophets proclaim His Word as He prepares the way for the Saviour.

YOU COULD HEAR A PIN DROP!!! The children sit enthralled as the weekly Bible Club Lesson is taught using our flannelgraph material. They love it! They remain fascinated by it and most of all they learn through the usage of it. To use our powerpoint material is not suitable for some of the schools we work in so we remain with flannelgraph for these clubs. In today's technological age the children remain extremely animated and responsive to the Word of God being taught in this way. Teaching through Gospels 2 this year, some 20 children have learned the memory verses to obtain their Bible Club Badge. Some can tell you every review slogan for the 14 lessons. They leave knowing 7 good answers to what Jesus taught His disciples and 7 clear answers to "Why Jesus Came". Teaching lesson 12 "The death of Jesus", I was asked a very sincere question...What No. on the Richter scale was the earthquake? Answers on a post card please!!!

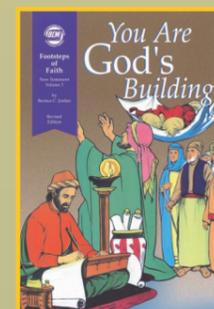
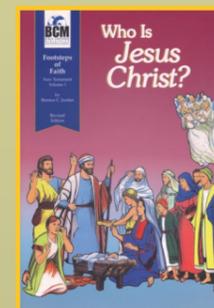
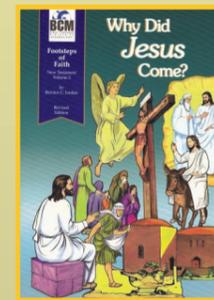
Irene Paget



I have just finished using Gospels 1 in both my Bible clubs and also we used it (albeit just as a heading/scripture reference for some) as the basis for the teaching programme in my housegroup. As a church we were looking at who Jesus says He is so the Gospels series fitted in really well, it asks the question 'Who is Jesus?' and What did Jesus teach? I enjoy using Footsteps of Faith as a teaching manual. It is easily adapted to suit any age in your group and it worked well in the adult group as well as my clubs.

The other great tool is the fact that it is now on cdrom. It gives such flexibility for visuals. This session I printed off the scenes and used the pictures for lesson 9 as flashcards. (That is easier for me than running a computer in the schools), I have also used it with flannelgraph figures and had the kids turn the school sweatshirts inside out and used them as human flannelboards! They loved being the picture boards for the stories.

For me the main thing about using Footsteps of Faith is the fact that it is consecutive and also teaches scripture with application - it is not just story telling. We have seen some amazing responses in the children and genuine desires to follow Jesus' teaching. *Fiona Blyth*



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Volume 1 - Who is Jesus Christ? 14 Lessons

A study in the early life and ministry of Jesus.

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