

OVERVIEW

THERE'S A MONSTER UNDER MY BED SHINING GOD'S LIGHT ON MY FEARS

SESSION THEMES – “The Fear Fighters”

There's A Monster Under My Bed is a multi-day event designed to teach children how to fight fear in their lives. The main theme for each day will be called The Fear Fighter.

Each session will feature Bible lessons, songs, sketches and games that will revolve around that day's Treat of Truth.

1. Turn on the Light... drive out the night.

2. Fight with the Light

3. You cannot lose the Light

4. Shine the Light

Each of these themes will be ‘unpacked’ on the following page.

THE STORY LINE

There's A Monster Under My Bed takes place entirely in the bedroom of a seven-year-old boy, Randy. It is here where we will learn how to shine God's light on his fears.

In this story there actually is a monster under the bed! But this monster is a bumbling, fuzzy character named Walter. On day one we learn that Walter is under pressure from Coach Creep to lead his “scare team” to the Blackout Bowl. But no matter how hard Walter tries to be scary he's really more of a cartoon fur ball than a monster. (*This show is NOT scary for preschoolers. Don't be fooled by the title. We have gone to great lengths to be sure that little ones will not miss the teaching because their heads are buried under their teacher's arms.*)

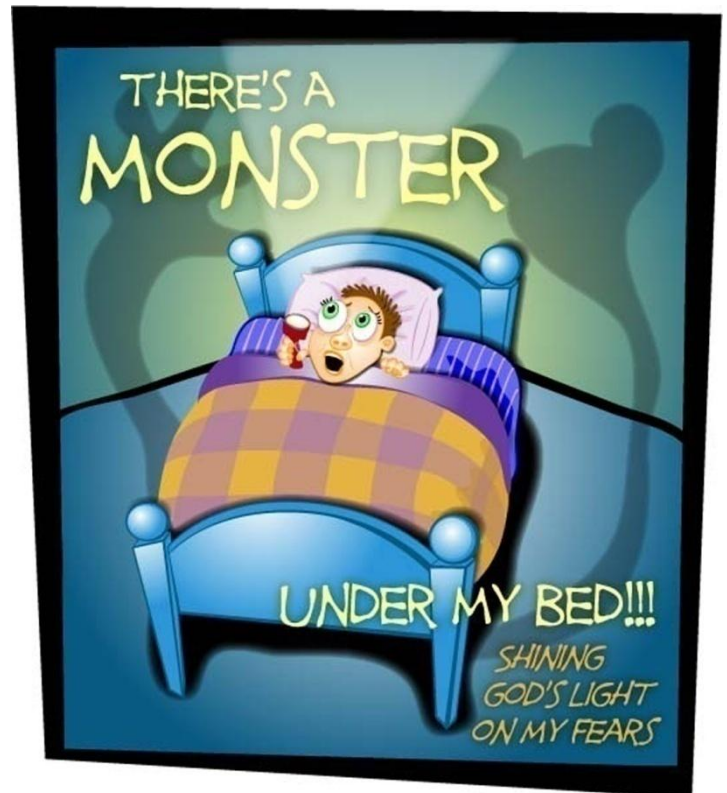
As the story continues Randy build all sorts of lighting devices to shine into the darkness of his room and scare off the monster under the bed. Meanwhile his mother and brother are teaching him how to “turn on the light”, read God's Word and then how to “fight with the light”, memorize God's Word and use it against fear.

Each day we will see Randy attempt to fight his fears with his own gizmos and gimmicks but it isn't until the fourth session that he finally turns on the light in the dramatic final scene.

Don't be fooled, *There's A Monster Under My Bed* is not “kiddy” stuff. It was written and designed with the upper elementary student in mind. The truth is, these are scary times we live in and *Monsters* is a relevant and solid teaching on how God can shine the light into our darkest moments.

THE CHARACTERS

- Randy – middle child – 7 years old – Randy is very scared of the dark. He has erected all sorts of lights in his room to battle the dark.
- Heather – baby of the family – 5 years old – she, too, is scared of the dark but learns quickly how to turn on the Light and drive out the Night.



- Jay – oldest son, 11 years old – MrJ plays this character dressed in Minnesota Vikings pajamas. He is the older brother who is afraid of nothing but it wasn't so long ago that he had to learn the lessons that Randy will learn.
- Mom – played by the same actor who plays the baby (a costume and wig change can go a long ways!) Mom knows Jesus and His Light on a personal basis and is passing on truth to her kids in this event.
- Walter – A big furry oaf of a monster that plays in the Monster Under My Bed League. (M.U.M.B.L.) In fact, he's not scary at all and his coach, Coach Creep, keeps trying to give him new techniques and new motivation to get scarier. Walter is trying to get his team into the Blackout Bowl, the Super Bowl of monsters but has no success. In spite of his bumbling efforts, Randy is terrified of him. By the end of the story Walter is friends with Heather, Randy learns how to “turn on the light” and Coach Creep is fired in disgrace.

THERE'S A BIBLE UNDER MY BED

In all MrJ Events you are going to hear dramatic teachings played out in front of a great set with imaginative costumes. But behind all the theater is a solid base of Bible stories. In each session there will be a lesson equipping students, young and old, with a habit of daily Bible reading. Each day in *There's A Monster Under My Bed* the students will be assigned a portion of Psalm 27 to read, write and pray over. These Quiet Time lessons will be based in a “QT Book” which each student will receive.

In addition to the QT Time teaching each day will feature specific Bible stories that drive home the *Fear Fighter* for the day. Each session's Bible lessons will be delineated on the next page.

Session	Main Point <i>(The Fear Fighter)</i>	Bible Stories	What The Teaching Will Emphasize
1	TURN ON THE LIGHT... DRIVE OUT THE NIGHT.	Gideon Turns On The Light Judges 7:16-22	God used light to drive away Gideon's enemies. Turn on the light... drive out the night! <i>When we read the Bible, we turn on God's light in our lives.</i>
		Jesus says, "I am the Light of the World." Heals the blind man. John 9:1-25	When Jesus entered the man's life he poured light into the man's darkness! Jesus will do the same for you! <i>When we read the Bible, we turn on God's light in our lives.</i> Don't make room for fear. Fill your mind with His light and you'll have room for less and less fear! Don't invite fear by having an 'open house' for darkness.
		Psalm 27: 1-3 <i>(Be sure you check out the MrJ Paraphrase in QT book. The students will be reading this version as well as the NIV)</i> **Why is this text BOLD? See note below.	"The Lord is my light." King David wrote this and he had a lot to be scared of! Jesus will be the light even when your world is scary. <i>When we read the Bible, we turn on God's light in our lives!</i>
2	FIGHT WITH THE LIGHT	The Temptation of Christ Matt 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13	Jesus used the word to fight his enemy. When we MEMORIZE God's Word it helps us fight fear!
		The Healing in Gerasenes Luke 8:37 (NIV)	The people of Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them because they were <i>overcome with fear</i> . So Jesus got into the boat and left. Just think what the people of Gerasenes missed out on...the living God, working in their midst! They were more worried about their pig farm than God's big picture! Don't tremble in fear when you can live in faith.
		Psalm 27: 4-6 (MrJ Paraphrase)	Seek the ONE THING – the most important thing – to be close to Jesus. Get to know Him, read His word, say His Word aloud, MEMORIZE His words!
3	YOU CANNOT LOSE THE LIGHT	The Lost Sheep & Lost Coin Luke 15: 1-10	You may be in the dark but Jesus will always look for you. You may wander off on your own and end up in the dark and in trouble but Jesus will NEVER stop looking for you. You cannot lose his love or light!
		Ruth Stays With Naomi Ruth 1	Jesus is just like Ruth. He will stick with us, always and forever... no matter what your family looks like. ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Don't ask me to leave you! Don't beg me not to follow you! Every place you go, I will go. Every place you live, I will live. This is what it's like to live in His Light!
		Psalm 27: 7-10 (MrJ Paraphrase)	Listen! Jesus is calling you out of the darkness! Your heart knows that something is missing. That's Jesus talking to your heart. Come! Turn on the light! <i>In this session the Gospel will be presented clearly and opportunity given for people to receive Christ.</i>
4	SHINE THE LIGHT	Psalm 27: 11-14 (MrJ Paraphrase)	Want to learn how to really live? We ask Jesus to teach us how to live in these verses so let's see what he has to say...
		Jesus says, "Don't hide your light." Luke 8: 16-17	We have the Light – We've got lots of friends and neighbors who need it! We must not hide the light!
		Acts 13:44-49 Paul Quotes Is. 49	They would not hold back! They could not hide their light! When the people heard their stories of Jesus... they turned on the light! Many, many believed! Go and tell your friends, family and neighbors about Jesus, the Light of the world!

****BOLD PRINT = Stories for the YOUNG students:** In events which include *preschool* or *early elementary* students the **BOLD Bible Stories** are the *only* stories they will hear. The older children will hear three stories but the YOUNGER will only have one Bible story in each session.