

*Mr. Bean*  
*Teaching Booklet*

**Mr Bean at Church** – What is church to you?



**What did you find most funny about the clip you've just seen?** The sweets, singing, sleeping...

**What do you think Mr. Bean's feelings and thoughts about church were?**

**What do you think the man next to Mr. Bean felt like?** Annoyed, angry, wanted Mr. Bean to be quiet! Agitated.

**Do you think the clip you've just seen is what most churches are like?**

**What do you think of when you hear the word 'church'?** Boring, Hymns, rules

**What do you think would make church more fun?**

**What do you think the word church means?**

Church, the word we find in the Bible simply means a gathering of people. Church is that. It is a group of people who come together and have similar values and beliefs. You could say that coming to youth club is coming to church



Read parts of 1 Corinthians 12

A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eyes, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn't be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, "Get lost; I don't need you"? Or, Head telling Foot, "You're fired; your job has been phased out"? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the "lower" the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. When it's a part of your own body you are concerned with, it makes no difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower.

**Do you know what I just read means?** Everybody has a part to play, big or small, and is just as important as each other

**What would you be and why?** Would you be an ear because you're a good listener...?

**Do you think that you have an important part to play in church?**

**What sort of gifts do you think you need to be useful at church?**

Get your young people to make a list. Here are a few different roles to help them out if they get stuck or don't mention.

Gifts in: Music, public speaking, Math (finances etc), listening, relating to children/young people, computer skills, artistic (designing flyers), flower arranging, advising (help people who need advice), praying, cooking, cleaning... and many more!

We all have gifts that can be used in church – God gave us gifts and we should enjoy being able to use them. This week, think about the gifts you have and how you can help others with them.

Pray to close

## **Mr. Bean at the Swimming pool - Stepping out of the boat - faith/trust**



Who do you trust? Why do you trust them?

What do you think the word 'faith' means?

What can we have faith in?

**Ask a young person to prove that a chair can hold their weight without sitting on/touching/getting anyone else to sit on it.**

We have faith in chairs & usually sit down without worrying that they may fail. Some things are harder to put our faith in. Can you think of anything that is hard to put your faith in?

What are the fears of stepping out in faith? – Failure...

**What was your favourite bit of the clip you've just seen?**

**Have you ever felt like Mr. Bean, where you were confident of being able to do something but then getting nervous/scared?**

**What happened? Did you go through with it or did you decide not to?**

**What helped you to make your decision? Friends encouraging you, someone who's done it before?**

**Who do you trust enough to do what they ask?**

**Are you someone who can be trusted?**



Read Matthew 14:24-31

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

**Peter trusted Jesus and was able to step out of the boat.**

**Why did Peter start to fall?** He took his eyes off Jesus when he noticed the wind and the waves around him.

This is a great example of what life can be like sometimes.

**How often do you sit down to do your homework and get distracted by things around you?**

**If Peter could walk on water just by having faith in Jesus, how can Jesus help us today?**

Jesus is trustworthy, He will never let you down, and he tells us to follow him. Sometimes we may get distracted and start to fall, but he is there to grab our hands and pick us up!

**Pray to close**

**Mr. Bean in the park/identity parade** –remembered for the right reasons!



In this clip, Mr. Bean is in the park with his camera and asks a passer by to take his photo. The passer by steals the camera and Mr. Bean catches him. In the identity parade, Mr. Bean resorts to strange measures to identify the culprit.

**What did you find funny about the clip you've just seen?**

**How did Mr. Bean remember the thief?**

**Why do you think he was remembered that way?**

**What do we remember about people?** The way they look, talk, act, are they kind, nasty, tall, short?

**Can you remember the name of your favourite teacher? Why do you remember them?**

**How would you like people to remember you, when you have moved away, died etc...?**

Here are some funny things written on gravestones:

Here lies the body  
of Jonathan Blake  
Stepped on the gas  
Instead of the brake.

She always said her feet were killing her  
but nobody believed her.

Here lies the body of our Anna  
Done to death by a banana  
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low  
But the skin of the thing that made her go.



**Bible passage: the fruit of the spirit**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**What do you think this means we should do about the Bible Passage?**

God's spirit is all these things and we can have them

**Do you think these character traits are good to have?**

**What do you think would happen if people lived with these values?**

There would be less fighting/gossiping/hurt...

**Would you like to be remembered as someone who is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self controlled?**

**In what way this week can you show some of these characteristics?**

**Pray to Close**

## **Mr. Bean packing for his holidays**

Baggage, a lot to fit in, keep the important things important.



**What did you enjoy most about the clip you've just watched? What made it so funny?**

**What did Mr. Bean have to do to fit all his holiday items into the suitcase?**

**What could Mr. Bean have done to prevent his extreme measures? *Prepared properly in advance, bought a bigger suitcase/searched properly!***

**Would you say you are busy?**

**What things do you fit into one day?**

**Does anything get left out or not done properly?**

**Have you ever been given some homework to do over the weekend, and on Sunday night you still haven't done it? Why's that? You've had a busy weekend and there wasn't enough time?**

**Are you able to do your homework properly or do you rush it?**

**What things do we sometimes rush?**

**In what ways can we make sure that everything can be done properly?**

**What things do you think are important for Christians to do every day? *Bible & Prayer***



Read Mark 1:35-39

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him,



and when they found him, they exclaimed: Everyone is looking for you! Jesus replied; Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages— so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come. So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues.

**So what did Jesus do when he had a busy day ahead of him?** *He got up early to pray*

**How can we look to Jesus as an example?** Make time for the important things first

Jesus knew the importance of prayer. Mr. Bean tried to fit so much into his small case that he ended up breaking things & not having enough to last the week. It was like he'd rushed his homework!

We can sometimes feel that there is so much to do that we don't have time to prepare properly, and for Christians that might mean not having the time to pray at the start of the day. Here's a poem that addresses that issue:

**I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day!  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.**

**Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask!"**

**I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"Why, child, you didn't knock!"**

**I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak.  
I wondered why God didn't show me.  
He said, "But you didn't seek."**

**I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray!**

Why not try this week to spend some time praying, telling God what you have got to do & how you would like his help in coping with the business of your days.

Pray to close

**Mr. Bean in Hospital** – The first shall be last and the last shall be first



**What did you find funny about the clip you've just watched?**

**Why do you think Mr. Bean was getting so frustrated?**

**Have you ever felt that frustrated?**

**Have you ever been to a theme park and waited ages to get onto a ride?**

- How did you feel when you first got into the queue? *Excited about the ride...*
- How about after waiting for 30 minutes!? *Frustrated, bored...*

**Was the ride good enough for you to forget about the queue?**

**Have you ever been waiting in a queue and tried to get to the front?**

**What was the result of Mr. Bean trying to move up in the queue?**



Read Matthew 20:1-16

"God's kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.

"Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went.

"He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o'clock. At five o'clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, 'Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?'

"They said, 'Because no one hired us.'

"He told them to go to work in his vineyard.

"When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, 'Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.'

"Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, 'These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.'

"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?'

"Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first."

Does anybody have any idea what Jesus was trying to say? - *Be happy with what you get. You shouldn't worry about what others have/get. Also, that everyone who decides to follow Jesus will be treated the same in the end, whether they've been a Christian for 50 years or for 10 minutes!*

**Have you ever given up your seat on the bus, or let someone go in front of you in a queue?**

**How does it feel to know you have helped/been kind to somebody?**

**How does it feel to let others go before you?**

**What ways can we help people & put others first?**

This week, have a think about ways in which you can do something for/to someone that puts them first.

Pray to close

**Mr. Bean at the park/sofa driving - Who's in control? Who knows best?**



**What was your favourite part of the clip you've just watched?**

**What do you think linked the 2 scenes together?** Control, not doing something exactly as the rules would say (Mr Bean guessed at what was wrong with the remote control/driving your car from the roof is illegal!)

**How much control did Mr. Bean have over each situation?**

**Why did he not have control at the park?**

**Do you think he knew how to fix the remote control?**

**How hard do you think it would be to drive a car using tins of paint, bricks, brooms & a piece of string?**

**Do your parents make you do stuff you don't like?**

**Have they ever used the phrase – "I know what's best!"?**

**Have you seen times when your parents were right and did know what was best?**

**What would a game of football be like if there was no referee? What about no borders to the pitch (corner/throw-in line)?**

**Why can rules be a good thing?**



**Ask a few young people to read – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16**

O LORD, you have examined my heart  
and know everything about me.  
You know when I sit down or stand up.  
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.  
You see me when I travel  
and when I rest at home.  
You know everything I do.  
You know what I am going to say  
even before I say it, LORD.  
You go before me and follow me.  
You place your hand of blessing on my head.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to understand!  
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother's womb.  
Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!  
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.  
You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,  
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.  
You saw me before I was born.  
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.  
Every moment was laid out  
before a single day had passed.

**What do you think this Bible passage is saying?**

There are many times in the Bible where God tells someone to do something and they don't and as a result they mess it up.

**How do you think God feels when people don't listen to him?**

**If you knew what was best for someone and they didn't listen to you how would you feel?**

God knows you so well, everything about you – He knows us so much that even though he gives us the free will to choose what to do, he knows what we're going to do anyway. Pray to close, thanking God for what he knows about us!

## Mr. Bean plays crazy golf – Rules vs. Relationship



### **What was your favourite part of the clip you've just watched?**

Can anybody remember what clip we looked at last week? *Mr Bean in the park and driving the car from the roof!*

**What did we talk about?** Who's in control/who knows best?

Tonight we're looking at the competition between rules & relationship

**Can you think of any rules that are silly and pointless?**

**Can you think of any unfair rules at school/home etc...?**

**Here are some strange laws from around the world:**

It is illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament.

It is an act of treason to place a postage stamp bearing the British monarch upside down.

In France, it is forbidden to call a pig Napoleon.

In Alabama, it is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while driving a vehicle.

In Ohio, it is against state law to get a fish drunk.

In Florida, unmarried women who parachute on Sundays can be jailed.

In Kentucky, it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon more than six-feet long.

Last week we looked at how if there were no rules in football nobody would be able to enjoy themselves. Some rules are put in place so people can enjoy what they are doing – however, some rules can be damaging & make people miss the point!



Read John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Read Ephesians 2:8-16

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece.

Don’t forget that you used to be called outsiders by the Jews, who were proud of their history, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

### **What do you think these Bible passages are saying?**

To put it briefly, they are saying that Jesus came so everyone could know and have a relationship with God, that no longer do you have to be a Jew, or follow a huge amount of rules. It’s about relationship!

### **How do you feel about that? Does it make you relieved that there aren’t a huge number of rules?**

Read Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

This verse sums it up – it is about relationship to know God. If we love Him and want to know him better then we will automatically want to follow important rules that Jesus teaches & that are written in the Bible.

Pray to close, thanking God for sending Jesus so we can have a relationship with God!