

LESSON 2:



Bella and the Sword of the Spirit



Jesus – the Word of God



OBJECTIVES

- To understand that Jesus is the Word of God and what this means.
- To understand how the Bright Morning Star represents hope and light.



RESOURCES

- Bible or displayed copies of John 1:1-3, Colossians 2:9, 1 Corinthians 1:24 and Revelation 22:16.
- Star templates (printed on paper or card)
- Scissors (if templates are not pre-cut)
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Glitter or decorative materials (optional)



TEACHING GUIDE

1. INTRODUCTION - THE POWER OF WORDS

Ask: “If you could create something just by speaking, what would you make and why?”

Discuss: Can our words affect other people? How can kind, truthful or unkind words make someone feel?

Explain: Our words can have an effect, but God’s Word has a power and authority that our words do not have. God’s truth can overcome lies.

Introduce: The Bible calls Jesus the Word (John 1:1-3). Jesus is the Son of God, and the fullness of God dwells in Him (Colossians 2:9). He reveals God and His truth to us, and Scripture calls Christ “the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24).

Focus: As we read Bella’s story, look for what happens when God’s powerful truth meets the lies Bella has believed.

2. STORY TIME – BELLA AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Revisit key moments from Bella and the Sword of the Spirit, focusing on Jesus, the Sword and Bella’s change.

Highlight key moments:

- Bella has believed hurtful lies about herself.
- Jesus comforts Bella and speaks God’s truth to her.
- The Sword represents Jesus speaking God’s truth to Bella.
- God’s Words of truth are more powerful than the enemy’s lies.
- God’s truth gives Bella courage and helps her feel strong.

Explain: Jesus speaks God’s truth to Bella through the Sword. His words carry God’s power and authority and overcome the lies she had believed.



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3. DISCUSSION – THE WORD AND POWER OF GOD

- Why do you think Jesus is called the Word of God?
- How were God's Words of Truth more powerful than the lies Bella had believed?

Explain: The Bible calls Christ “the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24). His truth carries God's power and is greater than the enemy's lies.

4. JESUS – THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR

Introduce: We have seen that Jesus brings God's truth and power. The Bible also gives Jesus another special name that shows us how He brings hope and light.

Read or display: Revelation 22:16:

Discuss in pairs or groups:

- Why do you think Jesus describes Himself as the Bright Morning Star?

Explain: Jesus calls Himself the Bright Morning Star. Like a morning star shining as darkness ends, He brings hope and light. Jesus brought truth and hope to Bella when she believed lies, and we can trust Him in difficult times too.



INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY

The Bright Morning Star

Explain: “Today you are going to create a star to remind you that as the Son of God and the Word of God, Jesus is also called the Bright Morning Star. Jesus brings hope and light, and we can trust His truth when we face difficult times.”

Provide each pupil with a star template.

Pupils should:

1. Think of one way Jesus brings hope or light into difficult situations.
2. Write their idea inside the star, e.g. “Jesus helps me when I am afraid.”
3. Decorate the star using pictures, patterns, symbols, glitter or other craft materials.
4. Think about how remembering Jesus' Words of Truth can help them when they feel afraid, sad or believe something untrue about themselves.

Display: Completed stars can be displayed together as a **Jesus, the Bright Morning Star display**.



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EXTENSION ACTIVITY

If time allows, pupils can complete a Truth and Lies Sort, deciding whether different statements reflect God's truth or a lie, connecting this to what Bella learned in the story.

Additional challenge: Pupils can choose one lie Bella had believed and write or find a Word of Truth from Scripture that could replace it.



PLENARY

Bring the class together and ask pupils to complete the sentence:

"One thing I learned about Jesus today is..."

Revisit the key question:

Why were Jesus' Words of Truth more powerful than the lies Bella had believed?

Jesus is the Word and the power of God. His Words of Truth carry God's power and authority and are greater than the enemy's lies.

Invite one or two pupils to share their Bright Morning Star and explain what its message means.



SHORT PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being the Word of God
and for speaking truth to us.

Help us to remember Your Words of Truth
instead of believing lies.

Thank You for being our Bright Morning Star,
bringing us hope and light.

Help us to trust You in difficult times.

Amen.

