

Barry Mitchell Products Presents The King of Kings Blendo Bag Only 100 Bags will be made! You got one.

Special thanks to Michael Reist who suggested the King of Kings blendo product. It was HIS idea, not mine. I'm thankful to have friends like Michael who share great ideas with me to make products that will help other gospel presenters. Thanks Michael for trusting me with your idea.

Barry Mitchell

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Word Wavers Silks:

Available in a Character Crew and Fruits of the Spirit

We carry the same Jesus art on 3 sizes of silks as well.

The following is unedited contributions from several performers. The blendo bag product is limitless in utility. Allow the ideas of others to inspire you or use their ideas. They are here to be shared.

Contribution from Rev. Michael L. Reist

Basic Effect: You come out explaining that the Bible talked about a King that would be born and rule forever. You explain that you are of course talking about Jesus and you can read or quote Luke 1:26-33.

After talking about Kingship and Jesus you begin to take things out of the bag that represent earthly Kings. When bag is empty you then begin talking about how Jesus' Kingship was different and you begin to place items representing his Kingship into the bag. When finished, you explain that God indeed gave us a very different King and you then turn your back into your Jesus is King Silk.

Luke 1:26-33

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's

name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Other Scriptures (certainly not all-inclusive) that can be helpful in talking about Kingship and the Bible foretelling Jesus' reign are:

- Zechariah 6:12-13
- Revelation 17:14
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- John 18:33-37

Supplies: You are supplied with the Bag to Silk - Other objects to be used in this effect are only limited by your imagination (of course, if you are placing them in the bag, they must be small enough to fit).

Presentation: After you talk a little about Jesus the King (as described earlier under the "Basic Effect", utilizing appropriate Scripture or Scripture references, you explain that you have in your bag things that many people equate with earthly Kings or rulers. You then begin to take out items (these are just examples you can have in your bag to take out - again, you are only limited by your imagination. I suggest probably no more than 5 items for your presentation and the suggestions I have given to the items are very bare bone, to be added on by you in your presentation.

- **Jewel/Jewels** - You can explain most people equate earthly rulers with owners of beautiful gems such as diamonds and rubies.
- **Crown** - Show a Crown (many times the Dollar Store can be your friend) - Explain that many Earthly rulers wear Crowns or other symbols of power.
- **Castle** - You can explain that most earthly rulers live in fancy and expensive places that signify their power and importance.
- **Weapon** - Use whatever best suits you whether it is a fake knife, spear, mace, pistol, etc. - You can explain that most earthly rulers

use their power to get what they want.

- **Purple Cloth** - Again, like the Crown, purple was often used to signify a King, and many important earthly rulers wear special clothing.
- **A Globe** - You show the globe and explain earthly rulers wish to control and rule over the earth that you see here.
- **Horse (Stallion)** - You explain that earthly Kings normally rode power Stallions as a symbol of their might and power.
- **Money/Coins** - Along with the Gems you can explain that earthly rulers were concerned with wealth and money.

Once you have finished removing your items from the bag you explain that many in Jesus' time were expecting the kind of King we just talked about. They wanted a King who would rule, who would gather an army and throw the Romans out of their land. But you explain that God had a different plan. God sent a King, but a King much different from the earthly Kings we think about. You now begin showing the other items you have and begin placing them in the bag (Again, the comments for the items are bare-bone, so you can elaborate and I again suggest probably utilizing no more than five items):

- **Thorn/Crown of Thorns** - You explain that most wanted a King that wore a crown with Gold and Gems. Instead God sent a King that would wear a crown of thorns.
- **Heart** - Most expected a King who would rule by force and power but instead God sent a King who would rule with love for all.
- **Donkey** - Most expected the Warrior King who would ride a powerful Stallion - God instead sent a King who would ride instead a simple donkey.
- **Cross** - Most Kings and Rulers ask their subjects to die for them. God instead sent a King who said he would die for us.
- **Nail** - Most rulers wield weapons to enforce their rule - Instead God sent a King who allowed weapons such as spears and nails to pierce him.
- **Manger** - Most Kings are born in palaces - God sent a King born in a lowly manger.
- **Peace Sign** - Most earthly rulers seem to be obsessed with war - God sent us a King, but instead it was the King of Peace.
- **Red Silk** - Most earthly rulers ask their subjects to spill blood for them - God sent a King who would shed his blood for our failings.
- **Sun** - Most rulers build monuments to themselves - God sent us a King who is the Light of the World always showing us the way.

- **Lamb or Shepherd Staff** - Most earthly Kings want to rule us - God instead sent a King who wants to be our shepherd, to take care of us, lead us and guide us.

When you are finished placing your chosen objects in the bag, you explain that God's ways are sometimes hard to understand. There were people then and there are people now who didn't understand that Jesus really is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords that God promised us so many years ago. He was King then, He is King now, and He will be King always. (As you say this you hold onto your two tabs and release the bag revealing your Jesus the King Silk).

You conclude, Jesus King of Kings - My savior and King, Your Savior and King, everybody's Savior and King.

Contribution from Doug Follett

Hey Barry,

Here is a picture of the laminated clip art pictures that I used recently at our church. I just did a search on the various pictures and if I remember correctly, I did put the words "clip art" into the search request. I cut and pasted them into Word, and sized them out to be about 6 1/2 " or so. The circle is about 6 1/4 in diameter. I simply used regular copy paper and laminated it. I thought about card stock, but the weight would have been an issue.

We had been talking about baptism on that particular day, and at the end of the talk, I mentioned that simply the act of baptism wasn't what gets you into heaven. I then put the baptism picture into the bag. Pretty standard routine on things that are all good, things that are necessary, but not THE thing that will get us into heaven. Sort of following Duane Laflin's Key To The Kingdom routine. The other pictures followed, but really in no particular order:

- a.. Church - Going to church won't get us into heaven
- b.. Cross with people around it - Belonging to a Christian family won't get us into heaven
- c.. Smiley Face - Just being a happy/good person won't get us into heaven
- d.. Offering plate - Can't buy our way into heaven with our tithes
- e.. Baptism picture - already mentioned

- f.. Pray - you get the picture
- g.. Group of kids - Being a good friend won't get us into heaven
- h.. Bible Camp - Just going to a bible camp won't get us into heaven
- i.. Noah and the ark - Just knowing our bible stories won't get us into heaven

These things are all very important in our Christian walk, and God does want us to do/be these things, but Jesus is the only way to heaven, and at that, I make the switch. While I was displaying these cards we also projected similar images up on our projection screens so the kids could see them better. I purposely made them just slightly different. For example, for the group kids picture, I had Winnie the Pooh characters.

Contribution from David Blankenship

SETUP - Prior in the King of Kings routine produce six silks in the colors of the wordless book Gospel Story. Use any appropriate method ... the Diminishing Silks or Laflin's Snap silks would work nicely. As the silks are produced describe the Gospel Message as follows:

"THERE ONCE WAS A MISSIONARY WHO WAS TROUBLED BY THE FACT THAT MANY OF HIS CONVERTS COULD NOT READ AND THUS HAD NO WAY TO BE REMINDED OF THE LESSONS HE HAD TAUGHT. HIS SOLUTION WAS A WORDLESS BOOK THAT CONTAINED SIX BLANK PAGES, EACH A DIFFERENT COLOR"

As you produce the silks tell what the colors represent:

Produce Gold Silk – "GOLD REPRESENTS GOD'S CREATION PERFECT IN EVERY WAY JUST LIKE PURE GOLD"

Produce Black Silk – "THEN SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD SEPARATING MAN FROM HIS CREATOR"

Produce Red Silk - "BUT GOD HAD A PLAN. RED REPRESENTS THE BLOOD OF GOD'S SON SHED ON THE CROSS. WITH THIS BLOOD GOD PAID THE PENALTY FOR ALL MEN"

Produce White Silk – "WHITE REPRESENTED BEING FREE FROM SIN. FOR THOSE WHO ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF HIS ONLY SON. THEIR SINS

ARE WASHED AWAY AND AS FAR AS GOD IS CONCERNED THEY ARE AS PURE AS THE NEWLY FALLEN SNOW"

Produce Blue Silk – "BLUE REPRESENTED WATER. TO SHOW OUR ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S GIFT WE ARE BAPTIZED IN WATER. SYMBOLICALLY WASHING AWAY OUR SINS AND REPRESENTING THE DEATH BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST"

Produce Green Silk - "GREEN REPRESENTS GROWTH. IN MATTHEW JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO SPREAD HIS MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD TEACHING THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD. TO DO THIS WE MUST STUDY SCRIPTURES AND GROW OURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN PLANT THE SEEDS OF HIS MESSAGE."

As you finish with each silk, discard it onto a table or podium so that the silks can be retrieved in any order but assuring the black silk will be retrieved last. As far as the audience is concerned these silk are now just a stage decoration.

When ready to perform with the King of Kings Blendo Bag retrieve each silk describing it and placing it in the Blendo Bag as you do describe it as follows:

Pick Up Gold Silk and Place in Bag – "SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN BUY THEIR WAY INTO HEAVEN BY GIVING LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO GOD'S WORK OR ATTENDING CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY"

Pick Up Red Silk and Place in Bag - "SOME THINK THAT BY DEPRIVING THEMSELVES OR PUNISHING THEMSELVES THEY CAN CLEANSE THEIR SOULS OF SIN AND SO ENTER INTO HEAVEN"

Pick Up White Silk and Place in Bag – "SOME THINK IF THEY LIVE A GOOD LIFE AND DON'T SIN ALL THAT MUCH. THAT WILL GET THEM INTO HEAVEN"

Pick Up Blue Silk and Place in Bag – "SOME THINK THAT BAPTISM ALONE WILL SAVE THEIR SOULS"

Pick Up Green Silk and Place in Bag - "SOME THINK THAT BY SPENDING THEIR LIVES GROWING SPIRITUALLY. READING RELIGIOUS

TEXTS. READING THE BIBLE. OR BY IMITATING THE LIVES OF GREAT MEN THAT THEY WILL FIND SALVATION.”

Pick Up Black Silk and Place in Bag – “WHILE TRUE CHRISTIANS MAY DO ALL OF THESE THINGS. THESE THING WILL NOT MAKE YOUR SOUL CLEAN AND PRESENTABLE TO GOD. YOUR SOUL WILL STILL BE BLACK WITH SIN”

“THE BIBLE SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO SALVATION. ONLY ON WAY TO GOD. ”

Flip the Bag producing the image of Christ:

“THAT WAY IS JESUS CHRIST THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD . . . WHO DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOUR SINS. AND THE ONLY WAY TO ACCEPT HIS GIFT IS TO ASK FOR IT. SALVATION IS THE FREE GIFT OF GOD AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST”

Contribution from Mike King

Hi Barry

Here is my idea...Have cards printed with words like Liar, Cheat, Thief, Sin all dropped into the bag representing the dark side of life. There is only one way to erase all sin and that is by knowing Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for this contest

God Bless

Mike King

Contribution from Dr. H. Frederick , Jr.

Barry's adaptation of this routine was used as the demo video of the King of Kings product.

NOT-MY-BAG BAG

EQUIPMENT: Barry Mitchell's King of Kings Blendo Bag, some spring paper flowers, in the bag, perhaps held with a rubber band, perhaps some pictures of a church, a cross, etc. on your table or mat.

PATTER: Patter will be in bold.

PERFORMANCE: You are looking around on stage at your equipment in a transitional mode between effects. **Where did it go? Where is my bag?** Pick up the King of Kings Blendo Bag folded into a black bag form. **No, this is not MY bag. This is a "NOT-MY-BAG" bag. It is dark, empty, nothing here for life.** Turn the bag inside out showing it all black and empty. If you have spring flowers in the bag, just palm them as you turn it inside out and keep them hidden behind the bag. Return the bag to its original form and leave the flowers inside.

What? You don't understand what a "NOT-MY-BAG" bag is? Have you heard people say: "I don't go to church? It's just not my bag." Hold up the bag and point to it. **"Not my bag!" Some people say, "I would rather go out in nature alone and just worship God in that beauty."** Reach in the bag and pull out the spring flowers. **"Organized religion is not... my... bag."** Point to the bag. [I sometimes say, "Well my church is not that organized. We let God take over!"] **You may have heard people say, "Church is a bunch of old people. It's not... my... bag."** Pick up a picture of a church or old folks [like me!] and put it in the blendo bag. **I have heard people say, "You know that Cross and suffering for love stuff is just 'not... my... bag.'"** Pick up a picture of the Cross, a small Cross, or Jesus on the Cross and put it in the bag. (You might be able to get the audience to repeat the phrase with you: "Not my bag.") **Then there are those who say, 'I know church people do some good, give food to the hungry, shelter the homeless, do projects in town BUT people should help themselves, it is not...my...bag.** You could have a picture of work tools or a foam hammer and put them in the bag. **Well the bag looks pretty dark and dismal to me. I say to people that the important thing is to worship and adore God giving ourselves to God's love, grace and will. In the church God is with us, gives us courage and love, and others help us know God's will for us. They sometimes answer "That may be your thing BUT it's not...my...bag."** Each time you say this repeated phrase, hold up the bag and gesture toward the audience to say it with you.

Actually, this bag is really not my, and not our, "BAG". That would be too empty for me. You know it is not all about you or me. This bag is a gift bag because it is a message from God. Our

bag is B-A-G: Beaming at God... Our bag is B-A-G: Beginning absolutely graced...Our bag is ...B-A-G: Blessings Abounding Given. Our bag is...B-A-G: Bearing a Gospel. In love, God has freed us up! Shake out the blendo bag to reveal the large image of Jesus. **Yes, Jesus the Christ. The bag is gone. We are not bagged. We are set loose, free in Christ to be the People of God. Jesus comes to us as person, presence, provider, and protector.** If you wish to extend the routine, you can talk theologically about each of these four gifts of himself that Jesus gives to us. Christ Jesus...our Lord and Savior.

ADDITIONAL ENDING: You can end by holding the image of Jesus high as you say the last phrase of the routine, and then say: God gives us courage, strength and hope to lift up Jesus. Lift the banner image above your head. We lift up Jesus. Say to the participants: Raise your arms high! We lift up Jesus. Higher. Join me: What do we do? We lift up Jesus. We lift up Jesus. We lift up Jesus. Drop your arms to chest level still holding the banner of Jesus. We lift up Jesus because Jesus first lifts us up.

Contribution from Terry Scott

(Terry refers to our Word Waver "word" silks in his idea. Word Wavers come in a variety of sets.

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The King of Kings blendo bag is used throughout the program to bring plastic fruits or seeds out as you produce the word wavers. After you have produced them all, place the fruits of the spirit silks back into the bag as you discuss the fact that we are all like trees and we all bear fruit of one kind or another whether we realize it or not. If we are a tree with our roots and branches planted in the word of God, and the life we live, the words we say, then we bring glory to God. When we do this do you know what the people around you are going to see?

(Transform blendo bag) They will see Jesus in YOU!

Contribution From Timothy Pressley

Hello Barry,

The new King of Kings Blendo Bags look great. Below are a few applications for the new blendo bag.

1) Build The Perfect Friend: The performer begins by sharing a story about how a friend once let him down. This gives the performer a reason to build the perfect friend, one that he can depend on. The performer may get the audience involved by asking them what are some desirable traits they look for in a good friend. The audience should respond with characteristics like: Trustworthy, Kind, Forgiving, etc. The performer writes these traits down on index cards (or introduces word silks that have the words on them) and puts them into the blendo bag. Then the bag is changed to the image of Jesus with the explanation that Jesus is the Perfect Friend. He is 100% dependable, trustworthy, kind, forgiving, loving, etc.

2) Simple color blendo: This routine is used to transition into a gospel message at the end of a show. The idea is to simply put different colored silk handkerchiefs into the blendo bag (colors that match the image of Jesus face: red, yellow, white, blue...) and transform them into the image of Jesus Christ.

Contribution from Joshua Pressley

Hello Mr. Mitchell,

Below are a couple ideas for application. First, someone may introduce the blendo bag as their "burden bag". He or she used to have to carry it wherever they went. Its quite heavy (some acting will be required here. Pretend it is heavy). The bag is full of the performers mistakes or sins. The performer introduces cards or word silks that talk about different sins like: lying, cheating, stealing, greed, etc. The performer explains how these things used to fill their burden bag until they were introduced to Jesus. Performer presents the gospel message and changes the bag into the image of Jesus who has taken his burden of sin. Now Jesus goes everywhere with the performer and his burden is light!

Secondly, someone may simply use the blendo bag as a story bag. Use the bag to hold props to tell a Bible story about Jesus, like when he fed the multitude with just 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. Example props may include foam fish and bread and anything that may illustrate story. The key is to tell this story without identifying Jesus. For example, "I want to tell you a story about A MAN that...." In the end, put all the props back into the bag and ask the audience if they know

who this man is or if they would like to know who he is, then change the bag into the Jesus image and tell them about Jesus. This can be adapted to tell any Bible story about Jesus!

Contribution from David McMichael

Title: **What does GOD see?**

Scripture: Isaiah 64:6 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Setup: Fold blendo into bag per instruction you received with illusion. Pick out different colored silks or small items to represent different things or areas in our lives. To be put in the bag during the routine. Also a 6 inch red or Jesus silk.

Patter: You know you can guess what is in a bag by looking at what is on the outside of the bag. If I had a KFC bag here you would probably guess there is food in it, and you might be right. We guess and judge what is in something by what we see on the outside.

It's the same way with people. We judge them on what we see on the outside.

So we put things into our lives-- colored silk Good Deeds--- colored silk Good Works. Colored silk Charity. All these things seem good enough to us and the world. Looks great to us, but what does God see. According to God's Word Isaiah 64:6 all these wonderful things we are putting into our lives (the Bag) are filthy rags in God's sight. They look great to others and us but, not to Him.

But God's word also tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that if anyone is in Christ (Or Christ in them). Put 6" red or Jesus silk in bag. They are a new creation. God sees His Son Jesus. Do the move with the bag to produce the Full 36" Jesus Silk with the bag.

He doesn't see our self righteous (filthy rags) He sees us as Holy and Pure. HE SEES JESUS.

There is a commercial out there that asks the question, what's in your wallet? Maybe the better question is. What does God see in your life filthy rags or Jesus?

Contribution from David Floyd

PURPOSE: To share what salvation in Jesus Christ can mean once you have accepted Him as your Lord and Savior.

PROPS: King of Kings Blendo Bag; Lunch Bag Change Bag; Solid Red Silk; Heart Silk (*from Fishing for Friends*); Fake Food (*apple, pear, banana, grapes, 2 identical pieces of bread*); Clear Goblet or Glass

Today I have brought two of my favorite bags: my lunch bag and my heart bag (*blendo bag*). Some of my friends have told me that I like to carry around both of these bags because food is where my heart is (*hopefully some laughter*). But seriously, these two bags will illustrate a very important truth about what we must do when we're hungry not for food, but for something more satisfying than a simple slice of pizza or a cheeseburger.

Inside my lunch bag I have a delicious apple. Mmmm, I love a good apple (and so does Steve Jobs). I know a lot of people that think that Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden by eating an apple, but the Bible actually says that it was the FRUIT of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. That was the one tree that God had told them not to eat the FRUIT from. We don't know what kind of FRUIT was on that tree. It could have been a peach (*take peach from lunch bag*); a pear (*take pear from lunch bag*); a banana (*take peach from lunch bag*); a watermelon (*pause, and look in bag, wait for laughter*) . . . *oops, no, it wasn't a watermelon, they don't grow on trees. But it really doesn't matter what kind of fruit it was, it just matters that we understand that Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Romans 5:12 says that because Adam sinned, sin has been passed down to each of us, too.*

In chapter 3 of the book of Romans, the Bible tells us that everyone (except Jesus) has sinned and no one deserves to go to heaven to be with God the Father. We have all fallen short of being right in God's eyes. But . . . God loves us so much, that He did something so incredible so that we could once again be righteous in His eyes. He sent his perfect Son, Jesus to earth, to be born, live, die, and rise again to new life so that our old lives of sin could be nailed to the cross and die with Christ. We could then rise into new life with Jesus, so that we can be with God for eternity.

The funny thing is that God had this idea to save us even before He made us. He gave us the freedom to choose life or death by choosing to love Him. Here is my heart bag (*hold it up*). What do you think is inside? (*Wait for answers, most will say 'heart', but you never know what will come out of the mouths of people . . . you might even get something humorous*). That's right, my heart (*pull out solid red silk*). Once, my heart was a slave to sin. I thought I had control of it, but it

was really sin that had control of me. It was like my heart had no shape to it, it was just . . . empty! Thankfully, I was able to find a way for my heart to be free from sin. I had to give my heart to the only person who could defeat sin . . . that's right, Jesus Christ.

Allow me to show you what He has done for me. Here is a cup (*place heart silk into cup*). Here are some grapes (*take grapes from lunch bag*). On the night before Jesus died on the cross, he had a very special meal with his disciples. He took the juice of some grapes (*place grapes in cup on top of heart silk*) and told his disciples that what was in the cup was his blood (eww, gross). But you see, the Bible says that Jesus' blood on the cross covered my sins. When God looks at my heart, He no longer sees my sin, He sees His Son's innocence and perfection covering the sin in my heart.

But that's not all Jesus has done for me (*take grapes and heart silk out of cup, place grapes aside and continue to hold heart silk*). He didn't just take away my sins, He has given me a way to live forever. I'm sure you know that everyone must eat food to live. There are many times in the Bible where God provided food so that those who followed Him might live. God even provided something called *mannah* to the children of Israel as they traveled through the Sinai desert thousands of years ago. Nobody knows exactly what this *mannah* was, but it provided the nutrition the people needed just like the daily bread they would normally make if they had wheat (*take bread out of lunch bag*). In John 6:35, Jesus told us that He was the Bread of life. He said that if we come to Him, we will not hunger. Whoever believes in Him, will never thirst.

(*Ask pastor or other gospel worker to come forward to help for a moment*). Would you please wrap my heart around this bread and place it inside my lunch bag? (*As he or she does so, say . . .*) You see, I allowed Jesus to become my Bread of life. (*Close lunch bag and ask helper to hold it*). Because Jesus rose from the grave, he gives my heart what it needs not just to live for today, but for eternity with God. Do you remember that my heart was red, but it was just blank and without a shape? (*wait for answer*). Well, in the gospel of John, chapter 15, Jesus told his disciples in the upper room that they were in Him as he was in the father. He also said that He was inside of them, too. Strange . . . but true! (*take the lunch bag from spectator and open it up, being sure to open the opposite chamber where the bread wrapped with the heart silk is; allow spectator to take out bread with heart silk*). Please take out my heart. Show my heart to the audience. Do you see that my heart is new? It is not like my old heart that was a slave to sin, but I am a new creation in Christ Jesus (*thank spectator as he or she*

departs back to seat).

My friends, He can do the same for you. If you allow Jesus to take control of your heart (*place heart silk and bread in blendo bag*), take away your sin and give you eternal life, then you too can become more and more like Jesus, the true Bread of life (*shake heart bag and show Jesus: the King of Kings!*) and be with the Father in Heaven forever.

Amen!

David Floyd

NOTES: The magical effect is basically the changing of a red silk for a heart silk and the magical appearing of the face of Jesus, the King of Kings. Prepare by placing a piece of bread wrapped in a heart silk in the back chamber of the lunch bag. Place the fake fruit in the other chamber, making sure the extra bread is on bottom, then the grapes, the banana next, the pear on top of that, and the apple being the upper most. Place the red silk in the blendo bag. Place the cup or glass to the side of the two bags. You are now ready to perform.

The purpose for using a gospel worker is so that those who need to hear the gospel are focused on the message and not putting something in a bag. The purpose of having a spectator do the silk/bread transformation is so that the audience will experience the magic vicariously through the helper without having the need to look in the bag to prove that it is empty (nor does the magician need to mention the condition of the bags' interior).

Besides the visual illustration of Christ (the Bread of life) being in my heart, the reason for the bread in the silk is so that after the change of the silk occurs, the continuity of the bread being inside the silk both before and after the transformation lends credibility that nothing else could be in the bag and that the silk really did change.

It could be argued that just the heart silk needs to be placed in the blendo bag, but I believe that both the bread and the heart silk should be placed in the blendo bag because it demonstrates that Christ is in my heart.

I purposely made the patter about the performer and did not generalize what Christ can do for all until the end. It makes the whole routine seem like a personal story (which it is) and thus makes the listener more likely want to find out what this performer has that is so special in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This routine is intended to be the conclusion to a Gospel show. It's purpose to to clearly explain the Gospel and give the listeners an opportunity to respond.

The bread could be slices of foam bread (from dealers such as Peechy Keane or the top and bottom of a chicken sandwich gag). Or the bread could simply a small imitation, Styrofoam bread roll that has been painted to look like bread. The flat slices are more likely going to fit in the bottom of the lunch bag than the slightly larger bulk of a fake baguette.

Many thanks to all who sent contributions. Now it's your turn. Find your own creative way to use the King of Kings Blendo Bag as well as being inspired by the ideas shared.

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