

A script from



“The Crazy Truth: The Captain’s Faith”

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What In this interactive skit, a show called The Crazy Truth is the setting where Professor Imani and his sidekick, Zaney, teach audiences (despite the meddlings of Dr. Doubt) about the miracle Jesus performed when he healed the Roman captain’s servant. Note: This is Day 2, if you are using The Crazy Truth series.
Themes: Faith, Belief, Doubt, Miracles

Who	Professor Imani	Jesus
	Doctor Doubt	Disciple
	Zaney	Announcer
	Roman	Sign Holder

When Present day laboratory and Biblical times

Wear (Props) Professor Imani has crazy hair, colorful clothes and a white labcoat. Zaney has zany hair and is dressed in a white painter’s suit with science goggles. Dr Doubt is dressed in nice pants, white button down, red black or neutral tie and is clean cut and also in a lab coat. Your Sign Holder can be wearing similar attire to Imani and Zaney or be dressed like your audience. Bible people can be dressed in period dress.

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Why Matthew 8:5-13, Hebrews 11:1

How *SEE PERFORMANCE IDEAS AT THE END OF THIS SCRIPT

Time Approximately 8 minutes

Theme music/noises play; Announcer enters.

Announcer: Weeeeeelcome everyone to our show...The Crazy Truth!

Cheer sign

Announcer: And now...here's your man with the plan, and no it's not Stan, so give a hand to this one-man band, it's...it's...Professor Imani!

Imani Sign; Imani enters. Audience chants:

Audience: Imani! Imani! Imani! Imani!

Imani: Well, hey there folks! Have I got something to show you! Are you ready for it?

Cheer sign.

Imani: Alright! Zaney is going to enter, step through our Illuminator 3000 and then...well, just wait and see! Drumroll please!

Leads audience in a drumroll.

Zaney enters through the Illuminator 3000 with flare.

Zaney: Ta da!

Confusion fills the audience. They see nothing.

Zaney: *(after a few moments she steps back through and enters again and says again...with more gusto)* Ta daaaaa!!!

Audience still in confusion.

Imani: Oh yeah! That's right! You can't see it...can you? Well, it's right there in plain sight.

Doubt: *(entering)* Of course they can't see it. There's nothing there to see!

Dr. Doubt, Get Out! Sign; Audience shouts:

Audience Doctor Doubt, get out!

Doubt: Yeah yeah yeah...I hear you. But you have to admit...they're crazy! *(Pointing at Zaney)* Look! Just look! There's nothing there. Nothing! Illuminator 3000?! Ha!

Zaney: Just because you can't see it doesn't mean there's nothing there.

Imani: You can say that again.
Zaney: Just because you can't see it doesn't mean there's nothing there.
Imani: Good one.
Doubt: You're both crazy.
Imani: Sometimes it's hard to believe something when we can't actually see it. But I can prove to you that the Illuminator 3000 has worked and there's something there! But first...that reminds me of one special story from the Bible.
Doubt: I bet you're going to tell us about it.
Zaney: No doubt!
Imani: *(impressed by Zaney's pun)* You are on fire!

CAPTAIN'S FAITH BIBLE STORY

Enter Disciple then Jesus.

Disciple: Ugh! This has been one loooooong day. I'm exhausted. I did not expect this much walking with this gig.

Jesus: We can rest a while.

Roman: *(running in, he's a little breathless)* Jesus! Excuse me, sir...Jesus. Please.

Disciple jumping back a bit alarmed by being approached by a Roman Captain.

Jesus: What can I help you with?

Disciple: *(going to Jesus quickly with purpose)* Jesus, wait. You realize that *he* is a Roman soldier!

Jesus: *(looking at the Roman and feigning surprise...he's pulling his leg)* He's a Roman soldier?! How can you tell?!

Disciple: Are you kidding me?! The shoes! The hair! The shield! The very very pointy sword! That ridiculous helmet!

Roman: Hey! I *have* to wear this thing. Government issued.

Disciple: *He is the enemy!*

Jesus: I know who he is, friend. He's a friend in need. (*Addressing the Roman again*) Why have you come to look for me?

Roman: It's my friend, a servant of mine. He's...he's very sick. He's at my home right now. Just laying there...too sick, he can't move! I'm afraid...I'm afraid...

Jesus: Should I come to your home and heal him?

Disciple: Are you crazy? Go to the house of a Roman?

Roman: No, Jesus. I know if you just say the word you can heal him from right where you stand. I have faith in you.

Jesus: (*smiling...he speaks to the Disciple*) I have never met anyone around here with as much faith as this Roman soldier has shown here. (*Walking to the Roman putting his hand on his shoulder then near his heart*) I can see that you have faith in your heart. A faith that has healed your friend. Go home. You will find him healthy, happy, and completely healed.

Roman: Thank you! (*Running off*) Thank you, Jesus!

Disciple: (*confused and amazed*) So, his faith saved his friend?

Jesus: Yup. God knows what's in our hearts. And I could see that his faith was strong. He believed. And a faith like that...can make miracles happen.

Disciple: I couldn't see his faith. But you did.

Jesus: You're learning. Just keep following me. (*Jesus starts to exit then turns back*) Well, come on then!

Exit Disciple and Jesus

Doubt: Well, that's a nice story and everything, but what does it have to do with what we have here? What does it have to do with the Illuminator 3000? I still don't see anything!

Imani: Let's see what we can do about that.

Zaney: Maybe we need to use the Illuminator 3000 on everyone here to really drive our point home!

Imani: What a great idea! (*To the Audience*) Is everybody ready?

Cheer Sign; audience cheers

Zaney: Then let's do this!

Imani: Fire it up, Zaney! Everyone hang on. Here it comes!

Zaney: Count with me! 3-2-1!!!

They blast the audience with the Illuminator 3000 (counselors/volunteers spray them with glow stuff) and stop after a while.

Zaney: That should do it!

Imani: Now can you see?

Doubt: What are you talking about? I still don't see a thing.

Imani: Y'know, the Roman Captain was kind of in a sad, "dark place" and was still able to see the light.

Zaney: Maybe a little darkness will help us be able to shine some light on what's really going on here! We'll be able to see like Jesus!

Imani: Clap on!

Zaney: Clap off!

Imani & Zaney: Clap on! Clap off! The Clapper!

CLAP CLAP!!

Lights off to reveal Zaney is glowing in the dark! (or has lights that turn on and appear under white coveralls lighting her up. We see she has a "heart" visible too. Everything is glowing. Black Lights reveal the glow on everyone. If you have passed out glowing heart stickers/necklaces, etc. to all the kids they will awe at them and their own clothes now.

Doubt: Wha-?! What on-?! That's...that's...that's impossible!

Dr. Doubt, Get Out! Sign; Audience shouts:

Audience Doctor Doubt, get out!

EXIT Doctor Doubt in a huff

Imani: Well, whattya think of that, kids?

That's Crazy! Sign; Audience shouts:

Audience That's crazy!

Imani: That's Christ! The Crazy Truth is, Kids, Jesus knows our hearts. And he can see us clearly even when we can't see him.

Zaney: It sure is hard sometimes to believe when you can't see something. But with Jesus, we can have great faith, just like the Roman Captain, and that kind of faith can make miracles happen!

Imani: Until next time, kids. Keep on seeking to discover...

The Crazy Truth! Sign; Audience shouts:

Audience: The Crazy Truth!

Zaney: And don't stop believing! *(To Imani)* Since we're dressed for a dance party, I think we should dance on out of here! I've got some serious moves.

Imani: I'll believe it when I see it!

Imani & Zaney: Let's do this!

Dance music Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" and disco ball and lasers begin getting the audience to dance and then EXIT.

HOW

Split stage presentation where Imani's Lab is on one part of the stage and the other stage is for the Bible story. If possible, rehearse with your Sign Holder/Adults/Counselors/Teachers prior to the presentation the interactive audience lines. Also, none of your "inventions" need to actually do what they say. They just need to appear to do what they say. The idea is to have the invention be a part of the interactive aspect and in this case the machine goes a little wacky and sprays water on the audience. You can have Zaney and Imani standing behind the invention spraying water. Adults in the audience, counselors/teachers/etc. could be equipped prior to the presentation with small water squirters to squirt the audience when it's time.

SET

Spinny wheels
Tubes
Colors
Gears

Think of things that you could buy cheap and big at home depot/lowes and paint and configure

Neon colored cutout shapes of test tubes, gears, springs
Hula hoops with a ball in the middle made to look like an atom/molecule
Biblical costumes for Bible story scenes

COSTUMES

Imani

White lab coat
Crazy hospital pattern pants or other brightly colored pant
Wacky tie/bow tie
Button down brightly colored shirt (not red)
Science goggles
Possibly an "einstein" wig

Zaney

White painters coveralls
Science goggles
Pigtails with pipe cleaners sticking out of hair in curly springs

Doubt

Gray/white lab coat
Black pants

White collared shirt
Red tie

Whatever you use to "illuminate"

Glow sticks

Christmas lights

Laser lights

Disco ball

Spotlight

Dance party atmosphere

Christmas lights

Tonic water if it glows when sprayed on something (test before hand)

Glow in the dark paints/stickers

Blacklights

Tech needs

Theme music

Lab noises

Journey's song "don't stop believin"

Extras for Zaney's Costume

White painters outfit but underneath she has battery operated or other lights that can be plugged in/turned on when needed and seen through her painters costume or...

Her painters outfit is painted with glow in the dark paints that aren't revealed until the lights go out and/or the blacklights go on

The "Illuminator 3000"

A PVC archway with Christmas lights wrapped around, and covered with sparkling doorway/fringe door covering

A "hose" on the side of it (garden hose or slinky with nozzle, etc.)

Contraption

Get creative! They don't actually have to "do" what they say they do, they just have to have "working parts" that you can imitate that they do what they say they can do.

Large signs for audience that read the following:

CHEER! (or hands clapping may be better...like the ones on Facebook icon)

IMANI!

Dr. Doubt, Get Out! (or a pic of the words "Dr. Doubt" with red circle and line over)

That's Crazy! (or sign with just "crazy" on it or a swirly spiny crazy thing)

Choose words or symbols based on the age of your audience