

# Bible Byte 82

*Get the road ready for God. John 1:23*

## Road Workers

### Visual props:

- Prepare a series of strong cardboard squares (20x20cm) that look like scrabble tiles. You will need 2 A's, 3 D's, 3 E's, 1 F, 2 G's, 2 H's, 1 J, 1N, 4 O's, 3 R's, 2 T's, 1 Y, and tiles with the numerals 1, 2, and 3
- Prepare a large 'blueprint' page with road work plans (roundabouts, traffic lights, merging lanes, give way intersections)
- Prepare 8 large cardboard sections of 'road', each with one word of the Bible Byte written clearly on it, including one piece for "John" and one piece for "1:23"

Three or four workers (all clearly named 'John') in hard hats, fluoro work vests, flannelette checked shirts, or overalls enter. They greet each other with handshakes and back slaps, making it clear that everyone's name is 'John'.

Checking a clip board, they affirm that the job they are on is for the SUFM Bible Byte contractors.

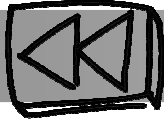
They mark out a construction zone space with safety cones and striped tape. While they do this they maintain some banter. The words, 'get the road ready' for work, improvements, maintenance are used repeatedly and gratuitously.

Once they have marked out the zone, they check their watches, and call a 'morning tea break'.

Sitting down, they bring out the traditional thermos (this can be a cardboard prop that is oversized) and continue banter about a good morning's work.

The workers begin to play a game of Scrabble using the tiles. They deal out the tiles between them, and the players put in the words 'get' 'road' 'ready' 'God' .

	G <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>		G <sub>2</sub>		
			H <sub>4</sub>		O <sub>1</sub>		
		R <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	
		O <sub>1</sub>					
		A <sub>1</sub>					
		D <sub>2</sub>					



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If you can manage the logistics, stick the tiles on to a vertical 'scrabble' board. Duct tape is your friend!

Don't take too long on this, or labour it – as it is simply one part of the overall delivery of the Bible Byte.

The workers look at their watches, and get back to work. They consult the blue print, calling for a couple of volunteers to help them unfold and hold the blue prints. They call on the audience to help read the instructions.

Finally the workers begin work on the 'road'. They clear a road through the audience (put a couple of twists and turns in it ), and using volunteers, place the large cards with the words in order along the road. The workers should continuously use the phrase 'Get the road ready', and also involve the audience in reading the words that are being laid down.

When the road is constructed, lead the audience in putting together the entire verse, which should be well ingrained by this time.

Refer back to the clipboard before signing off on the job – they check through the following points

- get the road ready for God
- following the plans, as per John the Baptist as seen in the book of John
- refer to Bible for specification verifications
- allowance for surprises, things being reversed, wrong turns being made right, everyone being welcome.

Wrap up, with singing out the Bible Byte words to the tune of 'Roary the racing car'

