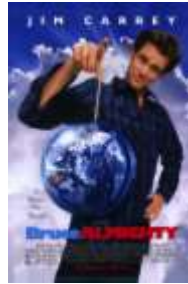


# Bruce Almighty – Teacher’s Video Sheet



**Story:** Bruce is a news reporter for a local TV station. He is always given the funny stories to cover, but he aspires to be the anchorman. Everything starts to go wrong for Bruce when his archenemy, Evan Baxter is given anchor. Bruce goes crazy and is fired. He blames God for what is going wrong in his life. God, who is becoming frustrated with Bruce's complaining, calls Bruce to him and gives Bruce his powers to see if he can do a better job.

**Topic:** Buddhism - Why is there suffering?

**Year:** 7

**Lesson number:** 1

**Start clip:** (0 minutes) Bruce is presenting a story on the world's biggest cookie.

**End clip:** (22 minutes 36 seconds) Bruce crashes his car.

**Suggested questions:** What is going wrong in Bruce's life? What is going well in Bruce's life? What good things is he ignoring? What is causing Bruce's suffering? If Bruce carries on with this attitude what do you think will happen?

**Length of clip:** 22 minutes 36 seconds

**Topic:** Buddhism - Searching for Tranquillity

**Year:** 7

**Lesson number:** 4

**First Clip:**

**Start clip:** (34 minutes 34 seconds) God explains the rules of Bruce's new powers while walking on water.

**End clip:** (55 minutes 57 seconds) Bruce walks out of the restaurant.

**Suggested questions:** What does Bruce do to make himself happy after getting his powers? Do these things make him happy? Why/Why not? What do you think would make him happy? What problems is Bruce's search for happiness causing?

**Length of clip:** 21 minutes 23 seconds

**Second Clip:**

**Start clip:** (1 Hour 13 minutes 47 seconds) Bruce arrives at Omni Present after the town has gone crazy.

**End clip:** (1 hour 28 minutes 55 seconds) End of the film.

**Suggested questions:** What is making Bruce happy in this clip? What do you think makes people happy?

**Length of clip:** 15 minutes 8 seconds