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JESUS HEALED A BLIND MAN

JOHN 9

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus came to bring light into the darkness. He healed the blind man to show God's power and to point to a greater truth: Jesus came to give spiritual sight. When we trust in Him, He forgives our sin and helps us see and know God.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is justification? Justification is when God declares that we are forgiven of sin and are made righteous.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:21

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PREPARE

Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The Christian phrase to "give one's testimony" means that a believer shares how God led them to respond to the gospel in faith and repentance. The challenge for many believers, however, is that their testimony seems to lack the dramatic twists and turns that other evangelists may share. Thus, some Christians shy away from sharing their testimony because they deem it boring and ineffective.

Nothing, however, could be further from the truth. Every salvation—from a person raised in a Christian home and coming to know Jesus at a young age, to the person who accepts Jesus on their death bed after a life spent running from Him—is the story of the Savior dramatically reversing the very nature of one's life.

Through this lens, one of the greatest tools we have in declaring the goodness of our God is our own testimony. Every testimony is a powerful example of God's grace and mercy.

This week's story shows the power of a testimony. Jesus heals a man who had been born blind. Because he was born blind, most of his community was convinced that his blindness was a result of sins committed by his parents or sins committed by himself. Jesus argued against that claim and explained that his blindness was an opportunity to see God glorified.

Not everyone in the community was excited for or convinced by the healing. The Pharisees in particular were suspicious of Jesus and looked for ways to trap Him. They began to ask hard questions of both the man and his parents. And amid that questioning, the healed man gave one of the best answers one can give when people question a believer's faith: "I once was blind, but now I see."

Isn't that the story of all believers—we once were blind, but now we see? We once were lost, but now we are found. We once were far from God, but now we have been brought close. We once were God's enemies, but now we are God's family. We once were condemned, but now we are forgiven. We once were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ. This week, point kids to the transformative power of Jesus who enlightens hearts and calls the spiritually dead to life.

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WELCOME

Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or practice the memory verse!

MEMORY VERSE

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Bible Bucks day is November 22!



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LARGE GROUP LESSON

Review what we're learning in large group.

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Jesus and His disciples saw a man who had been blind since he was born. The disciples asked Jesus, "Why was this man born blind? Did he do something wrong? Did his parents do something wrong?"

Jesus said, "No one's sin made this man blind. He was born this way so people could see God's power in him. We must do the works of Him who sent Me. While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

Then Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud, and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." The man went and washed. He came back being able to see!

The people in that area were confused. Some said, "This is the same man who used to sit and beg." Others said, "No, it just looks like him." But the man said, "I'm the one! Jesus put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I can see!"

The Pharisees didn't believe Jesus had healed the man. They even asked the man's parents, who said, "Yes, this is our son, and he was born blind. But we don't know how he can see now."

The Pharisees kept asking the man what happened. He said, "All I know is I was blind, and now I can see!" The Pharisees got angry and made the man leave.

Later, Jesus found the man again and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man asked, "Who is He?"

Jesus said, "You have seen Him. He is talking to you now." The man said, "I believe, Lord!" and he worshiped Jesus.

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ACTIVITIES

Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

GAME: MAGNIFIED

Pull up the "Magnified" slides on the TV in your room. Explain to kids that they will see pictures of everyday objects that have been super zoomed in or magnified. Show each picture and encourage kids to raise their hand to guess what they think the object is. After a few guesses, reveal the answer and move to the next picture. If kids are having trouble, give them a simple hint about what the object might be.

OPTIONAL: Make it a competition! Split the kids into teams and award points for correct answers.

CONNECT THE DOTS

When something is magnified, it helps us pay attention to many of its important details. Today we will learn that Jesus healed a blind man to glorify God. Like the microscope draws our attention to the details of small objects, Jesus' miracles helped point people to God and His power and glory.

GRATITUDE CHAIN

It's time for our annual Gratitude Chain! Give each kid several strips of paper and have them write one thing they are thankful for on each strip. Loop the strips together and staple each one closed to create one long paper chain. Leave your finished chain in your room, and during the week, we'll connect all of the rooms' chains together to see just how much we have to be thankful for!

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CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. What is justification? (Justification is when God declares that we are forgiven of sin and are made righteous.)
2. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
3. Why do you think the man went and told others what God had done for him?
4. What does it mean to be spiritually blind? Read 2 Corinthians 4:6

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!

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