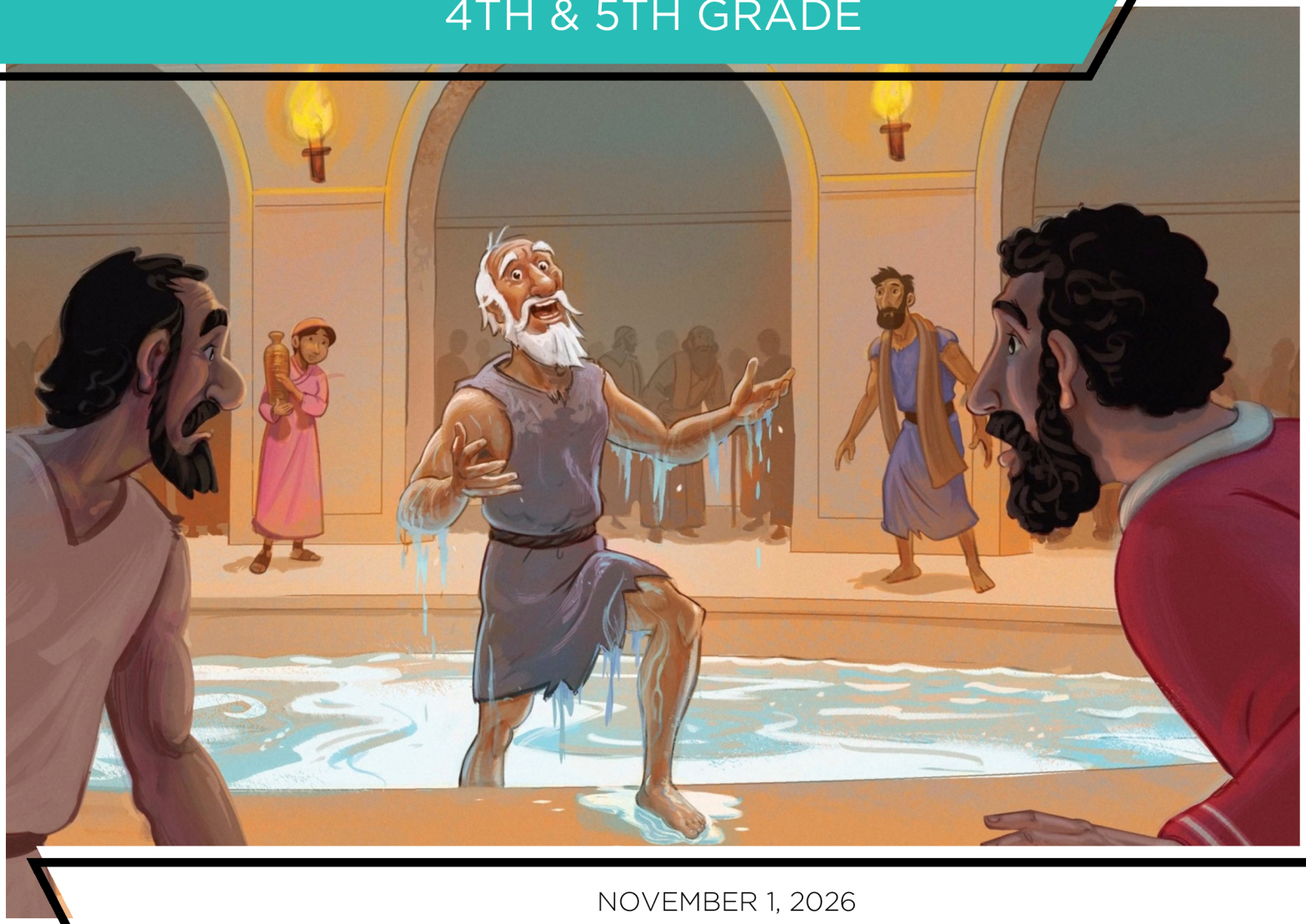
PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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.

LEADER DEVO

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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ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S 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



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

NOV 22

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: VERSE ABBREVIATIONS

On an index card, write out the first letter of each word in the verse you want to memorize. For example, 2 Corinthians 5:21 will look like:

F O S H M H T B S W K N S S T I H W M B T R O G

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LESSON

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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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

1) Read John 9:1-3. The disciples assumed that the man was blind because of someone's sin. What does Jesus tell them is the true reason he is blind?

2) What does it mean that Jesus is the "light of the world"?

3) Read John 9:13-16. The Pharisees claim that Jesus is not from God because He doesn't keep the Sabbath. What does this tell us about Jesus' heart vs the Pharisees' hearts? *(Consider that Jesus is mostly concerned with the person whereas the Pharisees are concerned with the law.)*

4) What does it mean to believe in Jesus? How does that belief transform our life?

5) In verses 39-41, what does Jesus mean that He came for those who are blind to see, and for those that see to be blind? What "blindness" is Jesus referring to here?

> *Instead of physical blindness, Jesus is talking about Spiritual blindness. As sinners, Jesus heals us of our blindness so that we can see the truth about our sin and His gift of salvation.*

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PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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