Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind - God is Powerful!

Bible Passage: John 9:1-12 (for full story, read all of chapter 9) Memory Verse of the Week: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Storytelling Video

Click <u>HERE</u> to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

Discussion & Activities

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!



Story Overview:

One day, Jesus and His disciples came upon a blind man. This man had been blind since the time he was born. Jesus' disciples thought that maybe this man was blind because he or his parents had sinned. But Jesus quickly told them that wasn't true—God wanted people to see His power through this special man! So Jesus made some mud, put it on the blind man's eyes, and told him to go wash in a pool. The man obeyed, and he was able to see! God had chosen this man before he was even born so God could show His great power.

Discussion Questions:

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

- 1. Read John 9:1–2. What did the disciples think was the reason for the man's blindness? (They thought the man or his parents had sinned.)
- 2. Read verse 3. Why did Jesus say the man was blind? (He was blind so God's power could be seen in his life.)
- **3. Read verses 6–7. How did Jesus heal the man's blindness?** (He spat in the dirt, made mud, and rubbed it on the man's eyes. Then told him to go wash them.)
- 4. What happened when the man obeyed Jesus?
- 5. What does it mean that God is Powerful? How does that make you feel?

Prayer of Blessing

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

(Child's name), may you see God's power in your life and may the people who don't yet know Jesus see His love and power in your life.

Take this time to pray with and for you children. Allow them to share prayer requests, pray for each other, and pray their and others specific prayer requests.

Activity: Scavenger Hunt

SUPPLIES

Your family, your list, and some time to walk around your home or neighborhood

PLAY: Below are a few links to some fun and simple scavenger hunts your kids can do alone or the whole family can join in! Connect this activity to the lesson by talking about how we can be thankful for everything God gives us - our eyes and ability to see and the beautiful things we can see around us - which we may take for granted sometimes.

Around the House Scavenger Hunt:

https://heyletsmakestuff.com/printable-around-the-house-indoor-scavenger-hunt/

Outdoor Sketching Scavenger Hunt:

https://buggyandbuddy.com/outdoor-scavenger-hunt-kids-free-printable/

Color Scavenger Hunt (Great for younger kids who know their colors):

https://iheartcraftythings.com/simple-color-scavenger-hunt-kids.html

Activity: Blind Drawing

SUPPLIES Paper, drawing materials, blindfolds

CREATE

This activity can be done in a variety of ways! Your artists will be blindfolded. You can have one artist at a time, or have two or more artists. Whoever is not drawing will decide what the artists will draw while they are blindfolded. After they are finished drawing, take the blindfolds off and look at your pictures! You can have your children draw individual things, like the sun, a heart, a flower, your pet, your house, etc. If your children are older/enjoy drawing, here are some more fun ideas for drawing a whole scene:

House Scene:

- 1. Draw a sun in the top right corner of your paper
- 2. Draw some grass at the bottom
- 3. Draw a house
- 4. Draw 5 flowers in the grass
- 5. Draw 3 clouds in the sky
- 6. Draw 4 birds in the sky

Person Scene:

- 1. Draw a person
- 2. Give them a hat
- 3. Draw pants, a shirt, and shoes on them
- 4. Draw a pet next to them

You can also draw playground scenes, classroom scenes, or church scenes! The more details, the funnier it gets!