



3rd – 5th

January 18-19, 2014

DATE

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

LESSON TITLE

John 9

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Heals to Reveal God's Glory

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

As kids come in, ask them if they've ever had broken bones or broken something in their house. Spark some thinking about what is broken in life. Ask how it was fixed...*if* it was fixed...if anyone got upset about it, etc.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they are taking home a ripped up piece of paper re-glued on construction paper.

As you hand out Parent Pages, tell each parent/guardian to ask their kid about the pack of CDs they got. (The insert in the CD explains it more thoroughly.)

large group heads up

For the next 2 weeks, we're talking about Jesus' miracles. Today is all about how Jesus healed a blind man. The man was blind so that God's glory would be revealed through him. The truth is, God can show his glory through our brokenness too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

BREAK IT UP

- Take **3 wall calendars** to your table.
- Ask kids to choose one picture they think is cool... and rip it out of the calendar.
- They should rip it up into pieces, but keep the pieces in a pile on the table near their chair.
- Together, rip up the rest of the calendar pages and create a large pile in the middle with the little pieces.
- Using whatever time you have left, let kids (as a team) find pieces in the excess, middle pile (not their individual ripped piles—those are for use in small group!) and try to rebuild one big, new picture by laying pieces out on the table or floor like a puzzle.

This is also a time for you to connect with kids: After they've ripped up the calendars, ask about the best part of their week. Remind them of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that God does miracles to heal a broken world, (2) recognize that brokenness gives God a chance to reveal his glory and (3) identify broken areas where they want God to show up

Why? We all know what it's like to live in a broken world.

Tip: As you talk about this story with kids, keep in mind that this man underwent years of blindness in order to reveal God's glory. God can do—and DOES do—miracles, but not always according to our timing. It's OK to acknowledge that as confusing.

small group

Have kids take the **torn pieces** from the page they chose: God is all about fixing what is broken. Give them a piece of **construction paper**. While we talk about today's story, use the **glue sticks** to try to put your picture back together on the construction paper. (They'll have to lay out pieces first and share the glue. The paper won't fit perfectly, but that's OK.)

As kids work, **REVIEW THE STORY:**

1. What was wrong with the man in today's story?
2. Why was he blind?
3. What did Jesus do to heal him?
4. How did the man feel afterwards?
5. How would you have felt if you were that man?
6. How did Jesus show God's power?

ACTIVITY: WE ARE BROKEN TOO

*Ask kids to stop gluing momentarily, and give each kid an **outline of a body**. Take one for yourself too. Offer kid-friendly examples, but be vulnerable with them:

- Make "X"s outside of the outline, near places where you've been physically hurt (this can include eyes for kids who wear glasses, etc.)
- Make "X"s inside the body to indicate heart scars (times people have made fun of you, times you had your feelings hurt, maybe your brother was mean to you, etc; don't force kids to go too deep.)
- Share: Start with physical scars; then share (appropriate) heart scars (you share too!)
- How could God show his glory through your brokenness? Discuss. Imagine how you would change, who would notice a difference, etc.
- Recall: **2 Corinthians 12:9: But he said to me, "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."** (pg. 1285, Adventure Bible)

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***Pray with kids, asking God to use our broken places to do a miracle and show his glory.** Remind them to take home their re-glued piece of paper as a reminder that God can fix our brokenness.

AT THE END:

- Ask: To whom does God want to show his power and goodness? (everyone!)
- Explain:
 - But not everybody knows about God. One way we can introduce others to Jesus is by inviting them to learn about Jesus with us! So on Super Bowl Weekend (in two weeks), I want to challenge you to invite a friend to come with you to Kids' Club.
 - Your job is to think of one friend who doesn't come to Kids' Club and invite them to come on Super Bowl Weekend (ask your parents first).
 - (**Distribute packets of 2 CDs**): One is for you and one is to give to that friend as an invitation. **Write your friend's name in the blank space on the insert of the CD.**

Extra time? Finish putting broken pictures together. Set them all down on the table and facilitate a whole-group "walkabout," during which each small group goes around the room looking at other kids' pictures.

special notes

Preview the video clips ahead of time:

- The girl restoring paper can be found here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQnumO9wWNE>
- Jesus heals a blind man is approx. the first 3:20 of this video:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LRowXe8XBU> (but will be a clip with better resolution)

presenter tips

This can be a story that's hard to understand. This man underwent years of blindness in order to reveal God's glory. Keep that in mind as you talk to kids. Yes, God can do—and DOES—miracles, but not always according to our timing.

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you. Have you guys had fun ripping up the pictures you chose? They were so beautiful, and now they're such a mess...

GOD CREATED A PERFECT WORLD

(Show picture of a garden.) But that's actually exactly like our world. See, when God created it, everything was perfect. He put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They got to be free and naked and happy. The best part was, they walked and talked with God every day. They named animals and got to explore wherever they wanted. They could swim in oceans and climb mountains...it was the *best!*

THE PERFECT WORLD WAS BROKEN

Some of you may have heard what happened next. God's enemy, the devil, didn't want Adam and Eve to enjoy God and obey him. The devil hates God and wants everybody else to follow him and run away from God. So he tricked Adam and Eve into thinking God didn't *really* love them...they couldn't *really* trust him.

(Click to show the storm brewing.) When Adam and Eve chose to listen to the devil and disobey God, all the wrong things in the world began—darkness entered God's perfect world. The worst part was, Adam and Eve couldn't be close to God anymore because God is perfect. Before long, the world was all messed up. Kind of like those torn pictures. What are some ways that our world is broken? *(*Give a personal example; then let kids share big and little things.)*

GOD WILL RESTORE THE BROKEN WORLD TO PERFECTION

Fortunately, God loved Adam and Eve—and *loves us*—too much to leave us in this broken world, separated from him! That's why he sent Jesus, the Rescuer. God wanted to put our broken world back together, kind of like how this girl is putting back together her ripped sheet of paper:



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Video: Girl Restoring Torn Paper (30 seconds)

So God sent Jesus to come and begin to put things back together. Jesus brought the Kingdom of God to the kingdom of the world. Then he died and took the punishment for all the wrong things we've done, so that we can be close to God again! When we believe Jesus took our punishment, we can be a part of God's family. One day, God will re-create a perfect world for his whole family to live in together. And it's going to be perfect. Nothing will be broken!

FOR NOW, WE MUST LIVE IN BROKENNESS

But until then, we have to live in a broken world. And bad things happen, don't they? Raise your hand if you've **never** been sick or sad or hurt (let kids raise hands). Yep, all of us have experienced the brokenness of life, haven't we?! Sometimes we do wrong things that hurt us or hurt others. But sometimes, we just get sick or hurt because of the world we live in.

This can be hard to understand. In fact, one time, Jesus' disciples saw a blind man. They said, "Jesus, whose fault is it that this man is blind? Did he do something that deserved that punishment? Or did his parents?"

Jesus said, "Neither one did anything wrong! This happened so that God's work could be shown in his life." When we are broken, God has a chance to do miracles and show his power. Jesus healed this blind man. As you watch, see if you can figure out how Jesus did it:

Video: Jesus Heals a Blind Man clip (about 3:30)

Wow, amazing! So how did Jesus heal the man who was born blind? (Let kids say: he spit on mud, put it on the man's eyes, and told the man to wash in the pool). That's right. Now, does that make sense? (Let kids say: no!) No, mud has nothing special to heal eyes...but Jesus showed God's power.

BUT GOD'S GLORY CAN BE REVEALED!

And even though we don't live in a perfect world yet, Jesus did bring the Kingdom of God to us. We can be a part of letting God show his glory by asking him to fix our brokenness and telling everyone that it was GOD who did it. In the Bible, Paul explains it like this. He said that God said to him:

SLIDE: 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."

That went for the blind man too. We got to hear a story of God giving a blind man sight! God's power showed because the man was weak. And we're weak, too, in different ways. We have things that go wrong. We'll talk about that more in small group, but for now, let's stand and praise God for being a glorious God, one who does miracles and fixes what is broken!

WORSHIP

The first song is a new one, but it actually talks about how God's glory will always break through our brokenness. The second song talks about how we don't have to be afraid. Even



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though we live in a broken world—where not everything is fixed all the time, God is with us and will help us get through it.

Music Video: Wake (preview it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2WOQ-3aVs)

Music Video: Brave-A-Ree (song with hand motions)

PRAY

Ask somebody to come thank God for doing miracles.

BEFORE KIDS GO

Hey, and you know what? God wants everybody to see how powerful and loving he is! We're lucky we get to know him more every weekend in Kids' Club. Not all kids get to come to Kids' Club though, do they? So in two weeks, we're going to have an extra special Kids' Club! We're going to talk about God's WHOLE story and how amazing he is. You'll talk more about this in small group, but think about a friend who doesn't get to come to Kids' Club. (Pause.) We want to FILL Kids' Club with our friends in two weeks!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

3 calendars per small group:
<http://www.smartresolution.com/printing/calendars/wall-calendars-detail.aspx?p=1093731&gclid=COPXpor1vLoCFU6Y4AodxkoAVw> (can NOT be reused)

small group supplies

1 per kid: bundled pack of 2 KC Volume 4 CDs
Adventure Bible (pg. 1285)
Markers
1 ripped picture from Connect Time per kid
1 piece of construction paper per kid
1 gluestick per kid (or as many as possible)
1 paper with body outline on it (template provided)

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Image: garden
2. Image: storm brewing
3. Video of girl restoring paper:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQnumO9wWNE>
4. Video: Gospel of John DVD: Jesus healing the Blind Man: 1:16:21-1:19:43
5. SLIDE: 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."
6. Music Video: Wake:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2WQQ-3aVs
7. Song: Brave-A-Ree (hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about the blind man.
How does God show his power?

parent page

In today's story, Jesus healed a blind man. Jesus tells his disciples that the man was actually born blind so that God's glory could be revealed through him. Read about it together in John 9. And don't forget the best part: Even though we live in a broken world, God can show his glory by redeeming our brokenness too (2 Corinthians 12:9).