

***Blue italics indicate what you say out loud*

Jesus Heals Blind Man

Opening and Welcome

- Greet kids as they come in (younger ones head to the Littles room)
- Everyone should know each other's names; kids introduce themselves if not
- Add kids' birthdays to the birthday board if they aren't on there

Opening Question: *Would you rather have arms for legs or legs for arms?*

Recap Last Week

- Ask kids if they can remember what they learned last week
 - o Last week with Hannah, you talked about Mary and Martha and how to be friends with Jesus.

Do they remember the Memory Verse?

*"You are my friends if you do what I command."
- John 15:14*

- If the kids remember the verse from last week, they get a few minutes to glue their verse in their memory verse books and add stickers to that page
- If kids don't have a memory verse book, they can take a blank one!

Introduce Today's Lesson

Today's Theme: **Jesus has the power to heal**

You guys may have heard about Jesus's power to heal people. Can you guys think of any examples of when Jesus healed someone?

- Some examples = Jesus heals official's son, Jesus drives out a demon, Jesus heals a crippled woman, Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, Jesus heals 10 men with leprosy

Today, we're going to read about Jesus healing a man who was born blind.

God created us with five senses, what are they? Sight, taste, touch, smell, hearing. Which of the senses do you think would be the hardest to lose? Allow time for responses

Some people lose one or more of these senses through sickness, an accident, or they were born that way. The man in our story today was born blind.

Let's pray before we begin.

Ask kids if they have prayer requests, then open in prayer.

Read the Story and Talk About it

- Hand out bibles and direct kids to John 9

This story is about a man who was born blind. It's hard to imagine not ever being able to see! Today, we are nicer to blind people and they are able to do a lot of things that blind people back then were not able to do. Back then, they were not allowed to work so they had to beg for money on the road.

- Read (or have someone read) John 9:1-12

What did Jesus do when he saw the blind man? Allow responses

He spat on the ground to make mud then rubbed the mud on the man's eyes! Gross! What would you think if someone rubbed mud on your face? Allow responses

The disciples were probably very confused about what Jesus was doing to this man. But then Jesus told him to go wash his face and when he did, he could see!

What would you do if you were blind your whole life then able to see? What would you look at first? Allow responses.

It seems like an awesome thing that Jesus healed this man! But the religious leaders (Pharisees) at the time were not happy about it because they didn't like Jesus very much. They asked the man what happened to him, let's read what he said.

- Read (or have someone read) John 9:30-33

What did the man have to say about Jesus?

- That he must be from God in order to have healed him.

The Take-Home Message

The awesome news is Jesus has the power to heal. He can heal us physically and spiritually (he takes away our sins). How does that make you guys feel? Allow responses and maybe some conversation.

Verse of the Week! (On the whiteboard)

Our memory verse today is what the man said about Jesus. To remind us Jesus is God.

"If this man were not from God, he could do nothing" – John 9:33

- Read the verse to the kids and have the kids read it out loud
- Hand out the verse so the kids can remember it for next week!

Craft – Heal the Blind Man

Each kid gets one man, one paper slip to go inside, and two googly eyes

- Kids colour the man with whatever colours they like
- Stick the two googly eyes on the circles I have marked
- Colour above the dotted line to show when the man can't see
- When everything is coloured, put the paper slip inside and the kids can move it up and down to show when the man is healed!

My sample:

