



JULY 12 TODDLERS

REMINDERS

- As kids arrive, be sure they are engaged in an activity. For any sad toddlers, try to engage them as quickly as possible.
- Limit TV to 1-2 songs over the course of the service. Sing along with them! Be careful not to rely on screens for the whole morning.
- Coloring sheets are always available. Please watch closely to make sure crayons don't go in mouths.
- Remove name tags when they leave.

STORY & SNACK TIME

- About halfway through the service, gather the kids to pray and eat snack together.
- Read *Jesus heals a Blind Begger* in the Beginner's Bible. Talk about how amazing Jesus is and everyone wanted to know more! We can know more about Jesus by reading the Bible!
- Not all kids will listen the whole time, and that's okay—still take time to read the story while they eat.

BIBLE STORY

John 9

BIG IDEA

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JULY 12 PK-TK

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Guessing Game: Have children feel different items in the paper bags and guess what is in them. How do we know what it is when we can't see it?
- Blind Man: Kids can color and fold the blind man. Talk about the miracle that Jesus was about to perform that only God alone could do.

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: Jesus leads us and we can follow Him. What are some ways that Jesus leads you? (making good choices, helping us to not be scared, etc)

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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JULY 12 BIBLE BOX

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today!
Today our Bible story is about a man who could not see.
What part of your body do you use to see? YOUR EYES! That's right!

Let's try something! Everyone close your eyes really tight! Can you see? NO!
Now open your eyes. Your eyes are working again!
In the Bible, there's a story about a man whose eyes did not work. Everything was dark.. That's called being BLIND.

One day, Jesus and his friends saw a man sitting on the ground. His eyes did not work - what do we call that? *Let children answer* - BEING BLIND!
Jesus wanted to help the blind man so he spit on the ground and made some mud. That doesn't sound very helpful, does it?
Jesus took the mud and put it on the man's eyes. That sounds yucky! But it didn't bother the man. He trusted Jesus.
Jesus told the man to go wash his face in the pool. And guess what?
The man could see! He saw the water, the sun and the sky, and best of all, he saw his friends for the very first time! He man was so happy - he shouted THANK YOU, JESUS!
Let's all say that together: THANK YOU JESUS!

The man believed that Jesus was God's son and worshipped him.
Then he walked home and told everyone about Jesus!

Prayer: Thank you Jesus, for always taking care of me. Help my eyes to see your love every day. Amen.



JULY 12 KINDER /1ST

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. This volunteer should join the rest as soon as clean up and snack is set.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

- What was wrong with the man Jesus met? (*He had been blind since birth.*)
- Who healed the blind man? (*Jesus*)
- What did Jesus tell the man to do? (*Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.*)
- What happened after the man obeyed Jesus? (*He could see!*)
- How did the man know Jesus was special? (*Jesus healed him, and later he believed Jesus was the Son of God.*)
- Were the religious leaders happy about the miracle? Why or why not? (*No. They cared more about their rules than seeing who Jesus really was.*)
- The blind man said, "I was blind, but now I can see!" He believed and trusted Jesus. What does it mean for us (you and me) to believe and trust Jesus? (Help them to think about how we can know Jesus by looking at what the Bible tells us about Him, coming to church to learn about Him, praying, etc)
- How can we trust Jesus this week? (*Pray, obey our parents, read the Bible, tell the truth, be kind, etc.*)
- When is it hard to trust Jesus? (*Answers will vary but encourage conversation.*)
- Optional for more discussion- If someone asked you, "Why do you believe in Jesus?" What would you say?
- Pray together that God would help each of us to trust Him more each day!

CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft
- Free play

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**JULY 12
2ND-3RD**

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- Guessing Game: Have children feel different items in the paper bags and guess what is in them. How do we know what it is when we can't see it?

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CLOSING OPTIONS (two game options, you don't have to do both)

- Who Can You Trust? Remove one child from the room. Hide a piece of candy. When child returns, everyone gives directions to find the candy. But only one pre-selected child gives the correct directions. The finder must decide who to trust. If you have a large group, divide the group into teams and play one group at a time. Everyone can have a piece of candy when they leave class. Debrief Conversation: Lots of voices tell us what to do every day. Jesus wants us to learn to recognize and trust His voice through the Bible. How can we learn to just listen to Him?
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SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

- Why do you think the disciples assumed someone had sinned to cause the man's blindness? *(Because many people believed suffering was always the result of someone's sin.)*
- What did Jesus say was the reason for the man's blindness? *(So God's works could be displayed through him.)*
- Why do you think Jesus asked the man to go wash in the Pool of Siloam instead of healing him right away? *(It gave the man an opportunity to trust and obey Jesus.)*
- The blind man obeyed Jesus before he could see. What does that teach us about trusting God? *(Sometimes God asks us to obey before we understand what He's doing.)*
- Why do you think the religious leaders refused to believe the miracle even after hearing the man's story? *(They were focused on their own rules and ideas instead of recognizing Jesus as the Messiah.)*
- The blind man didn't know everything about Jesus, but he shared what he did know. What can we learn from his example? *(We don't have to know every answer to tell others what Jesus has done in our lives.)*
- What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly knowing Him? *(Knowing about Jesus is learning facts; knowing Him means believing, trusting, and following Him personally.)*
- Can you think of a time when it was difficult to trust Jesus or obey Him? Tell about it. *(Encourage conversation)*
- What are some ways Jesus helps us "see" today, even though He isn't physically here? *(Through the Bible, prayer, the Holy Spirit, wise Christian leaders, and other believers.)*
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4TH-5TH**

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JOHN 9 TRUE OR FALSE

1. The man had been blind since he was born. *(True)*
2. The disciples thought the man's blindness happened because someone had sinned. *(True)*
3. Jesus said the man was blind so God's power could be shown. *(True)*
4. Jesus healed the man by simply saying, "You can see now!" *(False - Jesus made mud, put it on the man's eyes, and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.)*
5. Jesus made mud with dirt and His saliva. *(True)*
6. The man obeyed Jesus and washed in the Pool of Siloam. *(True)*
7. When the man washed, he could see for the first time in his life. *(True)*
8. Everyone believed the man right away. *(False - Many people argued about whether he was really the same man.)*
9. The religious leaders celebrated the miracle. *(False - They questioned the man and were upset because Jesus healed on the Sabbath.)*
10. The healed man said, "I was blind, but now I can see!" *(True)*
11. The religious leaders believed Jesus was from God after hearing the man's story. *(False - They refused to believe.)*
12. Later, Jesus found the man again and asked if he believed in the Son of Man. *(True)*
13. The man said, "Who is He? I want to believe in Him." *(True)*
14. When Jesus told the man who He was, the man believed and worshiped Jesus. *(True)*
15. The blind man's greatest miracle was not only receiving his sight but also believing in Jesus. *(True)*
16. The religious leaders could see with their eyes, but they were spiritually blind. *(True)*
17. Jesus wants to help us see, believe, and trust Him too. *(True)*
18. The Pool of Siloam was inside the man's house. *(False - It was a pool the man had to go to.)*
19. The blind man argued with Jesus and refused to obey. *(False - He obeyed Jesus right away.)*
20. Knowing lots of Bible facts is enough if we don't trust Jesus. *(False - God wants us to know Jesus personally, not just know about Him.)*