

Virtual Sprouts Leader Guide

January 2021 Week 5

Today's Bible Story: Jesus is amazing. Healing the Blind Man • *John 9:1-12*
Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

What You Need:

- Before virtual Small Group begins, be sure you have a crayon/pen/pencil, paper, and your Bible next to the computer.

OVERVIEW

(I color coded everyone's role for the call. Admin- Red Emcee- green Teacher 1- Blue Teacher 2- Orange)

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

WELCOME/WORSHIP:

Emcee What You Say: "Hi everyone! I'm so happy to see you today. Hello (child's names). My name is (share name and the teacher's names). Are you excited to be here today? I am! Let's stand together and worship God by singing and dancing and praising him!

(Play worship song)

VIDEO:

Emcee What You Say: Wonderful job singing and dancing. You can sit down now. Everyone show me your smile. I love to see all those wonderful smiles on my screen. Now, show me your sad face. Oh my, those are some very sad faces. Go back to the smiles! I need to see the smiles. Yay! That's better. Can you point to your smile? (*Demonstrate.*) Good job. Put your hands in your lap.

"Let's make it a little harder. Everyone close your eyes really tight. Can you see me? You shouldn't see me if your eyes are closed tight. Now point to your smile. Keep your eyes closed. Can you point to your nose? How about your hand? Can you point to your ear? Can you point to the chair? Can you see me? Okay, open your eyes. Wave at me if your eyes are open. Was it harder to do things when your eyes were closed? It's very different isn't it. There are some people who always feel like their eyes are closed because they are blind. They can't see your beautiful smiles. Let me see those beautiful smiles.

"We're going to hear a true story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) about a man who was blind. Do you think our friend, Jesus, helped him? Let's find out!"

(Play the full Wonder video- January Week 5)

ACTIVITY:

Teacher 1 What You Say: What an amazing story. Jesus is amazing. **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.** Yes, He is!

“I have an activity for us to do today. Everyone get a piece of paper and a crayon or pencil. (*Hold up objects.*) When you have your things, hold them in front of the screen so I know you’re ready. Great job!

Okay friends, think about a heart and what it looks like. (*Pause.*) Pick up a crayon and close your eyes. Draw a heart on your paper while you keep your eyes closed. (*Pause.*) Now, open your eyes. (*Pause.*) Does what you drew look like a heart? (*Pause.*) Now, draw a heart with your eyes open. (*Pause.*) When we drew the picture with our eyes closed, we couldn’t see what we made. But with our eyes open, we could see it. (*Repeat with different shapes as long as there is interest.*)

Today in our Bible story, we heard how Jesus and His friends were walking when they saw a man sitting by the road. Jesus stopped and saw that the man was blind. Jesus spit on the dirt then mixed it together. Jesus spread the mud on the man’s eyes and told him to wash it off. When the man washed the mud off, he could see. The man was so amazed! Jesus is amazing. **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.”**

MEMORY VERSE:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Friends, I’m amazed at how well you drew with your eyes closed! I know I’ll also be amazed when I hear your memory verses today. I want to see who can share their verse with us. Who’s ready to say the memory verse themselves? (*call on kids who are ready. Help by doing the motions along with them*)

PRAYER:

Teacher 2 What You Say: “Dear God, thank You for giving us the best friend we could ever have! Thank You that Jesus is alive today and He wants to be (*name each child*) friend forever. I pray we will never ever forget how amazing Jesus is. You’re the best, God, and we love You, very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CLOSE OUT

Emcee What you Say: Great job today friends, thanks for joining us. I’m so glad Jesus is our friend! It made me happy to learn about him today. I can’t wait to see you again next week and learn more about Jesus! Bye everyone!

End Call