

FIVE
JANUARY 2023

3-5 YEAR OLDS

PRELUDE

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HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' kindness is amazing.

HEALING A MAN BORN BLIND JOHN 9:1-12

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."

LUKE 2:47, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is amazing.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



5. KINDNESS GLASSES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Kindness Glasses" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; utility knife; clear tape; dot markers; heart stickers or stamps; and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Kindness Glasses" on cardstock and cut out, one set per child. Tape the legs of the glasses to the back of each side as indicated. Write each child's name centered across the top of their glasses.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children decorate their glasses with dot markers and stickers. Bend the legs in and raise the lenses. Have children wear their glasses. They can fold the lenses down and up as you retell the story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! What an amazing Bible story. Jesus is so amazing! Can you imagine not being able to see and then all of the sudden being able to see EVERYTHING? Only Jesus can do that!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have some super-cool kindness glasses for you to decorate today. I imagine everything looked so bright and colorful after Jesus stopped and helped the man. Use the dot markers and the stickers to cover your glasses. (Pause.) Great job! (Bend the legs of the glasses where they attach and lift the flaps a little.) Put your kindness glasses on, and you can open and close the lenses when we review our story."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Does everyone have their glasses on? (*Pause.*) Great. Close the lenses. (*Pause.*) Our Bible story begins when Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking on a road near a town. Jesus saw a man and stopped because the man couldn't see. He had been born blind, and Jesus wanted to help him!

"Jesus took some dirt, spit in it, and made some mud to put on the man's eyes! Then Jesus told the man to go wash in a pool of water. When he did, the man could see! Friends, open your lenses. (*Pause*.) It was amazing! The people who saw this were amazed, too! For the first time ever, the man could see everything! The man could see food. The man could see his neighbors. Look around. (*Pause*.) Hi, neighbors. The man could see trees. He could see for the very first time, and it was all because Jesus stopped and helped him. Jesus did something ONLY He could do. Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing."



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from Week One; journal; fun-shaped pen; and reward stickers or handstamp

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Since Jesus wants us to be kind to people the way He is kind to people, we'll make a list of ways we can be kind. There are so many ways we can be kind. We can give hugs, share our food, and help people when they are hurt. Those are just a few ideas.

"Help me think of more ways we can be kind like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you can be kind, and I'll write it in our prayer journal. (Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is a wonderful list of ways to be kind! Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"
(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, we want to be kind like Jesus. Please help (name each child) do kind things like (read the list the children made). We want everyone to know that **Jesus is amazing!** We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."





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