

WEEK FOUR





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Theme: Following Jesus means growing in our relationship with Him.

Bible Story: Jesus Heals a Blind Man (John 9:1–12)

- Big Idea: We can grow in faith by learning from Jesus and becoming more like Him.
- Memory Verse: "Your faith has healed you." -Mark 10:52
- Activity Idea: Use blindfolds and have the children experience walking around and trusting others to guide them, emphasizing the need for faith in Jesus to lead us.
- Discussion Points:
 - a. How does Jesus help us grow in faith?
 - b. Why is it important to keep trusting and learning about Jesus?

Week 4: Lesson

Narrator (cheerfully):

Alright, friends, gather 'round! Today, I'm going to tell you a story about a man who couldn't see. Can you imagine what it would be like to never see anything—no colors, no faces, no animals? Just imagine... How would you feel? [Pause for answers]

Well, in this story, there was a man who was born blind—he couldn't see a thing. But something amazing happened when he met Jesus. Are you ready to hear about it? [Pause for enthusiastic "yes!"]

(shifts tone to storytelling):

One day, as Jesus and His disciples were walking along, they saw this man sitting by the road. He was blind from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus said, "It wasn't because this man sinned, or because his parents sinned. This happened so that God's work could be shown in him. I am the light of the world, and I've come to bring light to those who are in darkness."



Week 4: Lesson

Narrator (explaining):

Do you remember when Jesus said He is the light of the world? [Pause for reactions] That means He came to show us the way, to help us see the truth, and to give us hope!

But wait-here comes the coolest part of the story! Are you ready?

(excitedly):

Jesus bent down and, guess what He did? He spit on the ground! [Pause for giggles] I know, a little weird, right? But then He took the mud He made from the spit, and He rubbed it on the man's eyes! Imagine what that must have felt like—mud on your eyes!

Then, Jesus said, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam."

(inviting participation):

Okay, now here's your part—can you all pretend you're walking to the pool? Take a few steps like you're walking to the water. [Pause for kids to act it out]

The blind man did just that—he went to the pool and washed the mud off his eyes. When he opened his eyes after washing, guess what happened? He could see! His eyes were healed, and he could see everything for the first time—colors, faces, the sky! How awesome is that?

(amazed, with wide eyes):

Can you imagine what that would be like—seeing everything for the first time? The man must have been SO happy! But here's where it gets interesting.

(switching to a more curious tone):

The people who saw the man walking around and now seeing were shocked! They knew him—he had always been blind, sitting by the road. They asked, "Is this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some people said, "Yes, it's him!"

Others weren't so sure. "No way," they said. "He just looks like him!"

The man who was healed said, "I am the man!"

(encouraging):

Now, let's stop and think for a second—do you think the people were confused? Why do you think they were having a hard time believing it was the same man? [Pause for responses]



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(Wrapping Up)

So, the people were curious and asked, "How were your eyes opened?" And the man told them, "Jesus made mud, put it on my eyes, and told me to go wash in the pool. When I did, I could see!"

Now, here's the best part—because of this amazing miracle, people started talking about Jesus and His power! Some even started believing that Jesus really was sent by God!

(smiling warmly):

Isn't that an amazing story? Jesus showed everyone that He has the power to heal, to give sight to the blind, and to change lives. Just like the blind man who could now see, we all need Jesus to help us see the truth and the light in our lives.

(inviting the kids to respond):

And what do you think? What do you think it means to see with the eyes of our hearts? [Pause for responses]

(cheerfully):

Let's remember that Jesus is the light of the world, and He wants to help us see His love and truth every day! How cool is that?

Closing Prayer

"Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being the light of the world. Help us to see with the eyes of our hearts and know Your love and truth more each day. Guide us to help others see Your light too. We love You, and we're so thankful for all the amazing things You do for us.

In Jesus' name, Amen."



Week 4: Stations

World Missions Journey: Europe

Narrator:

"Today, we're going on a fun journey to learn all about Europe! You'll visit three interactive stations where you can create a craft, play with a fun sensory activity, and even try a yummy treat! Along the way, you'll discover some cool facts about Europe and learn how we can help kids in different places across the continent. Loving God on this journey means loving others and sharing hope in many ways. Are you ready to explore and learn all about Europe today?"

(Give directions on how to rotate between each station.)

Stations

Craft: Mosaic Tile

Coloring Page & Prayer Postcard included

Encourage kids to write a prayer point on the postcard and use it as a prayer prompt whenever they have prayer time at home.

Sensory Activity: Water Bead Sensory Bin

• It can include European coins purchased from Amazon and small plastic toys – European inspired animals.

Snack: Biscoff Cookies