

# Leader Guide

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As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:1–3).

The narrative continues with Jesus healing the man and giving him sight. His life was completely transformed. Scripture tells us the people in the man's community questioned him about what had happened. The religious leaders didn't intimidate the blind man. When questioned, he answered boldly and with confidence in the truth. When he was thrown out of the synagogue, he was met by Jesus and proclaimed his faith in Him as Lord. The man who was once a blind beggar was now a man with physical and spiritual sight. He was completely transformed as a result of knowing Jesus and experiencing the power of God in his life. His new life was now on display for the world to see and know the power of God.

## Support

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How ridiculous would it have been for this man, who was given sight, to return the very next day to the place where he would sit and beg? If he were to wake up the next morning, put on his beggar's clothes, and place a blindfold around his eyes, wouldn't you think he was crazy? At the very least, you'd have to think he was completely unaware of his transformation.

Pause for just a moment and think. Is there any area in your life where you're still wearing beggar's clothes? Are you living with the feeling of being trapped by circumstance or how you once lived? If we looked to the Lord Jesus as our model for all our life, how different would life be? How would our lives impact the lives of others? Would we be known by the things that enslaved us, or by the One who had freed us?

This week, as you're preparing for this lesson, may God reveal to you just how special you are. Ask Him to release you from the things that bind you and keep you from living in the freedom He has given you. May the power of our Lord be on display within your heart and in your life.

**Preschool Lesson:** May 9

**Main Point:** God is Powerful

**Intro:** 15 Minutes

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*Welcome kids as they arrive. They are allowed to play with toys, color, or play outside if weather permits.*

**Transition Time:** 10 Minutes

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*Have kids clean up all the toys and turn the toy shelves around so toys are no longer accessible. Then have the kids wash their hands and come sit at the table to eat a snack and have some water. Also encourage them to use the restroom at this time.*

**Activity #1:** 10 Minutes Blind Art

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**Supplies:** Paper, paint, water, paint brushes, blind folds (if available)

**Purpose:** Jesus showed God's power in the blind man's life. Children can respond to God's power as they paint, but with one catch—they must paint with a blindfold on or with their eyes closed.

**Instructions:** Set the bowls of paint in the middle of the table and place a paintbrush, a blindfold, and a piece of paper for each child.

## Lesson Intro & Worship: 10 minutes

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*Have kids come sit down on the carpet. Encourage them to each find their own "square" to sit/stand in.*

Friends, it's time for The Big God Story! Get comfy on your Story Spots and get your ears ready to hear another adventure. Before we get started, let's pray to God and ask Him to help us understand what He wants to teach us. **Open in prayer.**

## Bible Story: 15 Minutes

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### Play The Rock Kids Pre-K Video

**Let's end in prayer (insert the child's name as you pray this): May God work in your life to show His power to others. May God give you the strength and courage to put your faith into action as you see His power at work in your life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.**

## Activity #2: 10 Minutes | Guess What's In Front of You

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**Supplies:** blindfold, a bag filled with different things-toys, office supplies, shells, etc. that the children will hold and guess without seeing (10-15 items)

**Instructions:** Invite the kids to sit in a circle. The leader picks one child to wear the blindfold first and be the blind man in the Bible Story. Place an item from the bag of things in their hands. Invite them to guess what the item is solely based on touch. If they do not know, have the children around give hints/clues to help them. When they feel confident in their guess, have them take off the blindfold to see the item, just like Jesus restored the blind man's sight with mud and His spit. Repeat with each kid, but make sure to give them a different item that has not been used.

## **Ending:**

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*Let kids play until parents arrive. They are allowed to play with toys, color, or play outside if weather permits.*

*As parents pick their children up, tell them the main points we talked about today and the activities we did. Please make sure kids take home all the things that they came with (ex. Jackets or toys) and any crafts they made in class.*

*After children are gone, please wipe down the chairs and tables and switch out the toys with the clean ones in the cabinet.*