

GO!
Join the Story!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Seeing Jesus

Set up: Print the “Jesus Illusion”. Cut the black shapes out and discard the rest.

Directions: Randomly place the black shapes in the middle of the group on a piece of blank paper. Tell the kids that they have to arrange the shapes on the paper to spell the name Jesus. Let the kids struggle to make sense of it for a short time. Next, help the kids by placing the shapes in the right order, but not in the right direction. (See picture below for reference.) Again, let the kids struggle to make sense of it for a short time. Finally, place the shapes in the right order and the right direction. Ask the kids if they can see the name of Jesus now. If the kids are still struggling, give them one final hint: focus on the white spaces instead of the black shapes. At this point, the name of Jesus should become clear to everyone. If younger kids need additional help seeing the word, it might help to lay something with a straight edge such as rulers, books, or magazines along the top and bottom of the letters.



Say: At first you were blind to the name of Jesus, but then, with a little bit of help, it all became clear. Does that remind you of anything? (Allow kids to answer.) It kind of reminds us of today’s story. At first, the blind man couldn’t see Jesus, but then, with a little bit of help, he was able to see Jesus for who He really is—the Son of God.

Directions: Ask the questions below. When finished, if time remains, jumble the shapes up again and see if the kids can reorder them to spell the name of Jesus.

Question: Why do you think it’s important to see that Jesus is more than just a regular guy and that He’s the Son of God?

Question for Younger Kids: What do you think it means to love Jesus with your whole heart?

Question for Older Kids: How do you think seeing Jesus as the Son of God changes the way you worship? How does it change the way you pray?



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LESSON 613

DRAW IT!

Draw a picture of Jesus healing the blind man. While you're drawing, pray to God and tell Him why you think Jesus is so wonderful.

JOURNAL IT!

Write down all of the things you know are true about Jesus. When you're finished, tell God thanks for giving you His Son.

~~THIS WEEK WE LEARNED~~

JESUS AND THE BLIND MAN

BIG IDEA: Jesus can open our eyes to see that He is the Son of God.

BIBLE BASIS: John 9

KEY VERSE: "Open my eyes so that I can see the wonderful truths in your law."

Psalm 119:18 (NirV)

TIME PARTY!



READ IT!

John 9:1-34. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

PRAY IT!

Write a prayer to God. Ask Him to help you see with your heart that Jesus is the Son of God.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

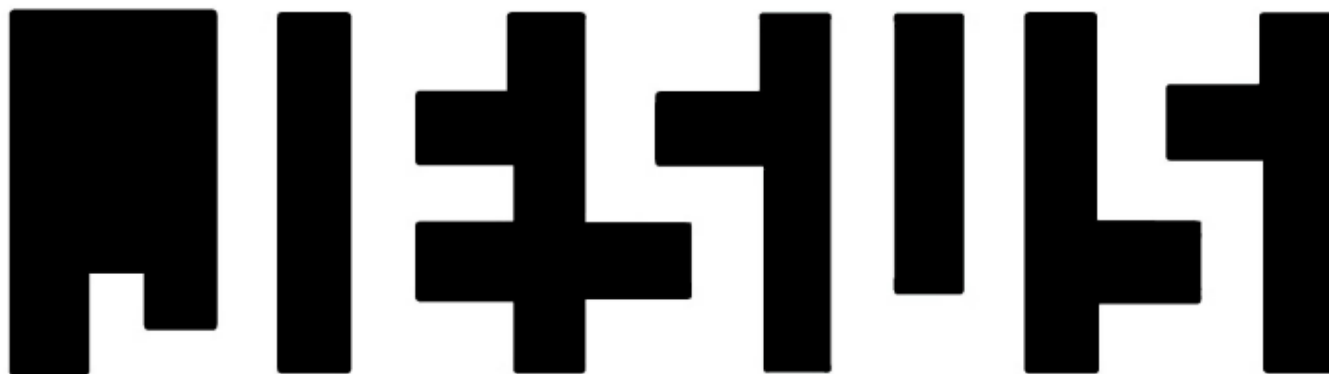
JESUS, MARY AND MARTHA

BIG IDEA: Jesus is priority #1, so we can make time for Him first.

BIBLE BASIS: Luke 10:38-42

KEY VERSE: "But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do." Matthew 6:33a (NirV)





Directions: Print one copy for each small group and cut out the black shapes.



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Psalm 119:18 (NirV)

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PSALM 119:18

DIHEL PARTY



DINNERTIME QUESTION

HOW HAS GOD
OPENED YOUR EYES
TO SHOW YOU WHO
HE IS?

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