

**January Week 4**  
Backyard  
**Wonderful Workshop**  
January 29<sup>th</sup>

# CRAFT

## *Mud Painting*

**SUPPLIES:**

Jesus and the blind man page, brown paint, paper plate, q-tips, smiley stickers, heart stickers, smock (optional)

**TIP:**

Very little brown paint is needed for the craft. Put a small blob on the center of the little plate and instruct children to just put a little on their q-tip.

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the coloring page and crayons.**

- *“Wow! What an amazing Bible story! Jesus is so amazing! Let’s take a look at this picture. Today we heard about a man who was born blind. That means he couldn’t see. Can you imagine how that must have felt? But then Jesus did a miracle! Jesus healed him so that he could see again!*
- *Let’s start by using our crayons to color the picture. Then when you are done with that, we will put some special mud of our own on the man’s eyes to help him see.*

⇒ **Show children how to get a small dab of brown paint on their paint brush.**

- *“Great coloring everybody. Now point to the picture where the man has his eyes closed. He can’t see. He is blind. Do you remember what Jesus did? He made mud and put it on the man’s eyes. Let’s pretend this brown paint is mud! I want you to take your q-tip now and put some brown paint on the man’s eyes. Just a little bit will work great.*

⇒ **Give each child a smiley face and a heart sticker. Have them place them near the man in the second picture.**

- *“After Jesus put mud on the man’s eyes, Jesus told the man to go to a pool of water and wash the mud off. The man did what Jesus told him to do, and when he washed the mud off, his eyes could see for the very first time! Wow!*
- *I have some heart and smiley face stickers for you to put around the man. He had to be so happy. The man could see for the very first time, and it was all because Jesus did something only Jesus could do!”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Jesus’ kindness is so amazing. You can take this picture home to show your family that Jesus is amazing and kind!*
- ***Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Guess What's in the Bag*

### **SUPPLIES:**

Bag with items children can identify by touch: cotton balls, feathers, spoons, toy cars, etc.

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children gather around the table or around you on the floor.**

- *"Today we are going to play a game that uses one of your senses – touch! Another sense is the sense of sight! Everyone, blink your eyes! We see all the wonderful things God made with our eyes.*
- *In our true Bible story, we heard how Jesus did something amazing and helped a man who was born blind!"*

⇒ **Hold up the bag of items.**

- *"Look at this! I have a special bag here that has lots of different items inside. We are going to take turns putting our hand in the bag to try to figure out what's inside instead of using our eyes. You are going to use your sense of touch!*
- *Alright, I am going to hold the bag up so you can't peek inside. I want my first friend to reach in and feel around. Pick out just ONE thing and tell us what you feel before you pull it out of the bag. What do you think it is?*
  - *If they can't figure out what it is ask them to describe what it feels like or ask leading questions (is it hard/soft/squishy/etc).*
- *Great job! Alright, next friend!*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"You did a great job using your hands to guess what was in the bag. But wasn't it fun to pull it out and see if with your eyes? Can you imagine what the blind man must have felt like when Jesus healed him? It was a true miracle! Jesus is amazing and SO kind!*
- ***Who is amazing?***
- ***Jesus is amazing!"***

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# ACTIVITY #2

## *Color Stations*

**SUPPLIES:** 4 Story Pages, Green/Red/Blue/Yellow colored paper, wall tape

**SET-UP:** Tape the story pages at kid eye level around the room. Place a piece of construction paper over the top (with the matching color) and secure with one piece of tape at the top.

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather children join you in the middle of the room. Call out a color and walk with the children to that paper on the wall. Make sure to call out the colors in the correct order so that the story is told in order: Green, Blue, Red, and Yellow. Have children lift the paper to see what picture is underneath and review that portion of the Bible story.**
- *“We heard an AMAZING Bible story today! I have pictures of our Bible story all around the room. Oh no! There is something covering all the pictures so we can’t see them!*
  - *Let’s stand in the middle of the room. When I call out a color, let’s all walk to that color on the wall and try to see our Bible story pictures. Ready?*
    - *GREEN. Everyone, walk to the green paper on the wall. (Pause.) I still can’t see our picture. Maybe we can lift the paper and see if something is under there. (Pause.) There it is! I see a picture of the man in our story who couldn’t see. Let’s walk back to the middle and wait for another color to see our next picture.*
    - *BLUE. Let’s all go to the blue paper and see what that picture is. (Pause.) This picture is of when Jesus saw the man who was born blind and stopped to help him. Jesus always helps us! Let’s go back to the middle and wait for the next color! (Pause.)*
    - *RED. Let’s see what is under the red paper. (Pause.) What do you see here? (Pause.) Yes! This is a picture of when Jesus rubbed mud on the man’s eyes. We have one more picture to see! Let’s go back to the middle and wait for the next color. (Pause.)*
    - *YELLOW. I can’t wait to see our last picture! (Pause.) What do you see in this picture? (Pause.) I see that, too! The man is washing the mud out of his eyes. Do you remember what happened after he washed his eyes? (Pause.) YES! He could see again! Amazing!”*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
- *“Jesus helped the man see again! That is amazing.*
  - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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## **ACTIVITY #3**

### *Hot Potato Telephone*

**SUPPLIES:** Toy telephone, cd player with worship cd

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! We are going to play a fun game to help us remember it.”*
  
- ⇒ **Have children pass the telephone around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops have them speak the memory verse in to the phone.**
  - “Jesus is so amazing! And everyone who heard him was amazed. That’s what our memory verse says! We are going to pretend to call someone on the phone and tell them our memory verse! Like this (hold phone up to your ear) – *“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47*
  - So now we are going to pass the phone around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the phone gets to make the call and tell the memory verse. We will all help you say it together!
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - We can tell everyone about Jesus’ miracles. Jesus is so amazing!
  - *“Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

**JANUARY WEEK 4**

## **SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

### **READ**

⇒ Read from the Bible.

- *The Beginner's Bible: Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar, p. 371*

### **REVIEW** *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

**Who is amazing?**

**Jesus is amazing!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47**

### **CONNECT IT**

⇒ "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 will write it down."

- *Write each child's answer on the white board or paper.*

### **PRAY**

⇒ "This is a wonderful list of ways to be kind! Let's use it when we pray."

- *"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."*