



Lesson 49

1st-4th

THE MAN BORN BLIND

July 25 & 26
**JESUS IS THE
LIGHT OF THE
WORLD**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: One day, Jesus healed a man who was born blind, giving him the ability to see for the first time! Many were more concerned about why the man was born blind, but Jesus explained how the healing showed others that Jesus is the light of the world, who came to heal our hearts.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus came to rescue us from our sins so that we can have life with God forever! We can help spread Jesus' light to others.

John 9: 3-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AWANA clubber registration is live!
Wednesdays @ 6:15pm starting Sep 16
at RR, WH, MO and DT!
woodmenvalley.org/awana

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Awesome News 2.0



KEY VERSE:

*"Finally, let the Lord make you strong.
Depend on his mighty power."*

Ephesians 6:10, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

ACTS School Lunch Donations

Have you ever struggled with being hungry? It can make us feel tired, sad or worried. There are many kids in our city who are facing this challenge - they don't have enough food.

We can help! When we donate snacks, we're not just giving food — we're showing God's love to kids who need encouragement and care.

LET'S PRAY FOR THE KIDS WHO WILL GET THESE FOOD ITEMS:

Pray for them to feel loved & their hearts to be open to hearing about Jesus

Pray for their families



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is the Light of the World!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.



SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is the Light of the World**. This story comes from the Bible in **John 9:3-7**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus, the man born blind, Jesus' followers

2. What is the problem?

People didn't understand why the man was born blind or how Jesus could heal him.

3. What will God do?

Jesus healed the man's blindness and explained that healing him showed others that Jesus is the light of the world who came to heal our hearts.

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Light in the Darkness Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Light in the darkness coloring page, white crayons, water colors



DO:

Have kids color with a white crayon and then paint over the page to reveal the hidden message. Remind them that Jesus is the Light of the World who helps us see God's love and share His light with others.



SAY:

Today's story is about a man who was born blind. Jesus healed the man and showed God's power and that He is the Light of the World! Just as light helps us see, Jesus came to rescue us from our sins and show us the way to God. When we follow Jesus, we can shine His light and love for others to see too.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

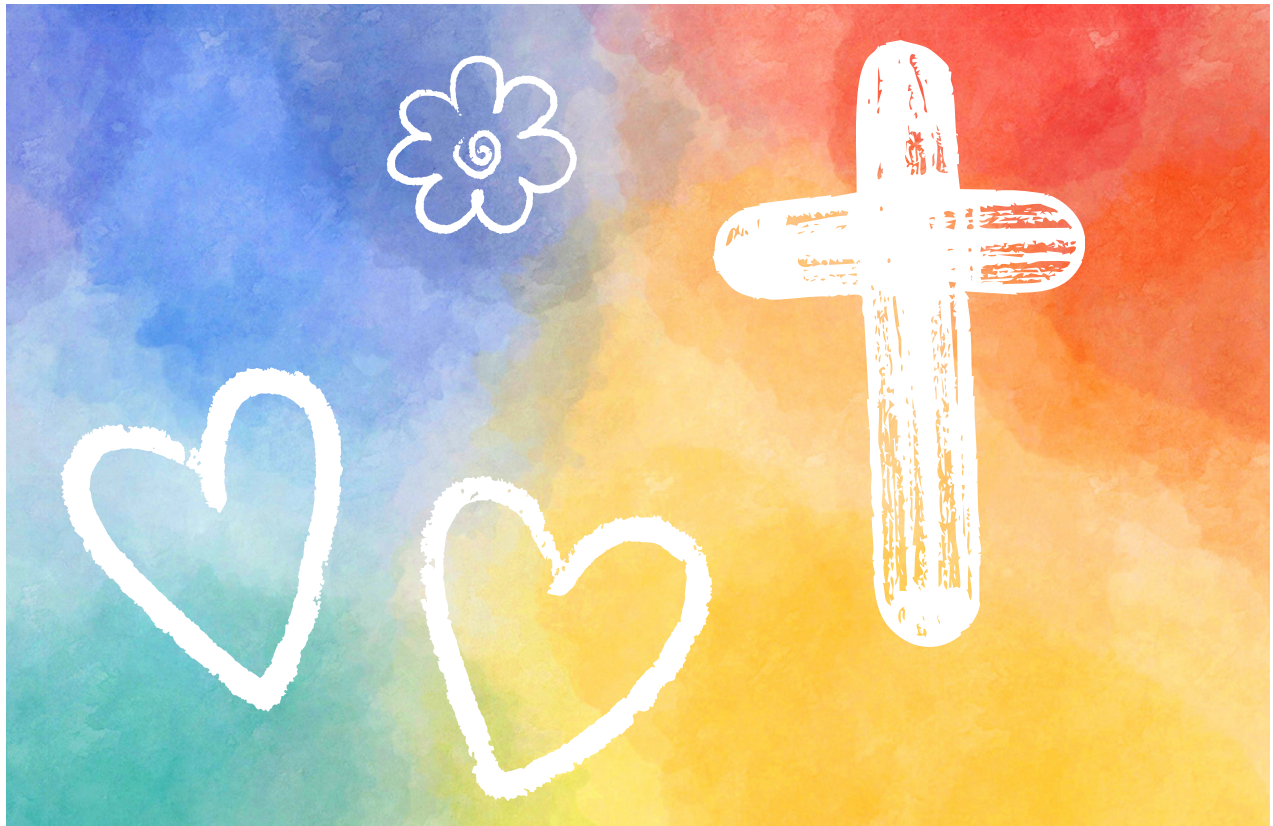
Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 9



Draw a hidden message/picture and watch it be revealed as you paint over it! Just like the blind man could not see at first until Jesus healed him, Jesus heals our hearts and helps us to see the truth and light!

6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Light of the World

SONG 2: Where Would I be



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is the Light of the World!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: bracelets (1 per kid)



SAY:

Jesus came to rescue us from our sins so that we can have life with God forever! When we love and follow Jesus, we can help spread Jesus' light to others!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Jesus is the light of the world! What are some ways you can share Jesus' light and love with others this week?*** Let a few kids share ideas.
 - ***It can be easy to forget to shine Jesus' light with others. To help us remember to shine Jesus' light, you're each going to get a special bracelet to take home today!***
 - Pass out bracelets (one per child)
 - ***Let's practice right now. When I say a phrase, you respond by saying "I can shine Jesus' light!"***
 - ***When someone is mean to me*** ("I can shine Jesus's light")
 - ***When someone is different than me*** ("I can shine Jesus's light")
 - ***When I'm in a new place*** ("I can shine Jesus's light")
 - ***Everywhere I go*** ("I can shine Jesus's light")
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY: *May you remember that Jesus is the light of the world! You can shine Jesus' light!*

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus, the man born blind, Jesus' followers

2. What was the problem?

People didn't understand why the man was born blind or how Jesus could heal him.

3. What did God do?

Jesus healed the man's blindness and explained that healing him showed others that Jesus is the light of the world who came to heal our hearts.

4. Why does this matter to me?

Jesus came to rescue me from my sins so that I can live with God forever. I can help spread Jesus' light to others!

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can tell someone that Jesus loves them; I can thank Jesus for saving me from my sins.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.