

Jesus Heals the Blind: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will follow Jesus.

SuperVerse: *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.* Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

Bible Story: Mark 8:22-36; Mark 10:46-52; John 9:1-41; Matthew 16:13-26; Luke 9:18-25

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Jesus sometimes used unusual methods to heal people. Yet no matter how He chose to do it, the results were always the same – people were healed and God was glorified.

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Jesus as He cures three people who are physically blind, and also opens the eyes of others who are spiritually blind. Chris returns with a desire to go to church with his mom and dad.
- In today's Bible Background video, we will explore some of the places where Jesus walked and performed His miracles.

Game Materials Needed:

- Paper plates - one per child plus 20 extras
- Cross Page
- Cardstock – one sheet per four children
- Children's scissors
- Pencils – one per child
- Medium-size box
- Shredded paper strips or foam packing noodles
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Give It Up! (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game to let go and live for Christ.*

- After Jesus had healed the blind man in Bethsaida, He began to tell people what it really means to follow Him—giving your life up for the sake of Jesus and the Good News.

Game Instructions:

- When I say go, the first player on each team will walk quickly to the pile and find your own plate. You will travel to the box, lay your plate down, find any cross in the box, and carry it back to the starting mark. The next player then takes a turn. The first team to finish wins.

Teaching: Lay It Down (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss Jesus' requirements to be His followers.*

- Picking up your cross is not easy. It is a commitment and a sacrifice. You must be willing to deny yourself and place your life in His hands. The cross is a symbol of death. When we put to death our own plans and desires and submit our lives to Him each day, Jesus becomes Lord of our life!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- This challenge is based on Colossians 3:1—seeking the things of God instead of the things on this earth. The things of this earth could be possessions, popularity, or money. **We should desire heavenly things that will last forever—such as love, grace, mercy, compassion, and spiritual gifts.**

SuperVerse: Superbook Blanks (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Paul prayed and asked God to help them understand the hope and eternal riches they have in Jesus. He wanted them to be confident and assured of their salvation and blessings in Christ!
- Read the SuperVerse on the board with the children. They will then close their eyes or turn around as you erase a key word. Children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word you erased. Write the word where it belongs. Continue, erasing more words each time.

Prayer: Enlightening Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- The power to understand only comes from the Holy Spirit. Through Him, we can know Jesus and understand how much He loves us and the wonderful plans He has for us.
- We are going to pray for the Holy Spirit's power to understand God in a deeper way. We will pray a sentence on the board and add words like love, mercy, etc. We will go around the circle.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Game: Play a game to listen and obey. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Discuss spiritual clarity and focus. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture about Bartimaeus. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Children race to find verses and fill in the blanks. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- One cross and eight plates from the "Give it Up!" game
- Follow Jesus Challenge
- Cardstock
- Sample Challenge Craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App