

Jesus Heals the Blind: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: Jesus is the light of the world.

SuperVerse: *The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.* John 1:4-5 (NLT)

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

Game Materials Needed:

- Sticky notes
- Disposable plastic cups: 18 ounce size ideal, or 9 ounce size can be substituted. Use 7 cups for every team of 4 to 6 children
- Socks – one per team
- Tables - optional
- Marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- White board and marker, or chalk board and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Follow Jesus Challenge for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Sample Discipleship Challenge Craft

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Nine sheets of cardstock or paper
- Marker
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App Marker

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

Have you ever used a flashlight or candle in the dark? Flashlight batteries can lose their power and candles can be blown out. However, there is a light that can never be put out or extinguished.

- 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.
- Jesus wanted His followers to understand who He really is. Many people had different ideas about who He is and why He came into the world. Let's watch the Signposts video to learn more about how Jesus revealed Himself to His followers.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Don't Hide the Light (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game to let Jesus shine.*

- Sometimes it may be hard to shine for Jesus when those around us do not know Him, yet we should never hide our light. In this game, the cups represent the basket in the verses we just read. Each cup is hiding a word of the SuperTruth inside.

Game Instructions:

- Each player will take a turn tossing a balled-up sock to knock over a cup and reveal what is inside. When you knock one down, pick it up, remove the sticky note, and stick it to the wall. The first team to knock over all seven cups, build the SuperTruth, then shout it together wins.

Teaching: Who Is Jesus? (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss that Jesus is the Messiah.*

- There was a lot of confusion about who Jesus was while on the earth—and not much has changed today. People have opinions, yet many of their ideas are not based on truth in the Bible.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our final challenge is to look up and read this verse each day and memorize it as you can. Next, pray for strength to follow the Spirit's leading in every part of your life.

SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

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

- The SuperVerse tells us to rejoice in our confident hope—that means believing something by faith before we can see it with our eyes. Let's keep praying and trusting God!
- Nine children will hold SuperVerse cards. The rest of the class will say which child should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the nine children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a "wave" with their papers. Do this until the children are in the proper order.

Prayer: Shining Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Jesus said that whoever followed Him would have the light of life (John 8:12). As followers of Christ, we should not keep our light hidden, like a secret!
- Ask everyone to think of a place or situation where you can shine the light of Jesus. On the board is a short sentence they may use to pray and fill in the blank with their place or situation.

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

Review Game: Play a game to review the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Present an object lesson about living as children of light. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft Activity: Make a craft about healing through Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Children race to find verses about light. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min