

Jesus Heals the Blind: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: The Holy Spirit opens my eyes to the truth.

SuperVerse: “I will send you the Spirit who comes from the Father and shows what is true. The Spirit will help you and will tell you about Me.” John 15:26 (CEV)

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:

- Masking tape or painters tape
- Beanbag toss game with two targets and six beanbags; or see directions to make them using two medium-size cardboard boxes with lids; tape, knife or heavy-duty scissors; 6" plate; 12 sealable sandwich bags; and six cups of sand, rice, dried beans, or unpopped popcorn
- Permanent marker
- Timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Paper grocery bag
- Gizmo Image
- Whiteboard or chalkboard, marker, or chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
 - Follow Jesus Challenge
 - Cardstock – one sheet per child plus extras
 - Children’s scissors
 - Tape or fast-drying children’s glue
 - Brass roundhead paper fasteners – three per child plus extras
 - Pencils
 - Crayons, colored pencils, washable markers

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard or chalkboard, marker, or chalk
- Eraser

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Index cards or small sheets of papers – one per child
- Pencils – one per child
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Today we start a new Superbook adventure called “Jesus Heals the Blind.” On earth, Jesus opened two different types of blind eyes.

- When Joy and Chris go to a Christmas pageant, Chris recognizes it as the same church where his grandfather once took him. He wonders why his family doesn’t attend church.
- 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.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: The Closer the Better! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to hit the mark.

- When we know the truth, the closer and more accurately we can follow Jesus and hit the mark as we strive to follow His example. This is a fun game to show what it means to hit the mark.

Game Instructions:

- The first players simultaneously try to hit the mark by tossing a beanbag toward the box hole. The players will toss a bean bag at each line – moving closer to the box with each toss. If a player misses the mark, the player continues to toss at a closer line or until he/she is successful.

Teaching: Eye Opener (15 minutes)

Objective: The Holy Spirit reveals truth.

- God planned from the beginning that no one could know Him through human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:21). As the SuperTruth tells us—God’s Spirit must open our eyes to His truth.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- This challenge helps us learn what it means to give up our own ways, to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Place your craft in a place it where you will see it when you have breakfast every morning. Carry the cross with you in your pocket or purse as a reminder to follow Jesus’ example.

SuperVerse: Superbook Voices (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage His disciples. We can trust what the Spirit says because He is sent by God, the source of true wisdom.
- Starting at one end of the row, have each child say a phrase in their assigned voice. Keep repeating the verse until all children have had a turn. If time allows, repeat the activity, allowing the children to choose the voices they’d like to use on their turn!

Prayer: Eye Opening Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Jesus asked a man who was cured of blindness if he believed in the Son of God. The man asked Jesus who the Son of God was so he could believe. Jesus revealed Himself to the man. The man’s physical eyes had been healed; now his spiritual eyes were also opened, and he believed.
- Have children write down the names of people who need to know the truth about Jesus. Have children hold their folded card up in the air to God and close their eyes while you pray.

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

Match Game: Play a game to reveal truths about Jesus. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Repeating Game: Play a game about listening and speaking accurately. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Maze Activity: Guide the blind men to Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Discuss living in the light of Jesus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min