

SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S WONDER TRUTH: JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL



WORD OF WONDER:

How great is God- beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out!
- Job 36:26a

GOD'S BIG STORY:

Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Blind
(Mark 10)

GOD'S BIG STORY QUESTIONS:

- Who was sitting by the side of the road?
(Bartimaeus)
- What was the man who was blind doing before Jesus came along?
(begging for money)
- What did the man who was blind ask Jesus to do for him? *(He wanted to be able to see.)*
- Do you think Bartimaeus was surprised when he could see? Why or why not?
- Do you think there's anything Jesus doesn't have the power to do? Why do you think that?
- If Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you tell Him?

Welcome Question

- **Would you rather be in a crowded place or a quiet space?**
Why? Consider telling kids about a crowded place or a quiet space where you like to go.
- **I think it's so cool how every one of us is unique from each other!** Some of us prefer busy, bustling cities or theme parks while others prefer a quiet room or peaceful nature trail. Today we're going to hear about a man who shouted out to Jesus in a very crowded place. But first, it's time to be curious!

Curiosity Questions

- What are some places large crowds gather?
- If you were in a large crowd and needed to be heard, what would you do?

Curiosity Activity: What's That Sound?

- **We're going to do an activity where you try to guess what's inside these containers based only on sound.** Place the eggs or bottles in the middle of your group. Invite kids to shake the containers and listen for the sound. (They shouldn't open the containers!) Have them share their guesses as they shake each container and let them write their guesses next to the appropriate number on the whiteboard. (For younger kids, invite a leader or older kid to be the scribe who writes on the whiteboard.)
- Once everyone has had a turn shaking the containers and guessing the sounds, begin at number one and reveal what's inside. Do the same for each container. See if anyone was able to correctly identify all the sounds.
- **You all did an amazing job identifying the sounds different objects make! In God's big story today, we'll encounter a man who shouted to be heard among the crowd of people who had gathered around Jesus. This man was blind and unable to see, which means it's likely he would have developed a strong sense of hearing and have been very good at the game we just played!**
- **This man got to experience our Wonder Truth in a very personal way: **JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL.****

Word of Wonder Activity

- **Today in God's big story, we witnessed Jesus' power to heal when He healed Bartimaeus. Our Word of Wonder for the Now That's a Miracle! series tells of God's amazing power! Let's say the verse together.** Open your Bible to [Job 36:26a](#).
- **Let's practice our Word of Wonder!**
- Challenge kids to echo you by repeating the words in today's Word of Wonder. In the first few rounds, ask your group to echo you using a variety of voices (loud, soft, sad, excited, tired, high-pitched, etc.). Repeat until your group has mastered echoing your voice while saying the Word of Wonder. Next, challenge your group by asking them to mimic your movements (jumping jacks, hop on one foot, clap your hands, etc.) while repeating the Word of Wonder. In a final round, ask kids to repeat the verse while echoing your voice and repeating your movements.

Responding in Worship: Me Puzzle

- **The person on your sheet represents you!** Show kids the sample Me Puzzle Sheet that you decorated ahead of time to look like you.
- **Let's spend a couple minutes decorating our people. You can add clothes, hair, and facial features so that it looks like you! Just make sure you can still see the puzzle piece lines when you're done.** Set out coloring utensils and give kids time to decorate their people.
- Once kids have decorated the people on their Me Puzzle Sheets, continue.
- **Today in God's big story, Jesus healed Bartimaeus. But what He gave Bartimaeus was more than just the ability to see with his eyes. Jesus gave Bartimaeus a whole new way of living! Jesus has power to heal. He loves us and wants us to be whole, so we can walk with Him and experience a new and good way of living! While sometimes Jesus heals our physical bodies, He has power to heal the hurt in our hearts that others can't see.**
- Hold up your Me Puzzle Sheet and start slowly cutting out the puzzle pieces as you continue.
- **Every one of us has experienced hurt. Maybe we've been sick or injured, or maybe we've gone through difficult things that have caused you to feel sad or scared. Sometimes the hurt we have leaves us feeling broken.**
- Hold up your Me Puzzle Sheet person, which is now cut into pieces.
- **Jesus sees you and loves you. He knows what you've been through. He knows the ways you feel broken on the outside and the inside. He wants to heal you and make you whole.**
- In front of the kids, reconstruct your puzzle by gluing the pieces onto a sheet of construction paper. Then with kids watching, use a marker to write these words across the top of the paper: "Jesus Has Power to Heal ... Me."
- Set out construction paper, glue sticks, and markers.
- **Let's spend time talking with Jesus now as we cut our puzzle pieces out and glue them back together on a sheet of construction paper. Tell Him about any ways you feel broken. It might be something you feel in your body or an emotion you feel in your heart. He loves you, and He loves when you talk with Him! Then ask Jesus to help you and heal you. Ask Him to make you whole as you walk with Him!**
- Give kids time to work and pray. When they finish gluing their puzzle onto construction paper, invite them to write "Jesus Has Power to Heal ... Me" across the top in marker. Point out the words on the whiteboard that they can look at for guidance.

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

Today in God's big story, the man who was blind had no fear of Jesus ignoring him. Instead, he made a big bold request of Jesus. Think quietly: Is there a big bold request you would like to make of Jesus?

Maybe you or someone close to you needs Jesus' healing power. Let's spend time in prayer together.

Invite kids to join you in a circle to spend time talking to Jesus. Ask whether anyone has a question, something they would like to share with Jesus, or a prayer request. Give each kid a chance to participate, then close in prayer, remembering to thank Jesus for loving us!