



DAY 2

ELEMENTARY

Large Group



YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Blind Man • *John 9*

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Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

GETTING READY

OPENER/CLOSER

what you need:

- Host
- Science goggles
- Kiddie pool with mud (a hard plastic pool will work best)
- 11 fabric (or plastic) flags
- 4 pool cues or long wooden dowels
- Tarp to put under the kiddie pool
- Towels to clean up

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Upbeat music to use during the game

Large Group Visuals (downloadable from the Gadgets & Gizmos USB Drive):

- Gadgets and Gizmos Title Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Large Group Visuals (downloadable from the Gadgets & Gizmos USB Drive):

- Gadgets and Gizmos Day 2 Part 1
- Gadgets and Gizmos Day 2 Part 2

what you do:

- Download the slides and videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download the music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- Prepare for the game ahead of time. Lay down the tarp, and place the pool on top of it. Once you have the pool where you want it to be on stage, fill it with mud. (This will be heavy, so you won't want to move it after you fill it.) Hide 11 flags throughout the mud. Have pool cues/dowels hidden on stage for the Host to grab when it's time to play.
- Place towels on stage for volunteers to use if they get mud on them.

BIBLE STORY

what you need:

- Storyteller
- NIV Bible
- Sleep mask for blind man volunteer
- Head covering for Pharisee volunteer
- Potted plant with dirt

Large Group Visuals (downloadable from the Gadgets & Gizmos USB Drive):

- Bottom Line Slide

(OPTIONAL) Large Group Videos (downloadable from the Gadgets & Gizmos USB Drive):

- Bible Story Day 2

what you do:

- Download the slides and videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Volunteers do not need to be preselected.
- Place the potted plant onstage ahead of time.

WORSHIP

what you need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- "My Strength" *
- "Alive" *
- "Wired" *

**MP3s and Live lyrics videos available in the music folder on your Gadgets & Gizmos USB Drive*

what you do:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.

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SFX: *Play upbeat music as kids enter.*

Host enters wearing goggles.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, hey! Welcome to another great summer day here at Gadgets and Gizmos. I'm excited to continue exploring how God has uniquely wired and wonderfully made each and every one of us! But before we get into it today, I have a fun game that needs four volunteers!"

Call up two kids and two SGLs. They will play in teams of two: one Small Group Leader with a kid.

"So, as you can see, I have a large kiddie pool here with mud. And I also have a tarp because, well . . . mud. Now, there are 11 flags buried in the mud. When I say go it is up to you to find as many flags as you can and pull them out. The team that has the most flags wins. Got it? Ready, set, hold on!"

"I almost forgot a very important part.

Bring out the four long dowels/pool cues.

"You didn't think I was going to let you use your hands, did you?! No, here is one for each of you.

Hand a stick to each volunteer.

"You each get one, which means you are going to have to work together to pick up the flags. They are not weapons. Think big chopsticks. Okay . . . ready, set, GO!"

SFX: *Play upbeat music during the game.*

Volunteers work together to find the buried flags while Host commentates their efforts. If they do not find them all, give a countdown from 10 and have everybody count along.

CG: *Fade Music*

"Wow! Great work, everyone! Let's count and see who got the most.

Count the flags and announce a winner.

"That was awesome! As our volunteers make their way back to their seats, give them a hand and stand to your feet. It's time to sing and worship together!"

Worship Leaders enter while Host exits.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER: "How's everyone doing today?! Let's get right to some singing! So, that game was fun. You had to be pretty strong and coordinated to dig out all of those flags. Sometimes we may feel like we'll never be strong enough to do what God asks us to do, but you know what? We read in the Bible that God is our strength and shield. He can help us! And we He does, we will give Him all the glory. C'mon, let's lift our voices and get loud as we sing.

SFX: "My Strength"

"Great singing, everyone! Yesterday we sang the song 'Alive.' The chorus talks about how we are alive because God set us free! Let's sing that song again today and worship God for His amazing, never-ending love!

SFX: "Alive"

"That was awesome! Take a seat and let's see what Gadget and Gizmo are doing today!"

Worship Leaders exit as video begins.

GADGET AND GIZMO DAY 2 PART 1

Perform drama live as in script below or show included **Bible Story Video Day 2**.

Storyteller enters as the video ends.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hey, guys! So, that Boomba-swat was a bit out of control, don't you think? I wonder if Hugo will ever come back.

"Well, before we get back to Gadget and Gizmo, let's check out a great story from the Bible. But to tell this story, I'm going to need a few volunteers. Four, to be exact.

Choose four volunteers: a kid for the blind man, a kid for the Pharisee, and a male and female Small Group Leader for the mom and dad. Bring them up on stage.

(To volunteers) "Now, have you ever seen those guards outside of the Buckingham Palace who stand still like a statue? Well, that is your goal. You are a human statue playing a part in today's story.

(Direct first kids to play the blind man.) "You will stand nice and straight like this. *(Direct second kid to play the Pharisee.)* You are going to stand straight but put your finger out like you are wagging it in disapproval. Also, let's get a scowl on that face. Good. *(To the male and female leaders)* And you two are going to stand here with shocked looks on your faces. Okay? All right, everybody get in your positions and . . . freeze!

(To audience) "So one day, Jesus was walking along with His disciples when He saw a man. *(Walk over to blind man.)* Now, Jesus and the disciples all noticed that this man was blind. Not only was He blind, but the Bible tells us that He had been born this way. This man's whole world *(put sleep mask on blind man's eyes)* was complete darkness.

"Jesus' disciples asked an interesting question *(read John 9:2):* *Jesus' disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned? Was this man born blind because he sinned? Or did his parents sin? (NirV).* Seems like kind of a strange question, right? But, in Jesus' day, a lot of people thought that physical disabilities were a punishment for doing something wrong. Now we know this isn't true, but the disciples were just going along what most people believed was true back then. But Jesus pushed against that idea and set the record straight.

"Listen to what Jesus said *(read John 9:3):* *"He was born blind so that God's power could be shown by what's going to happen" (NirV).* And then Jesus called Himself the LIGHT of the world. An interesting thing to say when there was a man who could only see darkness."

JESUS HEALS THE MAN

STORYTELLER: "Now, there are many different times in the Gospels when we see Jesus heal somebody of a sickness or disability. The WAY He does it is not always the same, and this one may be the strangest. Jesus spit on the ground and made some mud. *(Look around.)* Well, we don't have any dirt here. Hold on.

*Walk over to a potted plant on stage and take some dirt from the pot.
Look at the dirt as if wondering if you should spit on it.*

"Hmmm. Jesus spit on the dirt and made mud. Well, here goes!

Spit on the dirt (not much) and mix it around in your hand.

(Read John 9:6c.) "Then he put the mud on the man's eyes (NirV). I am totally not making this up; it's in the Bible!

Wipe the mud on the volunteer's sleep mask.

(To volunteer) "Sorry, man, but we're just trying to be true to the story! (To audience) Well, after wiping the mud on the man's eyes, Jesus told him to go wash in a nearby pool. So the man went and washed. And when the man came up from the water, he was able to see!

Slide off the sleep mask from the volunteer, being careful not to spread any of the mud around.

"Can you imagine? This man was able to see for the first time in his whole life! He saw things that you and I hardly think about anymore like the sky and clouds, the trees and grass, his neighborhood, his house, his family! As he made his way to his house, people who recognized him said to each other, 'Wait, isn't that the guy who used to be blind and beg for money?' But some doubted it because, well, now he could see. But the man chimed in and said, 'Yep, that's me!'

"Well, as you can imagine, this led to more questions. They asked the man how his healing happened. Check out the man's response *(read John 9:11): The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed. Then I could see (NirV).*

"They asked him where this Jesus was, but the man didn't know. He actually never even got to see Jesus!"

THE PHARISEES QUESTION THE HEALING

STORYTELLER: "Obviously something this miraculous would catch people's attention. And maybe cause some confusion. Stuff like this doesn't happen every day. They brought the man to a group of leaders called the Pharisees.

Walk over to the Pharisee and put a head covering on him.

"The Pharisees were a religious group who prided themselves on how well they thought they followed God's rules. Unfortunately, they had a habit of being harsh toward other people who they didn't think followed God very well. When the Pharisees heard about this healing, they were not as impressed as they were upset, because this healing happened on the Sabbath—which was the day of the week when everyone was supposed to rest and no one was supposed to work.

"So the Pharisees tried to get the facts about the healing. They questioned the man, and he told them about the mud, the spit, the pool, and how he could now see. The decision was a split one *(read John 9:16): Some of the Pharisees said, "Jesus has not come from God. He does not keep the Sabbath day." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such signs?" (NirV).* So the Pharisees did not agree with one another.

“So they turned to the man and asked: ‘What do you have to say about him? I mean, you are the one who got healed . . . on the SABBATH.’ (Read John 9:17b) The man replied, “He is a prophet” (NIRV). In other words, the man acknowledged that Jesus had to come from God or worked for God in some way or another.

“The Pharisees, however, were not convinced. In fact, they decided that this whole thing was a hoax and that the man could see the whole time! And to prove their point, they sent for some people who knew the man better than almost anyone (*walk over to the two leader volunteers*): his mom and dad!”

THE BLIND MAN’S PARENTS

STORYTELLER: “So the Pharisees begin to question the man’s parents. (Read John 9:19) “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?” (NIRV).

“The parents answered, ‘No, we’ve never seen this guy in our lives!’ Okay, I’m just kidding. They said, ‘Of course it is our son! And yes, he was born blind. But we have no idea how this happened!’ The man’s parents were scared of the Pharisees because they were powerful . . . and the Pharisees did not like Jesus.

(Read John 9:24.) “Again the Pharisees called the man who had been blind to come to them. “Give glory to God by telling the truth!” they said. “We know that the man who healed you is a sinner” (NIRV). You can see what these Pharisees thought of Jesus. And the man’s response was great (read John 9:25): *I don’t know if he is a sinner or not. I do know one thing. I was blind, but now I can see!* (NIRV). This man didn’t deny what had happened to him. Even though the Pharisees did not like it, you can’t argue the facts!

“But the Pharisees wouldn’t see it, and instead they threw the man out of the synagogue, which was the local meeting place in the community.

“Let’s hear it for our volunteers!”

Lead applause and dismiss the volunteers.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “After the man was thrown out by the Pharisees, Jesus went and found him. Now remember, the man had never seen Jesus before. (Read John 9:35b.) When Jesus found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (NIRV). Jesus was using a title He often applied to Himself, which was a title that connected Him to God.

“The man asked, ‘Well, who is the Son of Man?’ And Jesus replied (read John 9:37b): “You have now seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you” (NIRV).

“Can you imagine this moment? It was very likely the man even recognized Jesus’ voice from earlier that day. Regardless, the man had a simple response (read John 9:38): *Then the man said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him* (NIRV).

“Did you notice how the man’s view of Jesus changed throughout the story? At first he called Jesus a man. Then he called Jesus a prophet, somebody who works FOR God. But at the end, he called Jesus ‘Lord.’ He saw—yes, SAW—Jesus for who He really is, and he put his trust in Him. And just like Jesus told His disciples at the beginning of the story, the healing of this man brought glory to God. Pretty cool, right?

“And just like this man from our story, God doesn’t want us just to walk in darkness either. When we trust God with our lives, we get to live in the light! God made you with the ability to trust Him. In fact, that’s our Bottom Line for today:

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

[Bottom Line] God made you to trust Him. God wants us to see Jesus for who He really is and to trust Him with our lives. Let’s pray and thank God that we can trust Him no matter what.”

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for this amazing story about a man who was walking in darkness who You healed to bring glory to God. Like the blind man did, help us to see Jesus for who He really is, so that we can trust You and bring You glory too. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.

“Well, we better check back in on Gadget and Gizmo and see if Hugo ever comes back. Check it out!

Storyteller exits as video begins.

GADGET AND GIZMO DAY 2 PART 2

Worship Leaders enter as video is finishing up.

WORSHIP: THEME SONG

WORSHIP LEADER: "Those guys are great! I can't wait to find out what Gadget and Gizmo do tomorrow. It's time to sing our theme song for the week! It's so amazing to know that God cares about all of us. He made us and wired us to have a relationship with Him. Let's sing about it now!"

SFX: "Wired"

Host enters as Worship Leaders exit.

CLOSER

HOST: "Man, it is cool to see how Hugo is willing to trust Gadget and Gizmo, even with the whole Boomba-Swat incident! And what a great story today! You know, we may not have something as drastic happen as what happened to the blind man, but we still have something in common with him:

[Bottom Line] God made you to trust Him.

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

"That's why the most important thing to remember today is this: **Bottom Line] God made you to trust Him.** Maybe you have something going on in your life right now with your family, and it is hard to believe it is going to turn out well. God wants you to trust Him, even if things don't go the way you want them to. He wants you to trust that He loves you and will take care of you. Or maybe you are nervous about the school year coming up or about a tryout you are going to have soon. God wants you to trust Him and believe that He is more than enough for whatever you have going on in your life. And when we trust Him, it brings Him glory! I think that is pretty amazing."

Dismiss children to their small groups.

SFX: *Play upbeat music as the kids exit.*