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Memory Verses

Week 1

JOHN 1:11-12

He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Week 2

ROMANS 12:19

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Week 3

EPHESIANS 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Week 4

ISAIAH 29:13

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Week 5

1 JOHN 4:7A

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.

Week 6

JOHN 14:27

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Week 7

JOHN 9:39

Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

Week 8

JOHN 11:25

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."



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Lesson 1: Jesus the Son of God

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JOHN 1:11-14, 26-29, 37, 45-49

When Jesus arrived on the scene, some believed that he was the son of God, while others doubted Him. Each of us must decide if we believe that Jesus is the son of God!

John was one of Jesus' best friends. John believed that Jesus was God from the very beginning. However, some people had doubts!

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

Jesus is the son of God. He lived on earth as a human. He died on the cross and was raised back to life so we could become part of God's family. (John 1:11-12)

- John makes many claims about Jesus throughout this book:
 - One true light, Living Water, The Bread of Life, Messiah, King, Savior, He is God, He existed before Time began, He created everything, He is the way, the truth, and the life, and the Good Shepherd.

Not everyone believed this message then, and some have doubts today.

God gave us evidence to believe that Jesus *really was* the son of God.

- Jesus performed miracles to show that is really God.
 - Raising Lazarus from the dead, healing the blind, walking on water, raising a boy from the dead, healing a paralyzed man, feeding the 5000
 - We will study these miracles and more throughout our series in John!

JOHN AND HIS DISCIPLES' BELIEF

John understood that Jesus was God. He called him "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" and said "I'm not even worthy to be his slave" (John 1:27, 29)

- Because of John's faith, John's disciples believed and followed Jesus, too! (John 1:37)

NATHANIEL'S DOUBT

Nathaniel had doubts about Jesus. He said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Once Nathaniel met Jesus, he believed in Him! (John 1:49)

Thinking that it's bad or abnormal to have doubts, not asking your questions about Jesus, believing that Jesus was just a good teacher but not the son of God

If we have doubts about Jesus like Nathaniel, we should ask our questions! Since Jesus is the Son of God, we should listen to Him! Jesus came to give us a free gift of a relationship with God, so we should accept that gift!

- If someone told you that they were God, what would you be thinking?
- Why might it be hard to believe that Jesus was God? Have you ever had doubts?
- How do you think someone could figure out the answers to their questions or doubts? What advice would you give them?
- John was Jesus' best friend. What do you think that would be like?
- Which of Jesus' miracles are you most excited to learn about?



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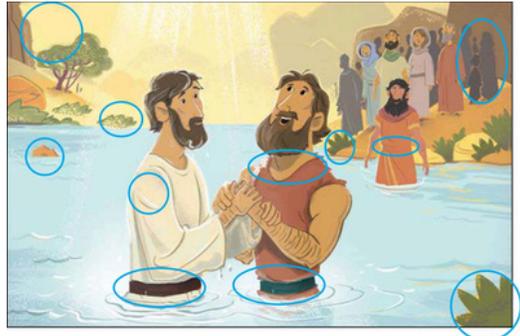
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JESUS' BAPTISM ACTIVITY PAGES

At Jesus' baptism, He was declared to be the son of God. We're doing activity pages to remember this truth about Jesus!

Activity pages, markers/colored pencils/crayons, pens/pencils

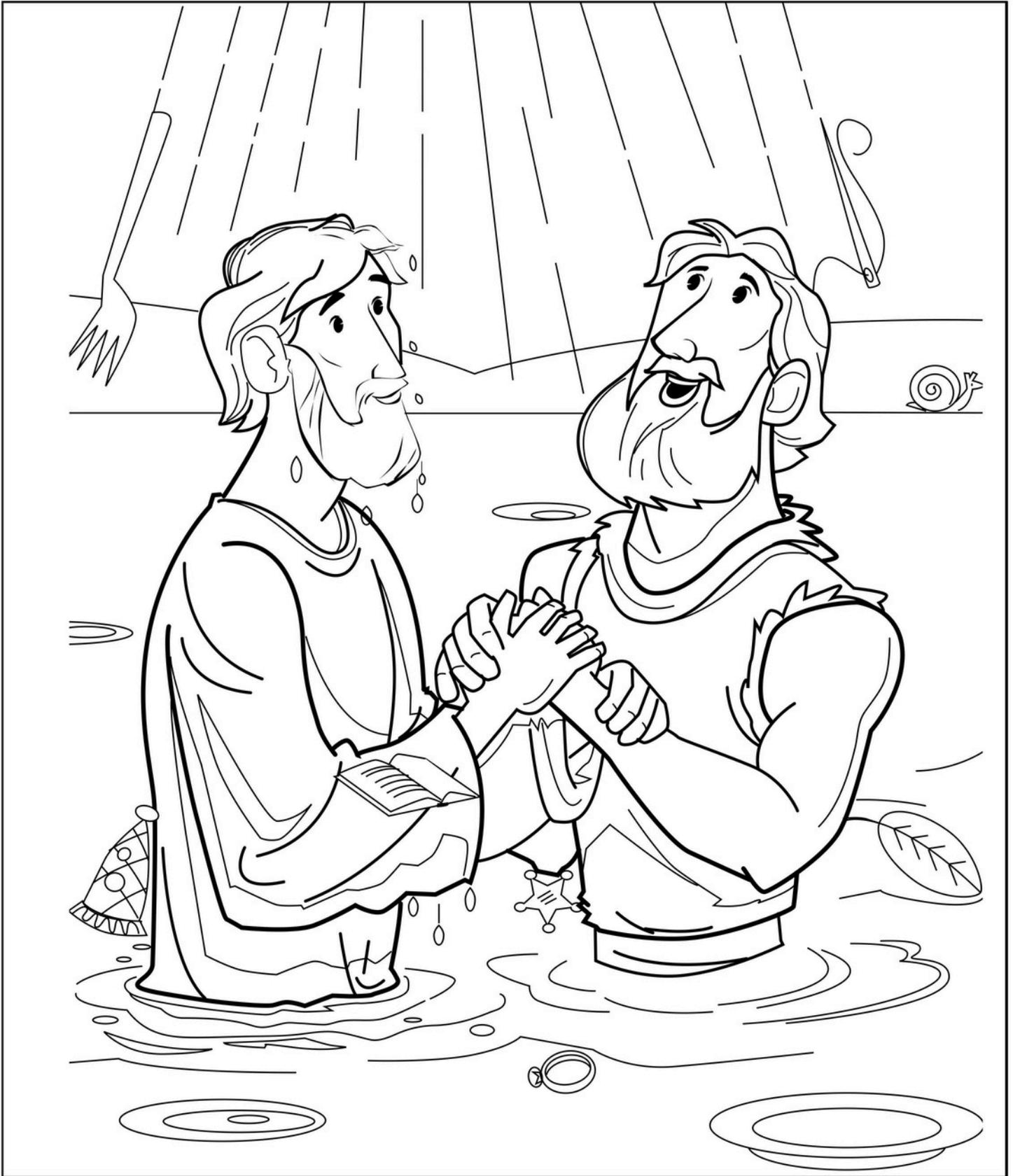
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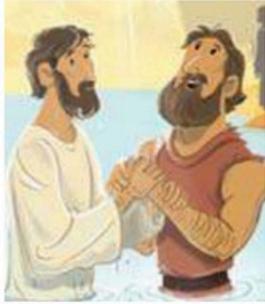


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Hidden Pictures: Jesus' Baptism

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, clown's hat, fork, leaf, needle and thread, ring, plate, snail, star





Jesus' Baptism Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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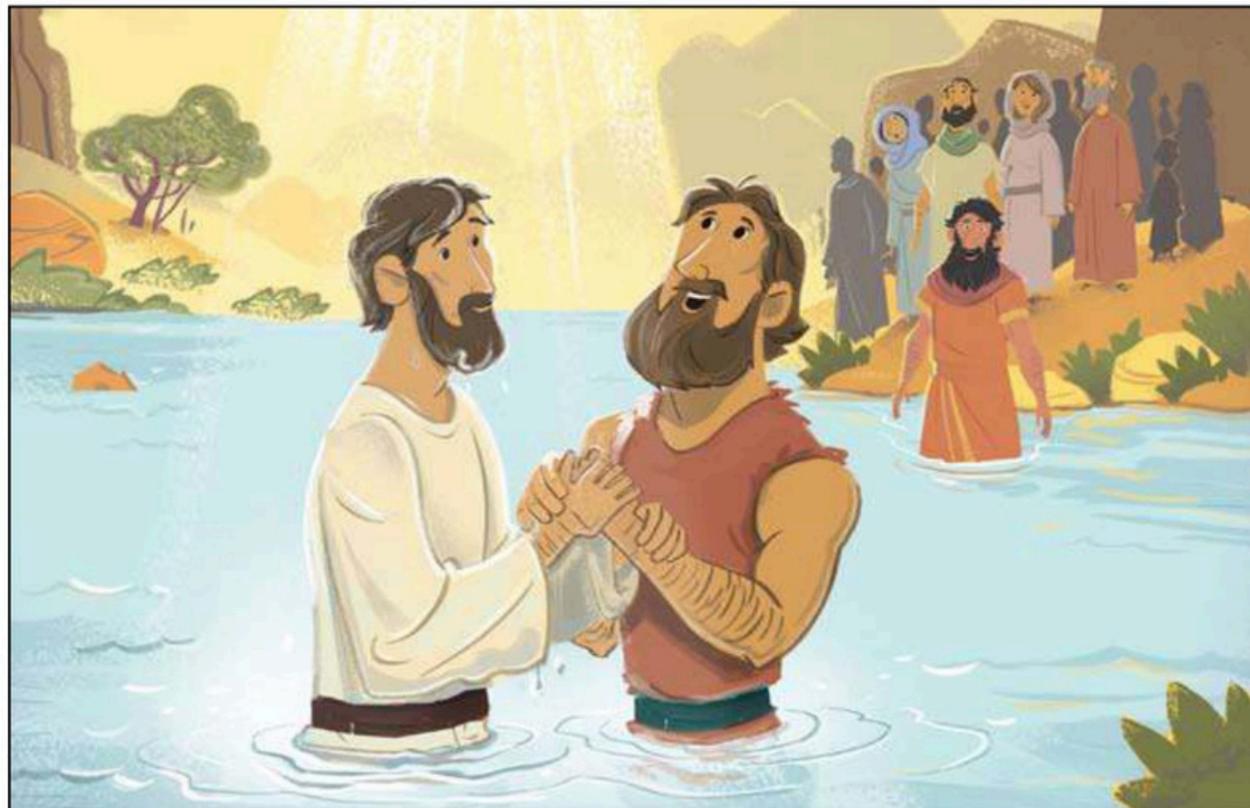
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Jesus' Baptism Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 11 things that are different.





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Lesson 2: Jesus Clears the Temple

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JOHN 2:13-22

Jesus got angry sometimes, and that's ok! But one day, God will make everything right.

Last week we saw that Jesus was the Son of God. When Jesus gets angry, it shows us what God gets angry about. Today, we'll see an example of Jesus' anger.

JESUS' ANGER

Jesus visited the temple in Jerusalem, which was supposed to be a place to worship God.

- The people at the temple were tricking poor people into buying their "special" animals with "special" money. They were greedy!

When he saw this, he was so angry! God doesn't like when people cheat and steal.

He chased everyone out (including the animals), scattered the coins all over the floor, and flipped the tables. (John 2:15)

OUR ANGER

Sometimes we get angry at unfairness, too!

- Ex: our sibling takes something that belongs to us, someone bullies our friend, etc.

When we feel angry, we need to remember that God loves us so much.

- Because God loves people so much, he gets angry when they are hurt or in pain!

GOD'S SOLUTION

God has a solution to make everything right, and we will never be angry again.

- After Jesus cleared the temple, Jesus said that the temple would be destroyed, and that he would raise it up again in 3 days. (John 2:19)
 - People thought that he was saying crazy things, but Jesus was talking about himself! Jesus died and was raised to life 3 days afterwards
- Jesus' death and resurrection means that Jesus will come again & set everything right!

Thinking that God doesn't notice unfairness, thinking we should never be angry, letting our anger control us instead of remembering how God will set everything right one day

When we're angry, we should remember that God sees our pain. We should learn about the kinds of things that God gets angry about, and about his plan to fix this world.

- What kinds of things do you get angry about?
- How do you act when you are angry? Do you keep it inside, or have an outburst?
- What helps you control your anger?
- What do you think about the idea that God can get angry but also be loving? Does this confuse you? Why or why not?
- What are you excited for when Jesus comes back?



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CLEANING PENNIES

Jesus got angry because the people at the temple were tricking poor people into buying their "special" animals with "special" money. We're cleaning pennies to remember that Jesus doesn't like greed, but he's going to set everything right one day!

Pennies, salt, vinegar, cups, paper towels, tablecloth

1. Dissolve some salt in a small amount of vinegar
2. Put pennies in the solution for a few minutes
3. Take them out and dry and see what happens!
4. Try other experiments! (i.e. hold the penny half way in, don't dry the penny for an hour, etc.)





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Lesson 3: Pray Without Giving Up

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JOHN 4:46-54

We can ask Jesus for things and not give up, believing that He hears us and cares for us. His answer may be yes, no, or not yet.

We've been learning about how Jesus was God. Today we'll explore one of Jesus' miracles, where Jesus helps a Dad who didn't give up asking for help.

A DAD WHO DOESN'T GIVE UP

A royal official had a son who was very sick and was about to die. He was desperate! This desperate Dad traveled a long way to see Jesus, knowing that Jesus could heal.

- At first Jesus said, "unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe."
- But the Dad didn't give up! He trusted that Jesus was good and had the power to heal.

JESUS' ANSWER

Jesus told the Dad, "Go. Your son will live." Then, "the man took Jesus at his word and departed." (John 4:50)

- The Dad had a lot of trust in Jesus to go home without seeing the miracle himself!
- When the Dad was walking home, his servants met him and told him that the son was healed. He was healed at the exact moment that Jesus said, "your son will live"!

WE CAN ASK JESUS FOR HELP TOO!

Even though we can't travel to Jesus like this Dad did, we can pray to Jesus.

We can ask Jesus to help us in *any* situation. We don't have to be shy, but we can ask boldly again and again.

- Jesus might not say "yes" the first time. He isn't a genie!
 - Even so, sometimes God does amazing things because he loves us!
- Jesus may also say "no" or "not yet."
 - Jesus says that we should trust him *even if he doesn't perform miracles* (John 4:48).

Giving up after praying once, thinking that God doesn't hear our prayers or want to answer them, trying to help ourselves instead of asking God first

Pray without giving up! Look for God's answers to your prayers. Trust that God hears you and cares, even if his answer is "no" or "not yet."

- What would you be thinking/feeling if you were the Dad in this story? Why do you think the Dad traveled so far to see Jesus?
- Have you ever prayed for something more than once? What did you pray for?
- Why do you think God might want us to pray for something more than once, rather than answering right away?
- What might happen if you thought that Jesus was like a genie?
- What are some bold prayers you could ask God for? How does it feel to know we can ask God boldly for things instead of being shy?



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STRAW PAN FLUTE

Today we learned that we can pray without giving up, just like this flute is fun to play without stopping!

Card stock, scissors, plastic straws, black sharpie, ruler

1. Take 5 straws and cut them into varying lengths (Suggested: 6 inches, 5.5 inches, 5 inches, 4 inches, and 3.5 inches)
2. Cut 2 strips of card stock to 7 inches X 1.5 inches
3. Place a 7 inch strip of double-sided tape onto the inside of one card stock strip
4. Place the longest straw on the tape first, near the left edge. You'll want one end of the straw hanging about 3/4 inch over the side. Place the shortest straw on the right hand side of the tape, with the same amount (about 3/4 inch) hanging over the edge. Next place the middle length straw right in the center. Place the remaining two straws onto the tape. All the ends of the straws should line up about 3/4 inch over one edge of the card stock.
5. Place the double-sided tape onto the other black strip of card stock and place it on top of your straws, lining it up with the first piece of card stock. Press down firmly.
6. Number each straw 1-5 with a black Sharpie.
7. Practice making sounds with your flute by resting the tops of the straws on your lower lip and blowing across them.





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Lesson 4: Love > Rules

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JOHN 5:1-23

God wants us to love one another, not to follow a set of strict rules.

We've been learning different lessons from Jesus' miracles. Today, Jesus is going to do another miracle to teach the religious leaders an important lesson about God's love.

JESUS HEALS THE PARALYZED MAN

One day Jesus was at the pool of Bethesda. There were many sick people there. Jesus asked a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years, "would you like to get well?"

- He was paralyzed, which means that he couldn't walk.
- Jesus healed him! He picked up his mat and walked! But there was one problem...
 - On the Sabbath, the religious leaders got angry at anyone who did "work".
 - Because Jesus told this man to carry his mat on the Sabbath, they were upset.

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE OUTRAGED!

You'd expect the religious people to be happy that Jesus healed the paralyzed man, but instead they were outraged! The religious leaders cared more about rules than love.

- This isn't what God is like! Instead of following rules, He wants us to love each other.

LOVE > RULES

God cares more about love than rules (Isaiah 29:13).

- God sent Jesus so we don't have to follow the rules perfectly.
- Instead, God loved us so much he died so we could have a relationship for free!
 - God isn't watching you and waiting for you to mess up a rule. He loves you!

We shouldn't be bossy about the rules, or judge other people for not following them.

- Ex: instead of being upset when a friend messes up, be patient and forgive; instead of judging a friend for not understanding the Bible, teach it to them.

Thinking that God is watching over you waiting for you to mess up a rule, being bossy to your friends about the rules

Try out some of the ideas in the above section "love > rules". Remember that God loves you no matter what. He doesn't expect you to follow strict rules!

- Imagine that you are the paralyzed man in this story. How would you have felt when Jesus healed you? How about when the religious leaders got upset at you?
- How do you feel when someone is being bossy to you?
- Have you ever thought that God wanted you to follow rules? How did you feel?
- What would you say to a friend who said, "following God is just about following rules." (Hint: your friend is very mistaken!)
- What are some practical ways you could show love to someone?



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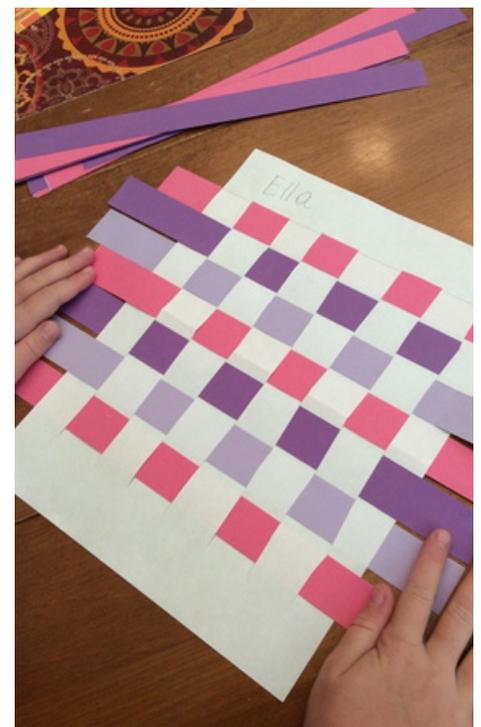
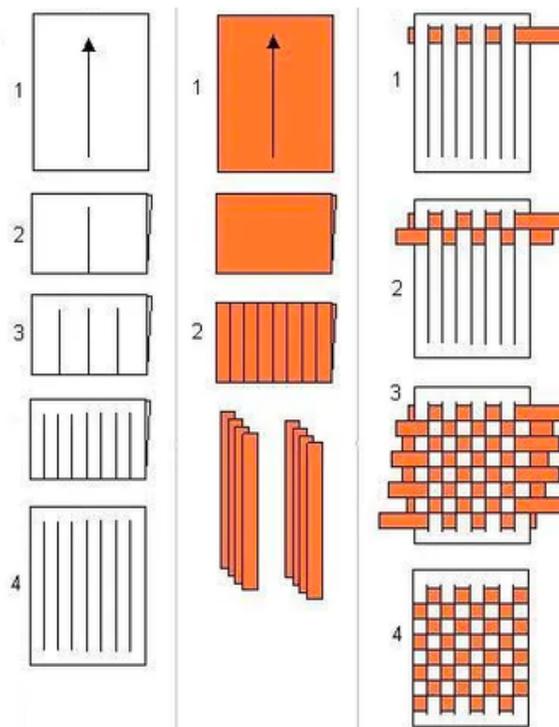
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WOVEN MAT

When Jesus healed the paralyzed man, he told him to pick up his mat and walk!

Construction paper, scissors, rulers, pencil

1. Choose the colors for your mat: 1 main color and other colors for stripes
2. Take a full sheet of your main color and fold the paper in half so the short edges meet
3. Cut from the folded edge to within 1 inch of the opposite side; make seven cuts about 1-inch apart to make eight 1-inch sections
4. Unfold the paper
5. Cut 1-inch-wide strips from the stripe colors, cutting from long edge to long edge of each sheet
6. Weave the strips over and under the cuts in the frame
7. Glue or staple the strips in place along the edge of the frame. Trim the strips if necessary.





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Lesson 5: Feeding the 5000

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JOHN 6:1-13

Jesus provides for people, and he wants us to help!

We've been studying Jesus' miracles. Today we're going to see how Jesus included his disciples in a miracle, and how he wants to include us, too!

AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK

Jesus was teaching to a large crowd of 5000 men (not even including women and kids!) The crowd started to get hungry. Jesus asked one of his disciples, Philip, to feed them.

- Philip told Jesus this was impossible! (John 6:7)
- Andrew (a different disciple) found a kid with 5 loaves and 2 fish. That wasn't enough!
 - Ex: Imagine a TNT teaching lasted all day. Everyone is hungry. The teacher offers a candy bar to share. That wouldn't even be enough for everyone to have a bite!

JESUS PROVIDES & THE DISCIPLES HELP

Jesus turned the 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food for everyone. It was a miracle! Jesus could have fed the people alone, but he wanted the disciples to help. After the disciples gave away all the food, there were still 12 baskets of food left, enough for each of them! (John 6:13).

WHAT'S THE LESSON FOR ME?

Just like Jesus asked the disciples to help him feed people, he wants us to help, too!

- God wants us to help others in all kinds of ways
 - Feeding the poor, comforting a friend, doing chores for a parent, etc.
- We don't have to love others on our own. Just like God gave the disciples baskets full of bread and fish, God gives us His love to share!
 - Remember how the disciples each had a basket at the end? God always gives us exactly what we need!

Thinking that God doesn't want to use me to help others, thinking I can help others on my own without God's power, being selfish instead of helping others

Think about how God might want you to help someone else, help someone (even if it's hard) and look to God to give what you need (energy, excitement, the words to say, etc.).

- What would you be thinking if you were Philip and Jesus asked you to feed all those people on your own?
- Why do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to help, even though he could have fed all those people by himself?
- How does it make you feel to learn that God wants to share his love through YOU?
- In what ways could you help someone this week?
- What are some benefits we experience from helping others? (NOTE: Remember, the disciples left with a basket-full of food each!)



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CUP BASKET

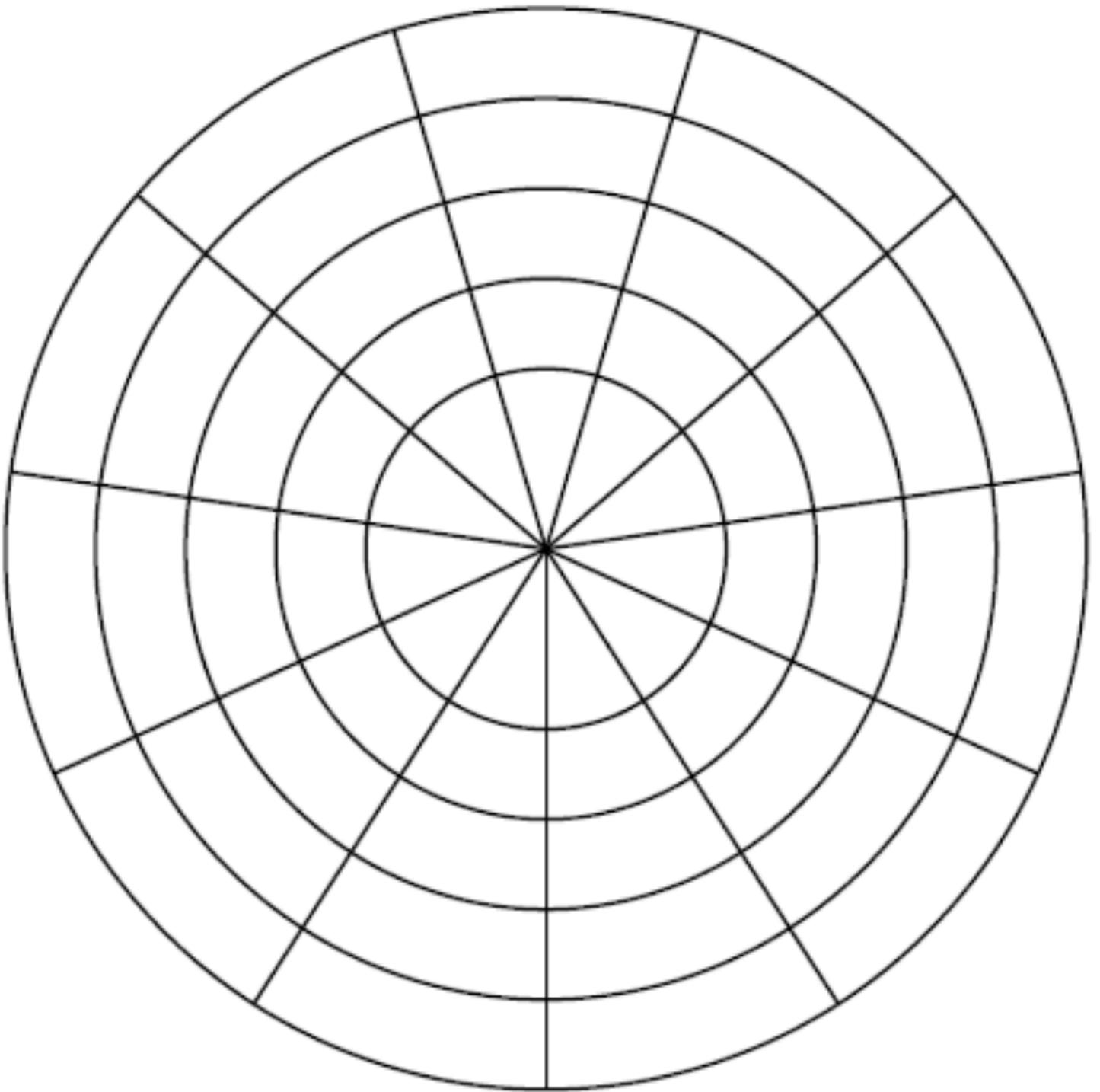
We're making a basket to remind us of the 12 leftover baskets that Jesus gave to the disciples after they fed all of the people!

Yarn, plastic cups, cup weaving template, markers, tape, scissors, glue

1. Place cup upside down on printed template, centering the mouth of cup within the circle
2. Mark cup at each dividing line with marker
3. Repeat steps 1-2 at base of cup
4. Cut down sides of cup at each mark from mark at mouth of cup to mark at base of cup leaving approximately 1/4 inch uncut at base
5. Tape end of yarn to the inside bottom of the cup
6. Weave yarn in and out of strips, pushing weaving to bottom of cup as you work
7. To change colors: Cut first yarn and bring tail to inside; place end of new second color inside sup, skipping one weaving strip. Begin weaving with new color, trapping yarn tails between weaving and inside cup as you go
8. At end, cut yarn and tuck tail into weaving at inside of cup. Dab with glue and let dry to secure.

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Lesson 6: Jesus Walks on Water

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JOHN 6:16-21

We don't need to be afraid of anything, because Jesus has power over everything!

Jesus has done many miracles so far in John, and each one has a different lesson for us! Today, we're going to see Jesus do a miracle that proves his power over nature.

A STORM AT SEA

Jesus was tired after feeding the 5,000 (see last week), so he goes away for alone time. The disciples got into a boat and set off at sea without Jesus.

- A storm came. The wind blew and the waters were rough. This was very dangerous!
- The disciples would have felt afraid and helpless. There's nothing they could do to save themselves!

JESUS TO THE RESCUE

Jesus walked out on the water to save them. But when they saw him, they were terrified! Jesus said, "don't be afraid. I am here!" Then the disciples let him in the boat. Once Jesus entered the boat, they immediately arrived at their destination.

FACING OUR FEARS

Sometimes we feel afraid and helpless, like the disciples did.

But just like Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid, we don't have to be afraid either! Jesus is in control over everything!

- Ex: Nature (like this story), our circumstances, what happens after we die, etc.
- When we realize that Jesus has power over everything, and Jesus is good, we don't have to be scared anymore.

Letting your fears control you, ignoring Jesus' power

When we're afraid, we should remind ourselves that God is in control of this world and everything in it. Jesus is the answer to our fears!

- The disciples were afraid of the sea. What kinds of things are you afraid of?
- How do you typically react in scary situations?
- If you were the disciples in this story, how would you be feeling when you saw Jesus walking on water?
- How could you tell that someone **doesn't** trust that Jesus is in control? How would they act? How about someone who **does** trust that Jesus is in control?
- How could you help a friend who is in a scary situation?



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BALLOON POWERED SPONGE BOAT

We're making a boat since today we learned that Jesus walked on water to the disciple's boat!

Balloon, sponge, small piece of straw, ruler, scissors, pencil, craft knife, tub for water

1. Cut your boat into a "house" shape by cutting off 2 corners, making a point in the middle (see photo below).
2. Find the middle of the boat by using your ruler and marking it with pencil, and cut a slit at that point with your knife (an adult should do this). The slit needs to be vertical.
3. Stretch and blow up your balloon once and let the air out to get it nice and stretchy.
4. Poke your balloon's end through the slit, and then stretch it over your straw.
5. Blow up your balloon through the straw, then place it down which positioning the straw towards the rear of the boat. Your boat should now power along by itself using its own balloon motor!





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Lesson 7: Jesus and the Blind Man

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We should be open to learning new things about Jesus like the blind man was, not stuck in our ways like the Pharisees.

Throughout the book of John we've seen that Jesus has a nemesis: the religious leaders. Today, we'll see how the Pharisees react to Jesus healing a blind man.

JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN

Jesus healed a blind man "so the power of God could be seen in him." (John 9:3)

- Jesus healed him by spitting, making mud, and putting it on his eyes. Yuck!
- After the man washed himself in the pool of Siloam, he was healed!

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS' REACTION

When the religious leaders heard about Jesus healing the blind man, they were outraged.

- The blind man told the religious leaders that Jesus was from God (John 9:17, 33), but they wouldn't accept that. They were stuck in their ways!
 - They even insulted the blind man and threw him out for saying they were wrong!
 - Jesus calls the religious leaders blind because they claim they can see. (9:41) They thought they knew everything, but they didn't!

ARE WE OPEN TO JESUS OR STUCK IN OUR WAYS?

Sometimes, Jesus wants to teach us something new, but we are stuck in our ways.

- Ex: we don't want to share, forgive, read the Bible or pray. Sometimes we don't want to listen to TNT teachings or to our leaders and parents when they talk about God.

Instead of being stuck in our ways, we should be excited to learn new things about God!

- Ex: listen to teachings at TNT, ask your leader or parent questions about God, read your Bible, tell your friends about what you're learning

Thinking you already know everything about God, refusing to learn new things

See examples under "are we open to Jesus or stuck in our ways", find a way that you like to learn about God and do that!

- What is your favorite way to learn about God? (i.e. VBS/TNT camp, TNT teachings, talking to friends/leaders/parents, Bible class, reading the Bible on your own, etc.)
- What would you say to someone who says, "I already know everything about God?"
- Do you remember why the religious leaders were upset at Jesus for healing the blind man? What did they refuse to believe about Jesus?
- How could you help someone else get excited about learning about God?
- Can you think of a time that you learned something new about God and it helped you? What did you learn, and what happened afterwards?



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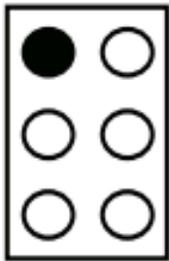
Today blind people have the ability to do much more than blind people in Jesus' time because of inventions like Braille. Today we're writing our names in Braille to understand more about the man that Jesus healed.

Braille Alphabet Handout, My Name in Braille Handout, Sticky gems, construction paper

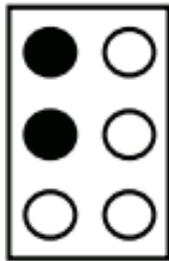
1. Find the letters of your name on the handout
2. Using the sticky gems, write your name on the "My Name in Braille" Handout
3. Glue your paper to a colorful piece of construction paper



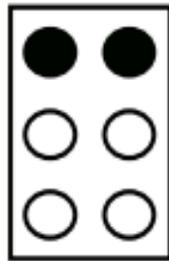
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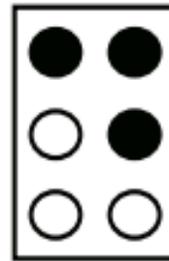
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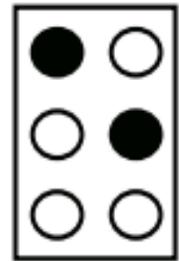
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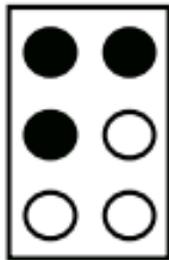
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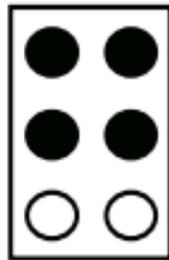
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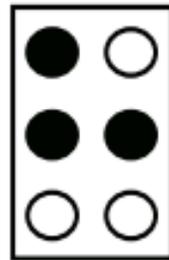
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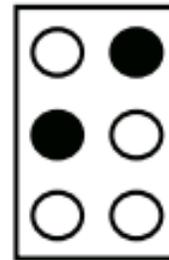
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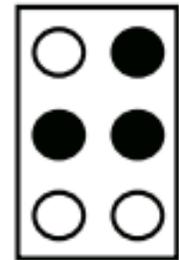
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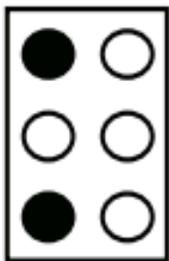
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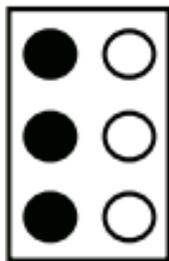
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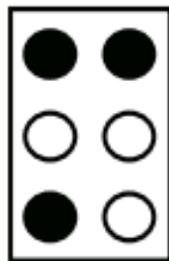
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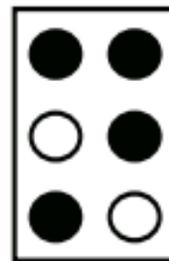
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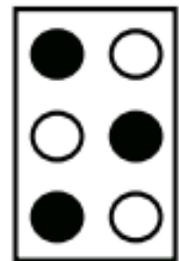
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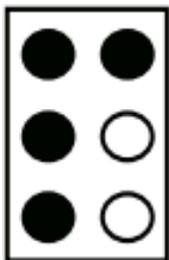
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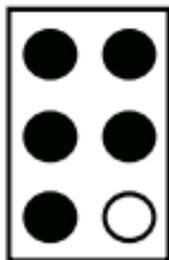
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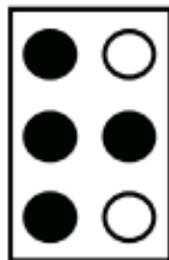
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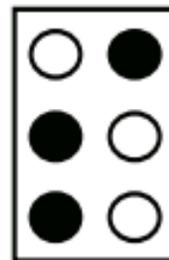
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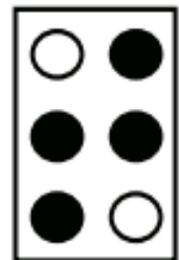
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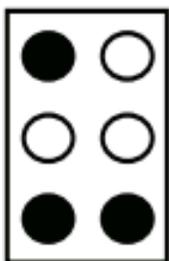
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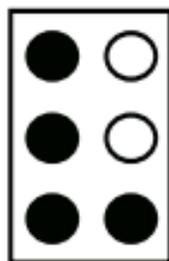
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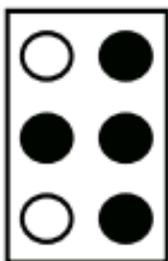
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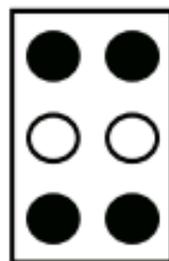
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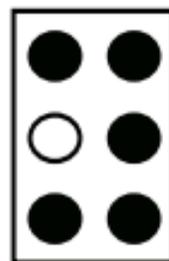
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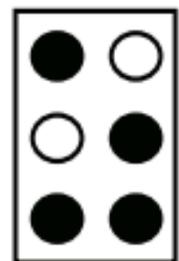
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JOHN

Lesson 8: Power Over Death

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JOHN 11:1-44

Jesus has power over death!

Throughout John we've seen Jesus do some amazing miracles. Today, he's going to perform the most amazing miracle of all: raising someone from the dead! This proved that he has the power over death, eventually leading to his own resurrection!

LAZARUS DIES

Lazarus was one of Jesus' friends. He was very sick.

- Even though Lazarus was very sick, Jesus waited 2 days until traveling to see him.
- Jesus said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death... the Son of God will receive glory from this" (John 11:4). Jesus planned to display his power over death through Lazarus.

Lazarus died (John 11:17). Martha (Lazarus' sister) said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

- Martha understood that Jesus had power over death.

LAZARUS RAISED TO LIFE

When Jesus saw people weeping, he wept also (John 11:35). Jesus hates death! Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb and prayed to God. Then Lazarus came out alive! Jesus proved that He had power over death!

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Not only did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, but later in John Jesus died on the cross and resurrected 3 days later!

- We will all die physically one day, but if we believe in Jesus then we can live in heaven with Him forever! Jesus has the power to save us from *spiritual* death.

Being scared of death, thinking that God isn't upset by death or doesn't care about us

When we feel afraid of death, remember that Jesus died so that we can be in heaven forever! If someone we love dies, we should remember that even though people die, God loves everyone and he wants to save everyone from spiritual death.

- What would you be thinking if you were Mary or Martha (Lazarus' sisters) and Jesus was taking his time traveling to save Lazarus? (*NOTE: Remember, Jesus waited 2 days!*)
- What does it show about Jesus that he wept over Lazarus? How do you think God feels about death?
- Have you ever been afraid of death? Why was that?
- How do you think someone gets to heaven? How would you explain that to someone?
- What are you excited about in heaven? (*NOTE: Go around in a circle and share 3 things you're excited to do!*)



JOHN

Lesson 8: Power Over Death

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RAISING LAZARUS GAME

Lazarus was wrapped in grave clothes... let's wrap some-one in toilet paper!

1 roll toilet paper per 5 students

1. Divide the students into team of approximately 5 people each
2. Each team chooses someone to be Lazarus
3. Give each team a roll of toilet paper
4. When you say "go" each team should wrap the entire roll around their "Lazarus"
5. Try different variations of the game! For example, see who can wrap "Lazarus" the fastest, or who can create the best looking "Lazarus" in 3 minutes, or have each "Lazarus" complete an obstacle course while wearing the toilet paper!

