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OVERVIEW CARD

I Need Jesus

Key Question:

Who do you need?

Bottom Line:

I need Jesus.

Memory Verse:

"You are everything I need."

Psalm 119:57 Nlrv

Bible Story Focus:

Jesus has the power to help me.

Healing the Blind Man

John 9:1-7

Coloring Page:

Jesus helps a blind man see.

Music:

Whoa I Have Life

Life with Jesus

Praise the Lord Everyday

Bible Lesson:

God's Story for Me Bible

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Pages 356 to 361

Story:

Guess How Much I Love You

by Sam McBratney

Service Time:

70 minutes (week 1)

66 minutes (week 2)

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ACTIVITY 1

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In the Bucket

What You Need: 3 small beanbags, large open-mouth bucket, painter's tape, and a blindfold

(NOTE: This activity uses a blindfold that will go over the children's eyes. Some children will be afraid of the darkness or of the blindfold itself. Do not force the children to wear the blindfold if they resist. Simply allow them to play both rounds of the activity without the blindfold and continue with the activity.)

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place the bucket in the play area. Use the tape to mark a "throw line" on the floor about 6-7 feet away from the front of the bucket.

During the activity: Have the children line up in a single file line behind the "throw line." Give all of the beanbags to the first child in line. Allow the child to throw the beanbags and try to get them to land in the bucket. Continue through the line until every child has had a turn. After everyone has had a try, ask them to line up and try again. This time, place a blindfold on the eyes of the child who is throwing the beanbags. Continue until all of the children have thrown the beanbags blindfolded.

At the end of the activity: Introduce the story.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "I have set up a fun activity for us today. Do you see my bucket? *(Point to the bucket.)* We are going to see who can throw these beanbags *(hold up beanbags)* into the bucket. Everyone line up in a straight line behind this line." *(Point to the line of tape.)*

During the activity: *(Hand the beanbags to the first child.)* "Now, use your best aim and try to throw the beanbags into the bucket. *(Allow the child to throw.)* Great job! *(Allow all of the children to have a turn.)* You all did awesome! Now, let's all try it again, but this time it will be a little different. *(Hold up blindfold.)* This will be on your eyes and you will not be able to see where you are throwing. *(Place the blindfold on the first child's eyes and allow him to try to throw into the bucket.)* WOW! So close! *(Allow all of the children to have a turn.)* Nice work! Not being able to see makes it a lot harder to get the beanbag into the bucket!"

At the end of the activity: "In our lesson today, we learned about a man who couldn't see—just like we couldn't see when we were throwing the beanbags into the bucket with the blindfold on. We heard how something AMAZING happened to the man in our lesson! Do you remember what happened?"

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ACTIVITY 2

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Say It Again Parachute Fun

What You Need: Parachute

What You Do:

During the activity: Have the children play with the parachute while saying the verse several times together.

What You Say:

During the activity: “We have a new Bible verse and I can’t wait to teach it to you. This one verse tells us about everything we need—everything! Are you ready? *(Pause.)* It says, ‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57. Do you know WHO that verse is talking about? *(Pause.)* JESUS! Jesus is everything we need. That’s why when I ask, ‘**Who do you need?**’ I want you to say, ‘**I need Jesus.**’ So tell me: **Who do you need?** *(Pause.)* **I need Jesus!** *(Say this several more times throughout the activity.)* Now let’s practice our new verse. Just say what I say. ‘You are everything I need’, Psalm 119:57. Good job! Let’s say that again!” *(Repeat the verse together several more times.)*

At the end of the activity: “There are lots of things we think we need, but really all we need is Jesus. He knows what we need and will always take care of us. So tell me, **who do you need?** *(Pause.)* **I need Jesus!**”

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ACTIVITY 3

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Feels Like ...

What You Need: A dark pillowcase and objects from around the room

What You Do:

During the activity: Place 4 or 5 objects in the pillowcase. Invite the children to take turns reaching down into the pillowcase and feeling the objects. Encourage them to use their words to describe what they are feeling. Is it hard? *(Pause.)* Soft? *(Pause.)* Flat? *(Pause.)* Round? *(Pause.)* Ask them to guess what they think one of the items is. After they make their guess, tell them to pull it out and see if they are correct.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Come sit with me! I have a fun game for us to play. There are five things in this pillowcase. They are things from our classroom that you see all the time. We’re going to take turns reaching down into the pillowcase. When it’s your turn, I want you to feel the objects and try to guess what one of them is. And remember, you can only use your hands. No looking with your eyes.”

During the activity: “Okay, do you feel anything? *(Pause.)* Tell us what it feels like. When you’re ready, I want you to guess what it is and then pull it out. Look! You guessed it without even looking! *(Or)* It’s hard to guess when you can’t use your eyes to see. Good try, though! Who wants to go next?”

At the end of the activity: “It’s hard to guess what something is when you can’t see it. Our Bible lesson today was about a man who couldn’t see anything ... until he met Jesus!”

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ACTIVITY 4

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Shape Circle

What You Need: Five foam shapes in five different colors (enough for every child to have a shape to stand on), CD player and fun music

What You Do: Tape colored shapes in a circle onto the floor in an open area of your classroom. As the music is playing, children will step from one shape to the next. When the music stops, children stand on the nearest shape. The leader will then ask children standing on one type of shape to answer questions about the day's lesson:

1. What did the man have trouble doing? (He couldn't see. He was blind.)
2. Who saw that the blind man needed help and helped him? (Jesus)
3. What did Jesus put on the blind man's eyes? (Mud)
4. What did Jesus tell the blind man to do? (Go to the pool and wash off the mud)
5. What happened when the blind man wiped off the mud? (He could see)
6. Who do you need? (I need Jesus)

What To Say:

Before the activity:

"In our lesson today, Jesus showed His love by making a blind man's eyes see. The man could see all the wonderful colors of the trees and flowers. Let's use our eyes to play a shape game. Every time the music stops, I am going to call out a shape and everyone standing on that shape will get to answer a fun question about our lesson. Are you ready? Great! Let's start!"

After the activity:

"There are lots of things we think we need, but really all we need is Jesus. He knows what we need and will always take care of us. So tell me, **who do you need?** (Pause.) **I need Jesus!**"

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ACTIVITY 5

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Behind You

What You Need: Inflatable ball

What You Do:

Before the activity: Have the children line up in a single file line.

During the activity: Give the first child in line the ball. Have the children pass the ball to the person behind them. When the last person in line has the ball, have the children pass the ball in front of them to get the ball back to the front of the line. Repeat the game again, but this time, have the children play with their eyes closed.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Let’s see how fast we can pass this ball (*hold up ball*) to our friends. The trick is that we will be passing the ball behind us (*demonstrate*).”

During the activity: Are you ready? (*Pause.*) Okay, here we go! Start passing! (*Allow the ball to get all the way to the end of the line.*) Perfect! Now pass the ball back up the line by passing in FRONT of you! (*Allow the ball to get to the front of the line.*) Great job! Now we are going to do it again, but this time, we are going to do it with our eyes closed. We are not going to be able to see, just like the man in our lesson today. Are you ready?” (*Allow the children to play with their eyes closed.*)

At the end of the activity: “It is hard to do many things when you cannot see. Jesus helped the man see again today in our lesson. The blind man really needed Jesus, but guess what? We all need Jesus! **Who do you need?** (*Pause.*) **I need Jesus!**”

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ACTIVITY 6

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CRAFT – WK 1

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Memory Verse Picture Frame

What You Need:

Picture Frame, markers and/or stickers, magnets and memory verse.

What You Do:

Have the children decorate the picture frame with markers and/or stickers.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today we are going to begin learning our new Memory Verse and WOW is it a Good one! Are you ready! Repeat after me!” (Say a couple of words of the verse at a time, allowing the children to echo. Do this several times and then begin saying the verse different ways together.) We are going to make a picture frame with our memory verse inside that you can take home and look at through out the week.

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CRAFT - WK 2

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He Can See!

What You Need: "Story Reference Stickers" from the Activity Pages on the Website, Avery® labels #5160 or equivalent, popsicle/craft sticks, paper plates, masking tape, markers, and the mud used during "What Is Mud" in Make It Fun

(Note: If you do not use the mud from the previous activity, you will need a plastic bowl, dirt, and water to make mud. Or you can use brown paint instead of mud if desired.)

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy the "Story Reference Sticker" Activity Page onto the labels so that each child will have one label.

During the activity: Give each child a paper plate and instruct kids to draw a person's face on each side of the plate. One face should have eyes that are open and the other face should have eyes that are closed. Once the children are done drawing the faces, let them take a little mud and rub it over the closed eyes on one side of the paper plate. Assist the children in wrapping a label around the craft stick. Review the Bible lesson as the children work.

What You Say:

During the activity: "Our Bible lesson today was about a man who was blind. That means he couldn't see anything with his eyes. I want you to draw a person's face with closed eyes on one side of your plate like this. *(Demonstrate drawing closed eyes by drawing two smiles (eyelids) with lines going down (eyelashes).)*

"The man knew He needed Jesus to help his eyes see. He believed Jesus had the power to heal him. Turn your plate over and draw a man's face with eyes open like this.

(Demonstrate drawing open eyes by drawing colored-in circles for the eyes with lines going up for the eyelashes.)

"Good job. Now turn your plate back over to the side with closed eyes. When the man finally got close enough to Jesus to ask for help, Jesus put some mud on his eyes and told him to wash it off. That's when the miracle happened! The man could see! Guess what you're about to put on your man's closed eyes? *(Pause.)* MUD! Take just a little and rub it on both of his eyes. While you do that I'm going to come around and tape a stick to your plate. When the mud dries, you can take your plate home and tell everyone the lesson about how Jesus made the man's blind eyes see!"

At the end of the activity: "The blind man knew he needed Jesus. We need Jesus, too. *(Child's name)* needs Jesus. *(Repeat this with each child's name.)* We all need Jesus! **Who do you need?** *(Pause.)* **I need Jesus."**

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” from the week one Activity Pages on the Website in your Bible at Psalm 119:57. Provide a “Small Group” poster and marker for each classroom.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Raise your hand if you have ever needed help. I know I have! I don’t know how many times I’ve said, ‘Help! I need somebody!’ When I was your age I needed help with tying my shoes and opening things and when I hurt myself I needed help lots of times. I still need help even though I’m all grown up. I need help at my job and when my car breaks down and when I get hurt or sick. We all need help, don’t we? *(Pause.)*”

“Today’s Bible lesson was about a man who needed help, but there was only one person who could help him. JESUS! There are some things only Jesus can do. Do you remember what Jesus did to help the man? *(Pause.)* That’s right! He made his eyes see. Before Jesus helped him, the man couldn’t see anything!

“Yes, we all need Jesus. Our new memory verse says Jesus is everything we need! That’s why when we ask the question: ‘**Who do you need?**’ I want you to say, ‘**I need Jesus!**’ So tell me: **Who do you need?** *(Pause.)*”

CHILDREN and SGL: “I need Jesus.”

SGL: “Perfect! Now let’s start learning that new verse I was talking about. It says *(open Bible)*, ‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57. Let’s say that together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57.”

SGL: “Again.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “‘You are everything I need,’ Psalm 119:57.”

SGL: “Jesus IS everything we need because He has the power to help us. Hmm, that gives me an idea. Let’s make a list of things we need help with and then when we pray we can ask Jesus to help us. Sound like a good idea? Well then, let’s do it! Tell me, what makes you want to say, ‘Help! I need somebody?’”

(Write down the children’s names and what they say on the “Small Group” poster. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters. Once complete hang the poster for parents to look at during child pick up.)

SGL: “Now that we have our list, let’s pray and ask Jesus to help us. Would anyone like to say your own prayer before I pray?”

(Give each child that wants to pray the opportunity to do so and then close with a prayer that includes the list the children made.)

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