



22 November -Life of Jesus – Healer

In this session we'll look at how Jesus healed everyone, everywhere, all the time! Nothing is impossible for Jesus – especially when it comes to healing. Children can learn that Jesus could heal anyone and sometimes he did it in really strange ways...like using mud!

Activity

What's inside?



What's in the pillowcase

Find a selection of safe objects your child will be familiar with. When they are not looking, place one inside a pillowcase.

Allow your child to feel around inside the case and try to guess what the object is without seeing it.

Remind your child that the blind man could not see. Speak how this made many things more difficult for him.

Story (John 9:1-12)

Ask your child to close or cover their eyes. Ask them to imagine what it would be like if they could never see anything again. What would be difficult to do? What would they miss seeing?

Tell your child that some people can't see – they are blind. But Jesus can heal blind people, like the man in the Bible story. We are going to act out the story:

(Cut out the pictures of Jesus and the blind man, or get 2 people figures.

You'll also need a little bit of mud and water.)

Point to the blind man and say that he needs help because he can't see – he is blind!

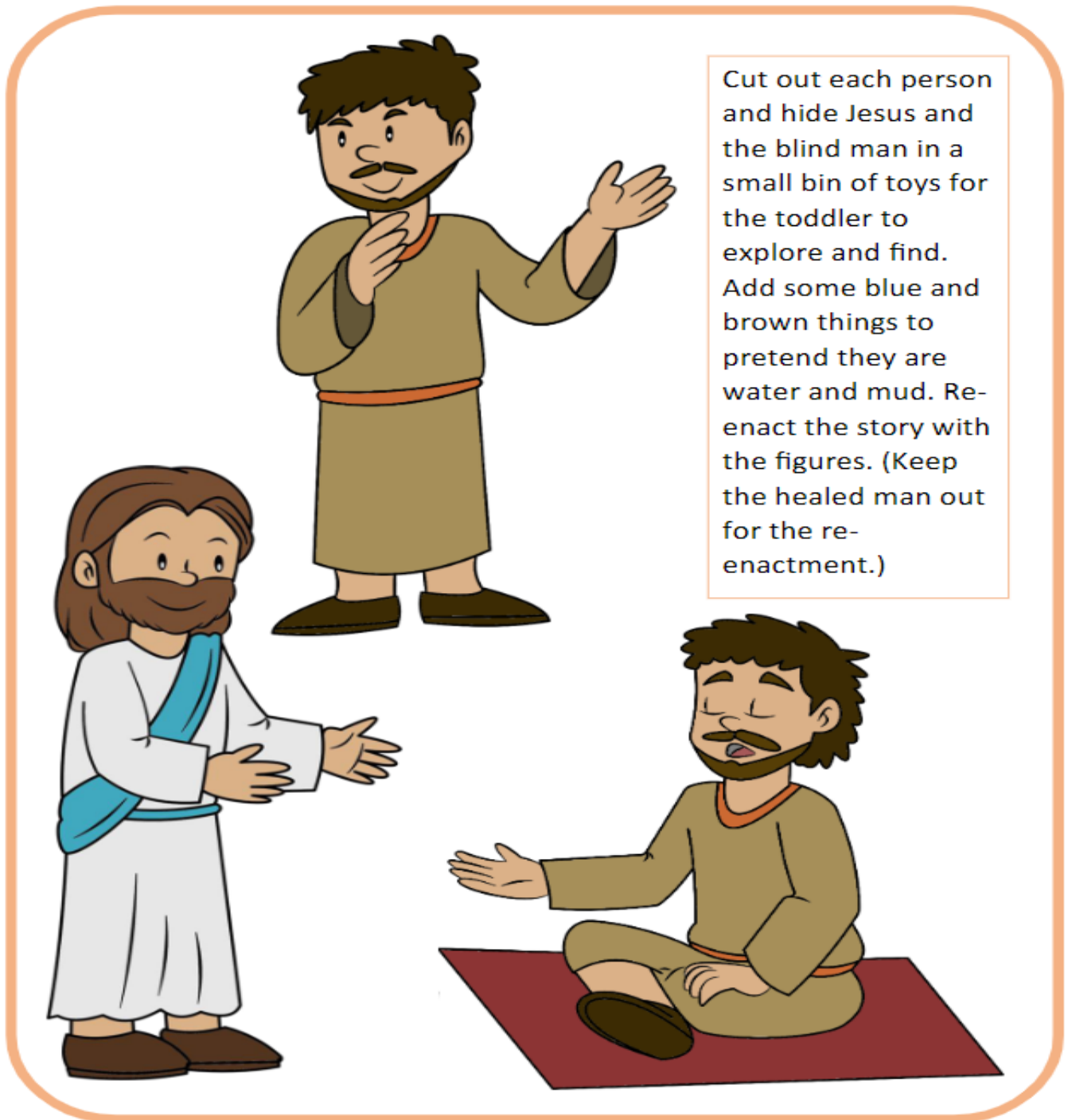
Do you think Jesus can help him?

Yes! Jesus can help him to see again- Jesus can heal him.

Jesus put some mud on the blind man's eyes..... and then told him to wash it off.

The man did just what Jesus asked – he washed off the mud.....and guess what? He could see! Jesus had made him better!

(You could ask your child to try to repeat the story and actions.)



Cut out each person and hide Jesus and the blind man in a small bin of toys for the toddler to explore and find. Add some blue and brown things to pretend they are water and mud. Re-enact the story with the figures. (Keep the healed man out for the re-enactment.)

Song (great action song!)

Open my eyes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAh0avXdgJ0&feature=youtu.be>



Prayer time

Dear Jesus, Thank you that you love to heal people, and that you still heal today. We ask that you please heal Amen

Craft

Make a simple mask but don't cut the eyes out. Your child could decorate it. They could try various activities while wearing it – draw a simple picture, eat a sandwich, complete a simple obstacle course etc.



