



WEEK 3 - JANUARY 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Healing the Blind Man • *John 9:1-12*

Memory Verse: “You are everything I need.” Psalm 119:57, NIV

Key Question: Who do you need?

Bottom Line: I need Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Summary: Preschoolers know they have needs and they are not afraid to let you know. That’s a good thing and something we want to use to help preschoolers see another need they have—a need we all have—and that is Jesus.

Yes, “I need Jesus” is the focus this month. And, we know from experience that the older preschoolers get, the more they will need Jesus. Life can be tough. Having a friend like Jesus who knows us, loves us, and has the power to help us can truly change our lives.

After all, that’s what friends do. They help one another when they need it. And there is no better friend than Jesus.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - FREE PLAY

SFX: High-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Walk-in"

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible, dark sunglasses, a pie pan, dirt or chocolate pudding, a small bottle water, a towel, and a box

STORYTELLER: *(Enter carrying the box of items and set it on the counter.)* "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad to see you. Today I have an amazing true story from the Bible *(open Bible and set it on the table in front of you)* that begins with a man who really needed help. He had a big problem because this man was blind. Everyone close your eyes.

(Dim the lights if possible. Place sunglasses on.)

"Keep your eyes closed for a second. This man couldn't see anything. He couldn't see the sun or colors or his friends. Okay, open your eyes. *(Keep the sunglasses on.)*

"Think about all you would miss if you couldn't see the world. And back then, that meant that this man couldn't work to earn money. So all day long, the man sat by the side of the road and begged for people to give him money.

"One day, Jesus and His friends came walking by. When Jesus saw the man, He stopped. Jesus knew what the man really needed.

(Pour the dirt/pudding and water into the pan and mix it together with your hands.)

“First, Jesus spit on the ground. Then He mixed it with the dirt and made mud! Then He put it on the man’s eyes.

(Rub the mud over the sunglasses.)

“Then Jesus told him to go wash it off. *(Pick up the towel and use it to rub the dirt off as you remove the glasses.)* And when he finished washing, the most amazing thing happened. Do you know what it was?”

CHILDREN: “He could see!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! The man opened his eyes and HE COULD SEE! Everyone say, ‘Hip-hip-HOORAY!’”

CHILDREN: “Hip-hip-HOORAY!”

STORYTELLER: “No one else in all the world could have done that. Only Jesus could have healed him! Because Jesus can do things no one else can do. We need Him, and He loves us enough to help us! Tell me, friends: **Who do you need?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “I need Jesus.”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! You need Jesus. The blind man needed Jesus. *[Bottom Line]* I need Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus. Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, thank You for the true story of the blind man. We know Jesus was the only one who could help him, and He did! We all need Jesus too. Thanks for sending Jesus to show just how much You love us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yay! I’m so glad to see you today! It’s so much fun to sing with you. And I love learning all about God’s Son, Jesus, with you. This month has been awesome as we are learning to say, *[Bottom Line]* ‘I need Jesus.’ **Who do you need?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “I need Jesus.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! We need Jesus, and we can praise Him too. Let’s all stand up and praise Him together.

(Lead children in singing "Everybody Praise Him," this month's worship song.)

"Great singing, my friends. I love singing and praising Jesus. You need Jesus and **[Bottom Line] I need Jesus. Who do you need?"**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "I need Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Exactly. **[Bottom Line] I need Jesus.** It's time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready? *You are (point up) everything (hands out to sides) I need (point thumbs to chest), Psalm 119:57. (Open hands like a book.)* Do that with me."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "*You are (point up) everything (hands out to sides) I need (point thumbs to chest), Psalm 119:57.*" *(Open hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)*

WORSHIP LEADER: "I am so proud of you all! You are doing a GREAT job with that verse. Are you ready to sing another song with me? *(Pause.)* You are? Let's sing our song that tells us we can trust God.

(Lead children in singing "Trustin'-N-U.")

"Way to go, friends. Great singing. I am so thankful that I can trust God and that He gave us His Son, Jesus. **[Bottom Line] I need Jesus. Who do you need?"**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "I need Jesus."

Dismiss children to small groups.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"