

Jesus the light John 1:4-17,9

Big idea: Jesus is the light God promised would come. Most people reject God's light, but those who receive the light become children of God.

*** Preparation:**

You'll need to print the 'Construction - Lantern' sheets.

Note - children only need one printed word "Jesus" from the construction print off set ... multiple colours are offered so children can choose one.

Or alternatively - use a coloured sheet of paper and write Jesus on it (save printer ink).

1. Story (read aloud using print off pictures)

In John 1 it says that God would send his light into this dark world.

God's light would show people who God is.

And everyone who accepts God's light would become a child of God.

But most people would reject God's light.

So who is the light God sent into this dark, dark world?

Jesus!

He is the light of the world.

Let's hear about a blind man who saw who Jesus really is.

Let's hear his story. (pause)

Picture 1

One day Jesus saw a man on the side of the road.

The man was blind.

He'd been blind since the day he was born.

He never saw light. He never saw colour.

All his life, all he could ever see was darkness.

Jesus said, "While I'm in this dark world, I am the light of the world."

Picture 2

Jesus knelt down, spat on the ground and made mud out of dirt.

He put it on the blind man's eyes and said, "Go and wash your face."

Picture 3

The man did what Jesus said.

He washed his face, opened his eyes and he could see!

He saw light!

He saw colour! And he saw Jesus!

Picture 4

People gathered around the man-who-used-to-be-blind.

"Aren't you the blind man who begs for food?"

"I am," said the man-who-used-to-be-blind.

"Then how can you see?"

"I met a man named Jesus. He put mud on my eyes and told me to wash it off. When I did, I could see!"

The crowd was amazed.

Picture 5

Then a religious teacher asked, "Did Jesus heal you today? Today is God's rest day! How can Jesus be on God's side if he breaks God's law?"

"But if Jesus is bad, how could he do a good thing like that?"

"Yeah!" said another person.

Then they asked the man-who-used-to-be-blind lots and lots of questions.

"Were you really blind?"

"Are you pretending?"

"Who is this Jesus, anyway?"

"Listen," he shouted, "I don't know the answers to all your questions, but I do know this. Once I was blind but now I can see. Who could do a thing like that, unless he was sent by God?"

Picture 6

When the man-who-used-to-be-blind was alone, Jesus came to him.

"Here's a question for you. Do you believe that I came from God?"

"I do," said the man-who-used-to-be-blind. "I really, really do!"

Then the man-who-used-to-be-blind saw who Jesus really is.

Jesus, sent from God to bring light and show us exactly who God really is.

And so the man-who-used-to-be-blind worshipped Jesus.

Jesus smiled and said, "No more questions."

The end.

What do we learn about Jesus?

Jesus is God's light in this dark world.

Jesus came to show us exactly who God is.

He came to show us how great and how powerful and how perfectly good God is.

The man-who-used-to-be-blind saw Jesus not only with his eyes, but he saw who Jesus really is with his mind.

He knew Jesus was sent from God to bring light.

Children, if you see who Jesus is, you see who God is.

If you know Jesus, you know God.

And only those who know Jesus become children of God.

If you close your eyes to Jesus you close your eyes to God.

2. Think together time

Activity

Give children a copy of the pictures used from the story.
Working together, put the pictures in order and try and retell the story.

Think it through

What did Jesus do for the man born blind?
(Put mud on his eyes, told him to go wash, and made him see)

Who did the blind man think Jesus was?
(God - only God can make blind people see)

When the man met Jesus again, what did he say and do?
(He believed Jesus is God, he worshipped Jesus)

Application (choose either or both to discuss)

If someone asked you "Who is Jesus?" what would you say?

What's the best thing you know about Jesus?

Pray

Repeated prayer

Father God - thanks for - opening up our eyes - to see Jesus. -
That he is your son - come to earth - so we could become your child. -
Please help us - to tell others - so that they - see who Jesus is -
And become your child too - Amen.

Individual prayer

Ask God to help you tell one new person about Jesus this week.

Construction

* **Movie available for kids to watch how to make this.**

Lantern "Jesus the light of the world"

Need per child:

- Construction - lantern print off set
(world map & one coloured word 'Jesus')
- Scissors
- Glue
- One LED tea light per child (optional)

Instructions:

- Cut off the white strip/s from the coloured Jesus stencil.
- Fold map in half longways.
- On the fold, cut 3/4 of the way down to create a fringe.
- Glue the ends of the map together.
- Attach white strip for the handle of the lantern.
- Roll the coloured Jesus stencil and place inside the lantern.
- Staple lantern and coloured Jesus stencil together.
- Place LED light inside the lantern and turn on.

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