

Googly Eye Light Bookmarks

Kids make bookmarks to help them remember, "Jesus' love lights up my life."

Resource Type: Art

Story Name: Pool of Siloam

Learner Level: Grades 1-2

Supplies:

Cardstock in black, white, and yellow

Pens or pencils

Scissors

Wiggly eyes

Glue sticks

Yarn, various colors

Crayons

Set Up:

Cut cardstock as follows for each kid: black strip for bookmark, white circle to fit on top edge of bookmark, and yellow strip smaller than black strip. Cut yarn into 2-inch (5 cm) pieces.

Instructions:

Today in our story, we learned how Jesus helped the blind man see. We also know that Jesus loves us, and his love is a light that lets us see God's truth in the world. Today, you'll make a bookmark to use in your Bible to help you remember this story and the important lesson it teaches.

1. Give each kid a circle, two wiggly eyes, a glue stick, some yarn, and access to a pen or pencil.
2. Invite kids to glue eyes on the circle, draw in details of the face, and glue the yarn on for hair.
3. Ask kids to set their paper faces aside for a few moments while they each write this on a yellow strip of cardstock: "Jesus' love lights up my life!"
4. Invite kids to glue the yellow strip to the black bookmark, then glue the face on top of the yellow strip.
5. Show kids how to put their bookmarks in a Bible with the wiggly eyes sticking out of the top.

Now, when you see this bookmark sticking out of your Bible you can remember how Jesus' love lights up our lives!

If you have less time or supplies...

Invite kids to decorate the circles with crayons only, then glue to the bookmarks.

If you have more time . . .

Encourage kids to make two bookmarks so they can share the good news of Jesus' love with a friend or family member.

Light of the World

Kids play a game to help them remember, "Jesus' love lights up my life!"

Resource Type: Activity

Story Name: Pool of Siloam

Learner Level: Grades 1-2

Supplies:

Construction paper

Tape

Flashlight

A Dark Room (either one without many windows or play in the evening when there isn't as much daylight)

Set Up:

Cut out the letters J, E, S, U, S from construction paper. Tape them up on the wall in random places.

Instructions:

Today, we learned about the time that Jesus healed the blind man. In the story, Jesus also told people that he is the light of the world. Can we see in the dark? (No.) You're right. We need light to see! And if Jesus is the light of the world, then we need Jesus to see. Let's play a game with light! Everyone, sit here on the floor. Now, I'm going to turn off all the lights.

1. Turn off the lights.
2. **Watch the flashlight and tell me what letter you see!**
3. Turn on the flashlight and point it at "J." Slowly move flashlight from letter to letter to spell out the word "Jesus."
4. **What did we spell? Right! Jesus!** Let the children try spelling "Jesus" with the flashlight. Rearrange letters on the wall for each kid to find with flashlight.

We can see with the light of Jesus. Jesus' love lights up my life!

If you have more time . . .

Write the words of a Bible memory verse on different pieces of paper and play the same game with kids to see if they can figure out what the verse is.

Sing "This Little Light of Mine."

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Without you in our lives, it would be dark. We thank you for opening our eyes and giving us light. Help us share that light with the rest of the world everyday. Amen.