

Giant Eye Magnets

Kids make giant eye magnets to remind them that Jesus opens our eyes.

Resource Type: Art

Story Name: Pool of Siloam

Learner Level: PreK-K

Supplies:

Small slips of paper

Paper plates

Scissors

Glue

Markers

Construction paper, assorted colors including black

Craft magnets

Small paper plates (optional)

Set Up:

Write “Jesus opens my eyes to the truth!” on small slips of paper, one per kid.

Instructions:

In today’s story, Jesus healed a blind man. Jesus put mud on the man’s eyes then asked him to wash the mud off. Jesus said, “Open your eyes,” and the man could see! Let’s make some cool eye art to help us remember this special story and this special healing.

1. Give each kid a paper plate, scissors, and glue. **Write your name on the back of your plate.**
2. Set out several colors of construction paper. Show kids how to cut out two circles – one colorful and one black, making the colorful circle about half as big as the paper plate, and the black circle a bit smaller.
3. **Glue a colorful circle in the center of your plate and a black circle in middle of the colorful circle to look like an eye.**
4. Direct the kids to cut strips of construction paper and glue them along half of one edge of the plate in a semicircle to look like eyelashes.
6. Give each kid a slip of paper (“Jesus opens my eyes to the truth!”) to glue onto his or her plate.
7. Direct kids to glue a craft magnet to the back of the plate so it can hang on the fridge at home.

You can put this giant magnet on your refrigerator. Each time you see your magnet, I hope you’ll remember that Jesus opens our eyes.

If you have less time . . .

Precut all parts of the eyes before class. Invite kids to assemble the eyes as above.

If you have more time . . .

Provide smaller plates and invite kids to make two eye magnets to create set of eyes.

Mud Pie Eyes

Kids dramatize part of story with props to remind them that Jesus opens our eyes.

Resource Type: Activity

Story Name: Pool of Siloam

Learner Level: PreK-K

Supplies:

Foam plates

Permanent markers

Small bowls of dirt

Small bowls of water

Paint shirts

Large tub of water

Towels

Plastic doll without hair (optional)

Set Up:

Use permanent markers to draw eyes on plates. Prepare a bowl of dirt and a bowl of water for each kid or small group of kids.

Instructions: Jesus healed the blind man in our story today. After the blind man was healed, he could see the whole world—and he could see Jesus. Do you remember how Jesus healed the blind man? (He put mud on his eyes.) Yes, he made mud for the man’s eyes, then Jesus told the man to wash the mud off of his eyes. Let’s have some fun with our own mud experiments today.

1. Help each kid into a paint shirt to keep mud off of his or her clothes.
2. Give each kid a foam plate with an eye drawn on it.
3. Show kids the bowls of dirt and water, then invite them to make small mud pies with dirt and water.
4. Once kids have had a few minutes to experiment with the mud, invite them to smear some mud over their foam plate eye. **Make sure you cover your whole eye!**
5. Invite kids to wash their muddy eyes in the large tub of water, one by one, then help them wash off their hands as well.

Wow, those are clean eyes! Imagine what the blind man felt, washing his eyes and then being able to see! Jesus helps us see, too! Jesus opens our eyes!

If you have less time . . .

Scale back on the mess. Provide a single foam plate and one bowl of pre-made mud. Invite kids to take turns dipping a finger in the mud and smearing mud on the eye. Wash the eye in the tub of water as you talk about how Jesus helps us to see.

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to take turns acting out the story using mud, a tub of water, and a plastic doll as the blind man. Consider using dolls without hair to avoid extra messes.

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.