

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: WISDOM

FINISH LINE: Seeking wisdom leads us to trust in Jesus

SCRIPTURE: John 9

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Memory verse cards from week 1

DIRECTIONS: If you have the memory verse cards or placemat from a previous week, put those in order or use them as a reference as you are practicing the verse. If not, you may need to write the verse out or have it available for everyone to see as you start practicing. Review this month's verse, James 3:17, with your family using silly voices! Pick a fun voice (Examples: Cowboy, opera, robot) and say the verse all together. Then start going around in a circle and have each person say one word of the verse in a different silly voice until everyone can say it without looking.

MEMORY VERSE: "But, the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere." James 3:17

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW GAME

SUPPLIES: Bible, additional props for acting out the story (EXAMPLES: Sunglasses for the blind man, robes to use as costumes, signs that say the character names, etc.)

SET UP: Gather props to help you act out today's story. Next, assign people to be the characters from the list below. You may need some people to play more than one character. Costumes are also greatly encouraged.

CHARACTERS: Jesus, the blind man, Pharisees and Jewish leaders, the blind man's parents, disciples, neighbors

DIRECTIONS: As you read through the story from Luke 9, have each person act out their characters. You can even have them read some of their lines straight from the Bible. Encourage everyone to be very dramatic and have a lot of fun with their characters. If you have time, switch it up and let them play different roles.

WRAP UP: How you would have felt if you were the blind man and Jesus had healed you? How are we like the blind man? (*We are helpless and in need of Jesus, just like the man was. We are born spiritually blind and there is nothing we can do to heal ourselves.*) Who is the only person who can heal us from our spiritual blindness? (*Jesus/God*). If you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior, spend some time in prayer thanking God for healing you and giving you the wisdom to see who He really is. If you are still searching to know more about Him, ask God for His wisdom. God is always willing to give us wisdom when we ask, and seeking wisdom leads us to trust in Jesus!