Each week I am creating a short lesson that is parent (and kiddo) friendly. Each lesson touches on the topics we are all thinking about right now and teaches our kiddos what the Bible says about them. So, whether or not our kiddos are afraid of the Coronavirus they can learn about Jesus who calms storms, comforts frightened disciples, and much more! Additionally, weekly your child will receive, via email a lesson based on our curriculum from their Sunday School teacher.

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A SONG TO GET US THINKING….

For Your Glory
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYstvmn3y0Q

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL
JOHN 9:1-12

Lesson Focus: Children will learn that they should not worry about anything, but fully trust and God, that he loves us and does not punish us for doing something wrong.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqZ2KSbdxl

A long time ago, people used to believe that if you were sick or disabled, it was because God made you that way as a punishment. They assumed that people who were deaf couldn’t hear because God was punishing them, or that people who couldn’t walk were being punished, too. If someone was disabled from birth, they believed that the person’s parents had done something wrong, so God was punishing them. In other words, they thought sin made you sick.

What do you think about that?
Well, there’s a story in the Bible about this, starring Jesus! One day, Jesus was walking with his disciples, and he saw a man who had been blind even as a baby. The disciples were confused, and they asked Jesus, “who sinned here? The man or his parents that he was born blind?” They wanted to know whose sin had caused this man to become blind?

Jesus looked at them and said, “neither sinned! This happened so the works of God could be seen in him.”

God didn’t punish this man for sinning. That wasn’t why his eyes were sick. His eyes were sick so God could do something amazing through him. What do you think that “amazing thing” will be!!??

As crazy as it sounds John tells us in John 9 that Jesus put mud on the man’s eyes. Jesus then told the blind man to go wash his eyes in the Pool of Siloam. Can you imagine if your eyes weren’t working and someone told you to rub them with mud and they’d work again? You’d think they were crazy, wouldn’t you?

Well, the man did it. He knew better than to not obey Jesus. So, he went to the Pool of Siloam and washed up, and at that moment he could see! He was totally healed. Everyone around the man was amazed. They’d known this man forever, and they knew he was blind. Suddenly, now he wasn’t!!??

What else could have made that change except God? Only God could heal this man. These people couldn’t ignore the way God had healed this man. Suddenly, everyone could SEE how loving and powerful Jesus was.

So, while it’s easy to think the coronavirus is a punishment from God, it COULD be that God is just using it to show how strong and powerful He is. Just like He did with the blind man. So, no matter the reason for everything that is going on right now, we know that God has got it all under control. If he can use mud to make a blind man see, he can certainly handle a virus.

A FEW DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS

1. What do you think it would be like to have MUD on your eyes?
2. What do you think it would be like to be blind your WHOLE life?
3. Why it is hard to trust God right now? Would you have trusted God if he told you to put mud on your blind eyes?
4. What would happen this week if we focused on the GOOD things God is doing through this time? What are some of the things you can name that He is doing that is good?
CLOSING PRAYER

God, we know you love us and care for us. We know that you do all things for OUR good, and that even now you are healing people all around us. Please keep us safe and use us to show your glory. Amen.

Craft Activity #1

“Open your eyes puppet”

You will need:
- Paper plate, bag, or cup
- Scissors
- Google eyes
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue and/or tape
- Popsicle sticks

Procedure:
1. Decorate a paper plate, cup, or bag, whatever you prefer to make your puppet.
2. Create a face, making one side of the plate “blind” with closed eyes.
3. On the other side of the plate (or cup or inside the flap of the bag), glue or draw eyes, making the man able to “see” again. Alternatively, you can place just one face on the paper item and apply a blindfold or “mud pack” that is lifted.
4. Glue a stick to one side of the plate or cup, if you’d like to hold the puppet up.
5. Attach a verse or caption and use the puppet to act out the story!
Craft Activity #2

“Invisible images”

You will need:
- Paper
- Crayons, including some light colors
- Watercolor paints and brushes
- Water and clean-up materials

Procedure:
1. Draw a picture or write a message on the paper using crayons. White or light colors are especially recommended. It will be difficult to see, but worth it in the end!
2. Press hard with the crayons for best results.
3. Using the watercolors, paint over the crayon picture.
4. Watch as the white crayons are revealed and the picture “comes to life”!
Coloring Sheet

Jesus Heals the Blind