

“The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all
that he has made.”

Psalms 145:8-9



FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Family Time Blind Leaders

SETUP: Use tape to make a simple but winding path on the floor.

DO: Take turns wearing blindfolds and attempt to navigate the path. Play additional rounds where other people can call out instructions to get through the path and rounds where the blindfolded people are led by a someone who holds their shoulders to gently steer them.

SAY • That was pretty hard to navigate such a winding path. If the person leading you was also blindfolded, it would have been impossible. Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind. In John 9:39-41, Jesus told people that He came to give sight to those who are blind and make those who can see become blind.

Family Fun Partner peering

Stand face to face and study one another's features for one minute. Then, turn back to back. Call out different features. Challenge the kids to answer as quickly as they can what their partner's features look like.

Suggested features: eye color, hair color, shirt color, hair texture (straight or curly), and so forth.



SAY • It can be hard to remember details about someone even if you see him or her often. Today we heard about a man who had been blind all his life. What features do you think he might have been most interested to look at when Jesus gave him sight?

Outdoor Fun Make Mud Pies

Have you ever made a mud pie? All you need is some dirt, water, and a pie pan. First, add some water to the dirt in a mixing bowl. Then stir it up until it is smooth and creamy -- just like a chocolate pie. Now pour it into this pie pan and smooth it out. If you like, you can add some small rocks, leaves, and dried flowers for decoration. When you have finished, the mud pie is put out in the hot sun to bake.

****One thing I should tell you is that you never eat your mud pie. They are just fun to make!****



DISCUSS: How did Jesus use mud in today's story?

FIND THIS

Hide glow sticks or flashlights around the room. Challenge kids to collect as many glow sticks as they can find. After a few minutes, dim the lights to help locate any remaining light sources.

SAY • When have we had to use a flashlight at our house? What do flashlights help us do? Even a small light can be comforting in a dark room. In today's Bible story, Jesus said that He is the Light of the world.



Memory Verse Activities

****Use these activities to practice your Scripture memorization throughout the week.****

SS Verse for the Week:

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PRACTICE OUT LOUD

Say the verse (phrase by phrase) a few times as a family. Then, take turns thinking of a creative way to say the verse.

*Examples: hi-pitched voice, while acting like a duck, holding your ears, really slow, clapping, etc.



PUZZLE PIECES

Print a copy of the verse for each child. Each person should cut their paper into 12-15 puzzle pieces. Work together as a family to make the puzzle. Take turns putting together each person's puzzle.



CLAP ALONG

Round 1: Use a marker to highlight every 3rd word. Instead of saying that word, clap!
Round 2: Use a different color to highlight the word to the right of the first color. Instead of saying the newly colored word, clap!
Round 3: Use a third color to highlight the remaining words. Repeat the verse again, clapping in place of the last set of words.
Round 4: Take turns deciding what 2 sets of colors you want to clap for in this round.



MATCHING

Instructions: Make 16 cards. Write two words of the memory verse on each card. Do this twice to make two sets.

Take the cards, mix them up, and flip them over so you cannot see the words. Play a matching game until you have completed the verse.

Note: Practice each round a few times before moving to the next round.