

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose: Today, you will take time with your family to reflect and act on the ways Jesus has restored you and your family. As we saw Jesus restore the sight, reputation, and heart of the blind man, we know He can do the same thing in our life. Jesus makes all things new regardless of how we feel about ourselves. This promise is true for us when we follow Him. We want to take time today to confess, remember and rejoice together.

Supplies:

- Old, tarnished or rusty pennies.
- Plastic bags or bowls.
- Ketchup, Hot Sauce or Coke.

Act: Begin by giving each person a penny. If you do not have enough, allow each person to see and touch the penny.

Reflect: Take a minute to reflect on the ways we have sinned, anger, lying, disobedience and others. We want to be reminded of our flesh, the pain it brings and hurt it causes. As a parent walk your children through the beauty of acknowledging our sin so we can confess and be restored.

Act: Place your pennies into the plastic bags or bowl and cover with ketchup, hot sauce or coke.

Reflect: While your pennies soak for a minute, reflect on the work of Jesus. Remember how we just celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Christ. Remember how He healed the blind man. Remember He promises to save you. And most importantly, ask Him to forgive your sins and continue to make you new.

Act: Take the pennies out of the bags or bowls. Rinse and wipe them clean. Now see them sparkle and shine.

Reflect: As a family rejoice on the work of Jesus in your lives. Thank Him for forgiving you, restoring you, and making you beautiful.

Family Discussion

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God Statement: Jesus Restores

Family Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:10, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

Blessing: May you see God restore pieces of your own life, and may you experience God's redeeming love. May you always remember that scripture states, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Lesson: Jesus heals a Blind Man

Scriptures: John 9

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the word *restore* mean?
2. How did Jesus' healing show He was the Messiah? *John 9:31-33*
3. Why do you think Jesus used mud to heal the blind man? *John 9:6*
4. How can we be open to God's restoration?
5. Is there a place in your life where you need God's restoration? What is it?

Family Activity

Option 1

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Jesus Restores Activity Purpose:

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

In our lesson from John 9, Jesus demonstrates the power of God by healing the eyes of a blind beggar. Not only were this man's physical eyes restored, but also his relationship with God was restored by receiving Jesus as the promised Messiah. When his spiritual eyes were opened, he immediately worshipped Jesus as Lord. Jesus came to restore people to Himself and bring God's Kingdom to the world. Jesus reverses the curse of sin and gives us abundant life in Him. (John 10:10 and Luke 4:18-19). One day, Jesus will return and everything will be restored! (Acts 3:21)

Only God can create something out of nothing and make people whole. But because we are made in His image, our desire and creativity to restore broken things in our world can bring glory to God and give Him pleasure.

Supplies Needed:

- Gather some broken things that need fixed.
- Determine what tools and materials you'll need before you start.

Action:

- Do you have anything that needs repaired at home? Perhaps there are toys that need fixed, clothes that need mended, or electronics that need refurbished. Instead of throwing these things away, come up with ideas on how to restore or repurpose them, gather your supplies, and start repairing! This is a great team building experience for siblings and parents!
- If you need some ideas to get started, just Google it (with parental supervision, of course). There are a lot of helpful videos on YouTube.
- Here is a website with a ton of repair guides as well:
<https://www.ifixit.com/>
- Before you begin your project, pray for God to give you wisdom (James 1:5).
- Even if things aren't restored perfectly, you'll gain some confidence, experience, and most of all - have fun!

Family Activity Option 2 Elementary

Jesus Restores Activity Purpose:

This family activity will show some of the struggles that the blind man in our story had to face. Life is so much tougher when we can't use all of the senses that God gave us! But remember, we serve a God who restores!

Supplies:

- Open space
- Obstacle options (cones, balls, hula hoops, ladders, old tires, pillows, etc.)
- Blindfold

Instructions:

- In your open space, set up a fun obstacles course for someone to go through.
- Blindfold 1-2 members of the family and see how quickly they can make it through the obstacle course with another person leading them with only their voice.
- Trade and take turns going through the obstacle course blind folded. *Time yourself and keep track!*
- Now, take off the blindfolds and try the obstacle course again with your full sight. Time yourselves again! See how much quicker you are able to do it?

Connection: God restored the blind man's sight after he went his whole life without being able to see. Praise Him because he is so powerful, and he **restores!!**