



FRIEND OF GOD – “JESUS IS THE WAY”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: Jesus is the Way

Bible Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

Heart: Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can be a friend of God. Jesus is the way for us to have a relationship with Father God.

Memory Verse: “Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” – John 14:6

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Adoration



REVELATION

SAY | We are beginning a new series called, A Friend of God. Did you know that you and I can be friends of God? Because of what Jesus did on the cross we can be a friend of God, one encounter with Jesus can change everything.

How many encounters with Jesus can change everything? (1!) Who in here has had an encounter with Jesus that changed them? (pause for response)

When we encounter Jesus and invite Him to be the Lord and King of our life, we get adopted into His family! Developing a relationship with God happens through daily encounters, daily Bible reading, and through prayer.

Sometimes, we make bad choices. Who in here has ever made a bad choice? (pause for response)

I know I have! Jesus makes the way for us to make the right choices and to know God both as our Father and our friend.

Today we will track down a man who was making really sad choices, until one day, he met Jesus and everything changed. **Our revelation today is Jesus is the way.**

Let's pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

BIBLE LESSON

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE LESSON INTRO | Our Bible lesson today is found in Acts 9:1-22

Who here has ever heard of Saul (not King Saul)? Saul was a well-known pharisee, a religious leader, who did not like Christians. Saul did not believe that Jesus was the promised savior of the world. Saul knew the Old Testament law and the prophets, yet he was blinded (cover your eyes) from seeing the truth of Jesus



because of sin. Repeat after me, (cover your eyes) “Saul was blinded from seeing the truth”.

Romans 8 says that the Spirit of Life, which is in Christ Jesus, sets us free from the law of sin and death. Saul was blinded to the truth by the law of sin and death. He hated anyone who believed in Jesus, the hate he felt was sin and it was blinding him from seeing people the way Jesus saw them.

Did you know that sin keeps you from seeing people the way the Jesus sees them? Remember, sin blinds you. Saul traveled everywhere, looking for Christians, just so he could persecute them.

Saul was on a mission, the goal: capture anyone following Jesus in Damascus. While traveling to Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven was all around Saul. Falling to the ground, Saul heard a voice say to him, (in a deep voice, or you can say it in a small sad voice) “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “who are you, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Jesus then told Saul to continue onto the city and he would be told what to do. The men who were traveling with Saul were speechless, they heard the voice but saw nothing. Saul got off the ground and although his eyes were opened, He could see nothing.

Remember earlier, Saul was blinded by sin and couldn’t see people like Jesus saw them. Now Saul was literally blinded, his eyes were opened yet he could not see! Jesus was right there with him on the road, and he could not see Him. Can you imagine, Jesus standing right in front of you, yet you could not see Him? No really, close your eyes and imagine it. (Talk about how this makes you feel, sad etc.) This is what sin does, sin separates us from God. He is always there, but sometimes we are blinded and can’t see him. But remember, Jesus is the way.

Jesus sent Saul to a man names Ananias, in obedience Ananias laid his hands on Saul and said to him, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And IMMEDIATELY something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. But



this time Saul had new vision, he saw people through the eyes of Jesus. Saul began his ministry immediately after this telling everyone about Jesus. Even though Saul made some really bad choices, one encounter with Jesus changed his life. From Saul, the famous Christian Persecutor to the Apostle Paul, one encounter with Jesus changed everything. Jesus is the way; He is the way that allows us to be set free from sin. Jesus makes the way for us to make the right choices and to know God both as our Father and friend.

Our revelation today is, Jesus is the way.

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. Lead children into a moment to ask Jesus to come and remove any scales from their eyes. Pray that they would see that Jesus is the way.

SALVATION + DISCUSSION

TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet



ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

BENEDICTION PRAYER

“Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor.” – Exodus 33:13

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

(Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” John 14:6)

2. What was our revelation?

(JESUS IS THE WAY)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Saul has an encounter with Jesus that changed everything in his life)

4. What did Jesus say to Saul?

(Why are you persecuting me?)

5. What happened to Saul after this encounter with Jesus?

(He was blinded.)

6. When Ananias prayed for Saul, what happened?

(Something like scales fell off his eyes and he could see again.)

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

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Celebrations: _____
