



## OOEY GOOEY

### 2.3 Messy Outside

#### BOTTOM LINE:

God can work even a mess for the good of those who love him!

#### OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn, "God can use messy situations for His glory."

#### TAGLINE:

Jesus meets us in our mess.

#### KEY PASSAGE:

John 9:1-12, Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

#### MEMORY VERSE:

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Those (point forward)  
who think they are right with God (point to head)  
to follow me. (walk in place)  
I have come to get sinners (point to self)  
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#### SUMMARY:

Once there was a man born blind. In the days of Jesus, people believed that these kinds of circumstances were always because of some sort of sin. Jesus not only came and healed the man's sight by spitting on the ground and making mud but also made it clear that messy situations can be used to show God's power.

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Play Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup with the kids. Have them pair up, and say Head, shoulders, knees, a few times, and then say ‘cup’. Whoever gets the cup first wins. Then alternate who says the verse, the winners, or the people who don’t have the cup.

### PUDDING Pictionary

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Chocolate Pudding, Baking Sheets

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Split the class into two teams. Give them a baking sheet with chocolate pudding on it. Pick one person from each team to go first and tell them a word. Something like stapler, the ocean, a shark, a horse, a dog, etc. then have them draw it with one finger in the pudding on the baking sheet. The first team to guess wins. Repeat until every kid has had a turn.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus meets us in our mess. In our story, we will learn about how Jesus healed the blind man by using messy mud and turning it into a blessing!

### MAIN LESSON

We have been having quite a few crazy OOEY GOOEY messes lately, haven't we? I mean really! WHAT A MESS it has been. The good thing about all of these messes we've been having is that JESUS MEETS US IN OUR MESS. The mess doesn't separate us from God because Jesus has come to save us from our sins and to make it possible for us to be forgiven! Messy mistakes are forgiven. Messy problems don't keep Jesus from us. And not only that but the MESS sometimes even serves God's purpose. Today we are going to talk about how God can use all things for our good. Even messy things. This is because He loves us. It's true. It is in the Bible. The verse goes like this, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

### READ JOHN 9:1-12

#### MAIN POINT:

I know what some of you may be thinking. Gross! Having mud on your eyes sounds yucky. But this blind man wasn't concerned with the mess. You see he had been living with the blindness so long that he welcomed anything that could help him see. Did you notice that the man had not sinned. This blindness was not a result of his sin, but it was something that God wanted to use to bless the man. God can use messes to bless us. **GOD CAN WORK EVEN A MESS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM!** God can use difficult things and make them better. Jesus healed the man from his blindness and then people were able to see what amazing things God could do. They were able to see that God loves and cares about them.

And Jesus met this man in his mess. Not only that but he wasn't afraid to get muddy! He used the mess the man was in to turn it for his own good! **GOD CAN USE MESSY SITUATIONS FOR HIS GLORY!** It gives God glory to do good because God is good!

#### DRIVE IT HOME:

Have you ever felt like you were stuck in a situation that wasn't good? Have you ever had a mess to deal with? Invite Jesus into that mess. He will come! He loves to meet us in our mess because this is where He can do the most good. This is where Jesus can HEAL, SAVE, FORGIVE, LOVE, PROTECT, and DO MIGHTY THINGS! Just like our memory verse says, "I have not come to get those who think they are right with God to follow me. I have come to get sinners to follow me." Jesus has come for the messy. He can do the most good in the midst of the mess. All we have to do is accept his gift to come and save us!

Let's pray together now and ask Jesus to meet us in our mess!

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & SNACK

**ICEBREAKER:** What is your favorite kind of pie? Pudding pie? Mud pie?

**SNACK:** Chocolate Pudding (Azy & Everett cannot have chocolate pudding. I will have chocolate animal crackers available for them to eat instead.)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Was the man's blindness caused by sin?
- What messy way did Jesus help the blind man?
- Do you think other people were interested in getting to know Jesus once they heard what he did for the blind man?

### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

**Items you will need:** Cardstock with the words 'Jesus meets us in our mess', brown paint.

**Directions:** Have the kids use ONE finger to paint on the paper that says Jesus Meets us in our mess. Then give them each a baby wipe to clean their hand off.

**Say:** Jesus will walk through our muddy mess to meet us!