

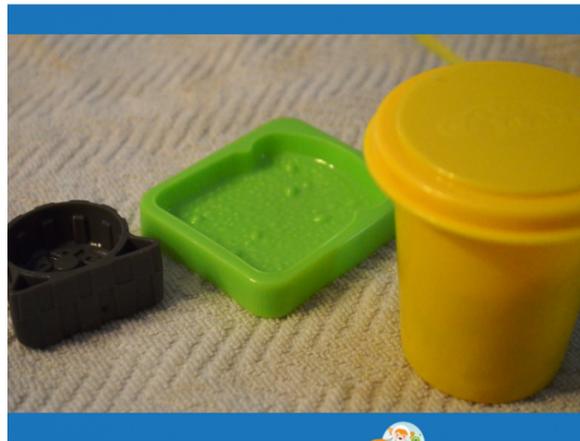
# Kid's Church - Zone

Sunday, March 22

This Sunday's lesson is from John 9, Jesus heals a man born blind. I have included a kid friendly summary and an object lesson. The object lesson uses playdough, if you want to make some look for the recipe at the end. Look for the activities, color sheet and fun worksheets. I hope as a family you will enjoy the lesson and playing together!



# JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN OBJECT LESSON



FUTUREFLYINGSAUCERS.COM

## Jesus Heals a Blind Man Object Lesson:

**{Hold up the play dough and one of the molds. Have a conversation while you make the mold impression. Ask:}**

- What happens if I squish the play dough into the mold? [It becomes the shape of the mold.]
- Can I make more than one shape? [Yes, out of more play dough.]
- Can I put the molded play dough back into the mold? Will it fit? [Yes.]
- Will this molded play dough match this second mold? [No.]
- What will happen if I try to put this molded play dough into a mold it doesn't fit into? [Play dough will squirt out of the sides, the other molded shape will be ruined.]



Let's pretend we are the Pharisees and we have an idea of Who we think God is. We have studied and studied the scriptures. We want to please God in all things.

Let's say the play dough is Jesus. The Pharisees wanted Jesus, and the expected Messiah, to fit into their little mold. They wanted Him to do exactly what they thought He should do. The problem is that people are not in charge of this world. God is.

Over and over Jesus tried to explain to the Pharisees, and whoever was listening, Who He was and Who sent Him. But that didn't fit the mold of the people and the Pharisees. Lines were crossed and life became squishy and messed up. So when Jesus healed a blind man on the Sabbath, it caused a real stink.

## Jesus Heals a Blind Man Bible Lesson:

Jesus and the disciples passed by a blind man who was begging for money. The disciples asked Jesus, "*Who sinned? The man, or his parents?*" They thought bad things happened to people because of sins they committed.

Jesus explained to the disciples that the man was not blind because of sins from the man or his parents, but that the man was blind so God could glorify Himself. That was the reason why God allowed this man to be blind since birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud, placed the mud on the man's eyes, and then told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The man washed and then came back seeing! God was glorified!

But then people started questioning what happened. "*Surely this isn't the same man?*" They asked, "*This must be someone else.*" They couldn't believe that such a miracle could happen. They would not listen to the man's testimony.

The people took the man before the Pharisees. It didn't help Jesus at all that He had healed the man on the Sabbath Day. The Pharisees asked the man what had happened. He told his story once again.

The Pharisees claimed that no man of God would heal on the Sabbath Day.

**{Hold up the different mold and the molded play dough. Try to fit them together. The first molded shape will become ruined.}**



Jesus wasn't fitting into their mold. The Pharisees called the parents of the blind man before them to see if this man truly had been blind since birth. The parents were intimidated because the Pharisees were going to "put out" of the synagogue anyone who claimed Jesus as the Christ.

The parents told the Pharisees to talk to their son. He was old enough to answer for himself. So again, the man was brought before the Pharisees. He told his story again. *"One thing I know,"* the man said, *"I once was blind, but now I see!"* After more arguing, the Pharisees cast him out of the synagogue.

**Then Jesus found him.** Jesus asked the man, *"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"* The man who was once blind replied that he did believe and he worshiped Jesus.

# Life Application of Jesus Heals a Blind Man:

It is so great to know that Jesus will find us when we have been cast away. That man had been telling the truth, but because what happened did not fit into the mold of the Pharisees, they cast him away.

People cannot argue away your personal relationship and experiences with Jesus. They cannot refute it. They can cast you away, ignore you, mock you, and hurt you, but they cannot change the truth that Jesus does things that are unexplained and unexpected in your life.

But sometimes when we have a need, and we go to Jesus with it, we expect Him to answer our prayer exactly how WE want it to be answered.

**{Hold up the mold.}**

We try to fit Jesus into our mold. Some people call this “putting God into a box.” But scripture tells us that God wants to do immeasurably more than anything we can imagine. It’s like He wants to do “more than more than” we can imagine. And waiting and watching God do “more than more than” can be amazing!!

# Playdough Recipe

## MATERIALS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)

## OPTIONAL: FOOD COLORING

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one color, stir in the color now.
2. Cook over medium-heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a bowl, gallon sized bag or onto wax paper.
3. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together, you're ready to PLAY.
4. Store the play dough inside the bags to keep soft. If stored properly it will keep soft for up to 3 months.