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GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Seeing Jesus

Set up: Print the “Jesus Illusion”. Cut the black shapes out and discard the rest.

Directions: Randomly place the black shapes in the middle of the group on a piece of blank paper. Tell the kids that they have to arrange the shapes on the paper to spell the name Jesus. Let the kids struggle to make sense of it for a short time. Next, help the kids by placing the shapes in the right order, but not in the right direction. (See picture below for reference.) Again, let the kids struggle to make sense of it for a short time. Finally, place the shapes in the right order and the right direction. Ask the kids if they can see the name of Jesus now. If the kids are still struggling, give them one final hint: focus on the white spaces instead of the black shapes. At this point, the name of Jesus should become clear to everyone. If younger kids need additional help seeing the word, it might help to lay something with a straight edge such as rulers, books, or magazines along the top and bottom of the letters.



Say: At first you were blind to the name of Jesus, but then, with a little bit of help, it all became clear. Does that remind you of anything? (Allow kids to answer.) It kind of reminds us of today’s story. At first, the blind man couldn’t see Jesus, but then, with a little bit of help, he was able to see Jesus for who He really is—the Son of God.

Directions: Ask the questions below. When finished, if time remains, jumble the shapes up again and see if the kids can reorder them to spell the name of Jesus.

Question: Why do you think it’s important to see that Jesus is more than just a regular guy and that He’s the Son of God?

Question for Younger Kids: What do you think it means to love Jesus with your whole heart?

Question for Older Kids: How do you think seeing Jesus as the Son of God changes the way you worship? How does it change the way you pray?