

I Can See Clearly Now

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for use as
STEP 1 **Lesson 4****Focus:**

Knowing the Bible helps us learn about Jesus.

Lesson 4**Bible Basis:**

Luke 24: 13-35

Lesson 4**Memory Verse:**

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. —John 20:31

Students will explore how Jesus can open our eyes to the Scriptures so we can learn more about Him.

Materials:

- Internet access

Before class, pull up this short video clip to display for students on a projector or screenshared webpage:

Play the following short video clip for your students:

Duck or rabbit!

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/wBEt04LD7Tw>

After students have arrived, invite them to share what they see when they look at the image displayed in the clip. Students will likely see either a duck or a rabbit in this optical illusion.

What did you see when you looked at this image? (Answers will vary.)

For those who saw a duck, when you look again, do you see the rabbit? (Answers will vary.)

For those who saw a rabbit, when you look again, do you see the duck? (Answers will vary.)

It can be frustrating when you know something is there but can't see it. You can look and look and never see a hidden object, but then a friend can come along and point it out immediately. When it's pointed out to us, we always have the same response, "Oh man! How did I miss that?" Sometimes it takes someone or something to open our eyes to what's right in front of us.

That's the way it was for a boy who is colorblind. Color blindness affects millions of people and is a condition where you aren't able to tell the difference between certain colors—most often red and green or blue and yellow. However, in 2010, a company called Enchroma invented a pair of glasses which allows those who are colorblind to see color. These glasses have allowed so many with this condition to see clearly what's in front of them, changing the way they view the world forever. Let's watch as this boy puts on his new pair of glasses and sees color for the very first time.

Play the following video clip for your students:

Boy Sees Color For First Time As Parents Surprise Him With Color Blind Glasses

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/fYGegIF3pb8>

➤ **Why do you think he was overcome with emotion after putting on the glasses?**

(Answers may include: He was overwhelmed by what color actually looks like; his eyes were opened to a whole new world when he put them on; he could finally see what everyone else could see, etc.)

➤ **How do you think these glasses will affect him and how he sees the world now?**

(Answers may include: I think he'll appreciate color a lot more than most of us do; the world will seem bigger and brighter to him now, etc.)

➤ **How would you feel if you weren't able to see the colors around you clearly?**

(Possible answers: Sad that I was missing out on something everyone else was able to experience; I'd feel left out; frustrated or angry, etc.)

➤ **Can you think of a time you got to experience something for the very first time that you had been waiting for your entire life?**

(Answers will vary but might include experiencing something geographically unique to an area they don't live in such as seeing the ocean or snow for the first time when they had never experienced it before.)

Having our eyes opened to see something for the very first time can be overwhelming. It can even be life-altering if it changes the way we view the world around us.

In today's lesson we're going to learn about two men whose eyes were opened to see and understand the Scriptures from the Bible in a brand-new way because Jesus Himself stopped to teach them. Let's see how their new understanding of the Scriptures changed the way they viewed Jesus and altered their world forever.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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- Internet access
- Crazy Glasses printout on cardstock (1 per every 4 children; page containing 4 pairs of crazy glasses found at the end of this document)
- Markers/colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- Optional: Art supplies (glitter glue, stickers, swizzle sticks, puffy paint, etc.)

Before class, print out enough copies of the Crazy Glasses printout on cardstock so that each student has a pair of crazy glasses (page found at the end of this document). Cut each page in half so that it is easier to hand each student their own pair of crazy glasses. If your class is meeting online, email the template for families to print before class. Invite students to bring printouts and other supplies with them to class.

Crazy Glasses

https://picklebums.com/images/printables/picklebums_crazyglasses.pdf

Earlier we learned that two of Jesus' followers were discouraged by the events that had happened surrounding Jesus' death. They couldn't understand the Scriptures and weren't sure that the prophecies pointed to Jesus as the Messiah any longer. However, Jesus appeared to these men on the road to Emmaus and explained the Scriptures to them. Jesus opened their eyes to the words of the Bible and allowed them to see who He really was.

Here's the amazing part about this story; this experience isn't just for the two men on the road to Emmaus. This experience is for us, too. When we open our Bibles to read the Scriptures, we can ask God to help us understand what we're reading. The Holy Spirit will teach us about truth when we read the Bible. The Holy Spirit will open our eyes to the Scriptures so that we can know Jesus in a deeper way.

- **How can we know when God is teaching us through His Word, the Bible?** (Answers may include: Our hearts are impressed with something He is saying to us; we want to make a change after reading His Word; our hearts or souls are "burning" [or "fired up"] just like his two followers in the story, etc.)

➤ **How has reading the Bible helped you learn about Jesus?** (Answers will vary but could include: I've learned to know His voice; God's taught me about salvation and His love for me; I'm learning what it means to be a follower of His, etc.)

Today we're going to make a prop to help remind us that when we open God's Word we can ask Him to help us see the Scriptures with new eyes—His eyes—so we can know Him better.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Preteens can pick the pair of glasses they would like to decorate and begin working. They can also write where today's memory verse can be found somewhere on their glasses. When they're finished decorating, they can cut them out and tape them together.

We can know and experience Jesus when we dig into His Word. God gave us the Bible as a way to communicate with us. The more we read the Bible, the more we will learn who He is and grow in a deeper understanding of Him.

Place your glasses this week on top of your Bibles at home. Let them be a reminder before you begin reading to pray and ask God to open your minds to the Scriptures and teach you the truths like He did for His followers in our story. This week, let's allow God to open our eyes to the truth in the Bible and let us see Him in a whole new way.

Pray to close.

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