

Hello Parents,

This month in the Zone we are learning about how to “Make The Most Out Of The Gross” in our new series **Messy!** We will dig into the miracles Jesus displayed while He walked the Earth. From His examples, we are going to learn how to face messy situations for God’s glory.

Our **Big Idea** is:

Make The Most (Hands Out) Out Of the Gross (Hands on Tummy w/ Burp)

Our **Bible Table Verse** this month is:

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Please join our Zone Group Leaders as they incorporate sensory bags with their questions. The Group will play a game to test the hearing of the selected contestant. If you are trying this game at home with only one group member, try asking the questions while you walk around shaking your sensory bag to see if they can point to you while blindfolded.

We pray you have fun learning more about Jesus with us!

God bless you and your family,
The Zone Team

INTRO:

-Hi! I'm [name] and I get to be your Messy Leader today! Don't worry I'm not going to randomly sneeze on you or anything. **First, let's say our names** and if our rooms are clean or messy. (Go around Circle)

-Sweet! I mean, gross! Maybe we should go home and clean. Just kidding!

Let's play a **game called GUESS THE MESS!**

-In my hands are: **1 MessInABag**, and **1 blindfold**.

-One person is going to be blindfolded, while the rest of the group passes around this MessInABag **as quietly as possible**.

-As you pass around the MessInABag, I am going to ask a question.

-After the question is answered- when I hold up my hand- you'll stop passing the MessInABag.

-The **blindfolded contestant will then have to guess** who is holding the MessInABag.

-If they are **correct, they will switch** spots with the person holding the MessInABag.

-If they are **incorrect, they will stay** in the middle for the next question. Got it?

-At one minute left, we are going to pray!

-To choose the first contestant, I am going to choose the person who does the Big Idea the slowest on the count of THREE. Ready? One, Two, Three! **Make The Most Out Of The Gross**

Questions:

1. What book and chapter was today's miracle from? **John 9**
2. Why did the disciples think the man was born blind? **They thought he was being punished because he sinned or because his parents sinned.**
3. Have you ever done something that you thought deserved punishment? Do you want to share?
4. Sometimes bad things happen to us as a direct result of our actions- for example, we don't look where we are going so we walk into a wall and hurt our head- or as a direct result of somebody else's actions, like somebody steals your toy so you do not have a toy anymore. Those are called consequences. What are some other examples of consequences?
5. Sometimes, bad things happen for reasons that we cannot understand. Like in today's miracle, we do not know what happened to cause this man to be born blind. What did Jesus say to explain why the man was born blind? **Jesus tells us that it was not because of anything he or his family did, but to reveal the power of God.**
6. What did Jesus do to heal the blind man? **He spit in mud and rubbed it on his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam ("Sent").**
7. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our lord."
 - a. We have all sinned. What is a consequence (or wages) of our sin? **Death**
 - b. What is the gift of God? **Eternal Life**
 - c. What did Jesus do for us to be able to receive this gift freely? **He gave us more than his spit, He gave us his whole body! He died on the cross for God's purpose, to take the punishment for our sins, and then he rose from the dead!**
 - d. Raise your hand if you would like to accept Jesus as your savior today. **Great, we are going to pray out loud!**

Prayer: Thank you Heavenly Father for working all things for the good of those who love you. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory, and we ask for your forgiveness right now. We accept your son Jesus as our savior so that you can reveal your glory through us. Please open our eyes to see your goodness in our messes.

Amen!

8. Extra Time? What is our Bible Table Verse? Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."