



Lesson 21

See What God Sees

Intermediate Small Group Lesson

Bible Story

Peter Sees from God's Perspective

Acts 11:1-18

Bible Verse

“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.”

2 Corinthians 5:16a, New Living Translation

Key Teaching Point

See others the way God sees them.

Materials

- Name tags
- Snacks
- How Are You Feeling? emoji chart
- A squishy ball
- Approximately five pipe cleaners per student



Small Group Session 1

(15 Minutes)

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let students take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" emoji chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the students are eating their snacks, ask, **"What stands out to you about God's love? What makes it different from how people show or demonstrate love?"**

Pray Together

Collect prayer requests from the students. The leader or a student can pray for the entire group or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

Small Group Game: Silent Speedball

Materials: A squishy ball

Begin by having all players stand close to the center of the playing area. Throw a squishy ball into the air over the players. Whoever grabs the ball first can take three steps in any direction and has five seconds to throw it. They may either throw it up into the air again or try to tag another player. If they tag someone with the ball, the player sits down. If they catch it, the player who threw must sit down. Anyone sitting down can get back up if they are able to grab the ball (without moving from their seated spot) and tag another standing player. There are no teams, and no "winners" in this game, although you may play until there are only a few remaining, declare them "winners" and begin a new round.

Small Group Session 2

(35 Minutes)

Life Application Activity

Pipe cleaner God-ggles

Before the club session: Prepare crosses out of pipe cleaners. You will need to create two crosses for each student. One pipe cleaner is sufficient to make two crosses. Ensure that the top half of the cross is extra-long so it can be attached to the student's glasses easily.





Pass out at least four pipe cleaners to each student. Show students how to create glasses using the pipe cleaners they're given. Two pipe cleaners should be sufficient to create the eyepieces and two pipe cleaners to wrap around the ears.



When students are finished, instruct students to put on their glasses. Ask students to look around the room and to share what they see.

This is how we tend to live our lives, looking at other people from our own point-of-view. God asks us to look at other people from his point of view instead of from our own point of view.

Review the Bible verse.

“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.” (2 Corinthians 2:16a, NLT)



What do you think it means to look at people from God's perspective?

Take student responses.

Pass out two crosses to each student. Show students how to attach the crosses to each of the lenses. When students are finished, instruct them to put their glasses back on again and look around the room.



What do you see now?

Take student responses.

This is how God looks at people. He looks at people based on what Jesus has done. All who believe and trust in Jesus are forgiven, their sins are washed white as snow. God sees Jesus in other people, and he calls us to do the same.

We can:

- **ask God to see people as he sees them.**
- **forgive those who sin against us.**
- **accept and love others.**

What action step will you take this week?

Take student responses.



Receive the Gift!

Prayer: A two-way conversation with God

Ask your students to think of one or two people who have been difficult for them to love recently. Invite students to find a partner and pray about these people. Ask for help to love and to forgive. Ask for help to understand this person in a new way and to see them from God's point of view.

Bible Verse Game

Review the Bible verse with a [Bible verse game](#).

“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.” *2 Corinthians 5:16a, New Living Translation*

Reflection

Give each child their reflection journal. Invite them to reflect on the following questions and to record their answers in their journal. They may also draw their responses if they wish:

1. What gift have I received from God that I can share with others?
2. How can this gift impact people in my life?

