**Session 7**

**Theme: Blind man and mud**

John 9

**Resources:**

* Name labels
* Pens
* Ice breaker PowerPoint questions
* Prayer cards
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* Mud mask kits
* Scripture reading video clip
* Elephant PowerPoint picture
* A4 sheet divided into four squares
* Prepared talk
* Video song
* Prepared laminated, themed bookmarks

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open and ice breaker questions on screen** | **25 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Game** | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices & encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Table discussion** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Ask the table groups to discuss what uses mud has got. Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Upfront activity** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Ask volunteers to come up and have a mud mask. | |
|  |  | **Sketch** | **5 min** |
|  |  | The ‘elephant’ sketch. Three prepared people up front are blindfolded. Put up a PowerPoint picture of an elephant once the actors are blindfolded. Miming, they pretend to touch the elephant, to try and work out what it is. The point of the sketch is that each person thinks that they are feeling something different from the other two people, which leads into getting the guests to think about what the different people in the following bible story video clip, thought that they were each seeing. **Note:** ***we found that this bit of the evening wasn’t a great success, so try and think how you could improve it. Or replace it completely!*** | |
|  |  | **Scripture video clip** | **4 min** |
|  |  | Jesus heals a blind man with mud and spit. URL: <https://youtu.be/jqr_G6vn-Ok> | |
|  |  | **Table group activity** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Give each table group an A4 sheet divided into four squares 4 squares. Each square represents:   * Pharisee – who saw in the blind man, the sins of the parents * Parents – who saw a son who can now see (don’t know how) * Jesus – who saw a person in need * Blind man – who saw Jesus and who he is   Feedback and include why & who do you identify with the most. | |
|  |  | **TALK – Fear, doubt** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Video Song** | **5 min** |
|  |  | ‘Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord’ by the Oslo Gospel **Choir URL:** [**https://youtu.be/Zhfzs\_srrsM**](https://youtu.be/Zhfzs_srrsM) | |
|  |  | **Prayer and Finish** | **2 min** |
|  |  | Give out bookmarks, pray and finish. | |
|  |  | **End** |  |