Description:

Make two sets of glasses and talk about how we can see more clearly when we focus on the Lord than if we focus only on ourselves.

What you need:

■ A copy of the of the "Seeing Clearly" glasses pattern (artwork included with this lesson, optional: print on cardstock), scissors, tape, plastic wrap or cellophane, wax paper, markers or pens.

Preparation:

1. Print out glasses pattern. Cut squares of cellophane or plastic wrap and wax paper large enough to cover the lense portion of the classes.

Activity:

Have family members assemble the glasses. (If you'd like, print one set of glasses per person and have each family member assemble a pair). First, decorate the glasses as desired with markers or pens. The cut out the pieces for each pair of glasses. Be sure to cut out the lenses. Assemble the glasses with tape.

Use the squares of cellophane (or plastic wrap) to make lenses for one of the pairs of glasses. Use squares of wax paper to make lenses for the other pair. Tape the lenses in place and trim as needed.

Let each family member try looking through the glasses with wax paper lenses. Notice that you can't see through them! Then let each family member try looking through the glasses with clear plastic lenses. It's much easier to see through the clear lenses.

Explain that if we follow God's commandments and try to do His will, we will be able to see things more clearly and accurately. We can have an eternal perspective and be able to know what things are truly important. If we only do what we want, without trying to do what God wants us to do, it's like looking through the wax paper lenses. We won't have a clear vision of where we need to go and what we need to do in this life. The Lord knows what is best for us and for those around us!

