

July 2021
Theme: 20/20 Vision (Seeing the World as God Does)
“Blended Vision”

Summary: Just as progressive lenses allow us to focus more clearly, Jesus wants us to sharpen our focus. Using Acts 1:8, we see Jesus’ direction for our mission: In Jerusalem (those in our hometown), Judea (those beyond our comfort zone), and the ends of the earth (every people group in the world).

Scriptures: Acts 1:8; Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 24:14

Songs: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *Rejoice* page 258; “O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See”; “Give Me Your Eyes” Brandon Heath Official Music Video (YouTube)

Suggestions and Helps

Promotional Helps

Resources: Poster and invitation are available at <http://www.wnac.org/treasure/programhelps>.

If your church or women’s group has a Facebook page, post a notice of your upcoming meeting. Many women will see the Facebook page before they will pay attention to a written invitation. Be sure to add a picture that is a sneak preview to the meeting’s theme. Suggestions: eyeglasses, binoculars, magnifying glass, etc.

Presentation Ideas

Have the attached Eye Test chart available for the women to have fun seeing if they can read the message. You can print it out or make your own.

Missions

Try to provide opportunities for the women to be witnesses at home, in the community, and internationally. Encourage them to: visit a neighbor who is struggling, either physical or spiritually; write a letter of encouragement to one of your state’s church planters; connect with an international missionary either with a letter or a note of encouragement on Facebook.

Service

Focus on one area for the month. You could arrange an appreciation lunch for your church staff or essential medical workers in your community, inviting them to come for a free lunch or deliver lunches to them if it is more convenient.

Study

If you have a copy of an international missionaries' book, encourage the women to take turns reading it, passing it along within the group. Set aside a few moments at the next meeting to discuss impressions of the book.

Prayer

Make a calendar for the month (template attached), listing a missionary or church planter or your pastor, etc. on each day. Distribute the calendar and ask the ladies to focus on that family/missionary and pray especially for them on that day of the month.

Refreshments

Since the meeting is in July, try to have brightly colored snacks that reminds the ladies of summer, like flower cupcakes or cookies, strawberries, or a fruit salad. Mini fruit tarts are a beautiful addition. Recipe is attached.

Extra

Show a tray with several (a dozen or more) random objects to the ladies and tell them to FOCUS on the objects for about a minute. Take the tray away and secretly remove one or more items. Return with the tray and see who can identify the missing objects first.

SUGAR COOKIE FRUIT PIZZAS

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-3/4 cups whipped topping
- 12 sugar cookies (3 inches)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup chopped peeled kiwifruit
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh strawberries



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- For glaze, in a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, pineapple juice, water and lemon juice until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Transfer to a small bowl; refrigerate until cooled but not set.
 - In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; fold in whipped topping. Spread over tops of cookies. Arrange fruit on top; drizzle with glaze. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until chilled.

Eye Chart

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August 2021

**Theme: 20/20 Vision (Seeing the World as God Does)
“Does It Really Matter How I View the World”**

Summary: What does the Bible say about having a worldview? The definition of *worldview* is changing rapidly with the onset of technology in our culture. A biblical worldview will give rise to a belief in moral absolutes, human dignity, and the possibility of redemption.

Scriptures: Psalm 101:3, Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:9

Songs: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” *Rejoice Hymnal*, page 601; “Give Me Your Eyes” Brandon Heath Official Music Video (YouTube); “Across the Lands” Keith & Ristyn Getty (YouTube); “Behold Our God” Official Lyric Video (YouTube); “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” chorus (YouTube).

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Publicity

Make invitations for a handout to pass out to the women with the world on the front. The invitations should include date, time, subject, and request for the women to bring a canned food item to the meeting. This handout ensures no woman will be missed. Put a bulletin size handout in the church bulletin in advance of the meeting. Place posters in high traffic areas of the church for the women to see.

Missions

Tyler and Kellie Penn minister to international students at the University of Illinois. Their desire is to reach students with the gospel to encourage them to take it back to their home country. They connect with the students through conversation in English groups. The Penn’s share their home by serving meals and sharing the holidays with students to build relationships to create opportunities of sharing the gospel through conversation and hospitality. Encourage the women to send a card or have a card at the meeting for all the women to sign for the Penn’s as a way of encouraging them as they work with these international students. The Penn’s address is Tyler and Kellie Penn, 1917 Oak Park Drive, Champaign, IL, 61822.

Prayer

Encourage the ladies to join in a circle of prayer for our country and the countries where we have missionaries serving. Also pray for each one’s home, place of employment, neighborhood, and church. Many opportunities to pray. Take this time to pray for the Penn’s and their ministry.

Service

Include on the invitations a request for the women to bring non-perishable food items to the women's meeting for a Community Food Drive or to replenish the food pantry at their local church.

Study

Suggest the women read the *book Understanding Culture*; Kwast, L (2009) and/or *How Shall We Now Live* by Colson, C. and Percy, N. (1999).

Refreshments

Ask certain women to bring soups, corn bread, crackers, and dessert. Set the tables up as a soup bar. Soup suggestions would be vegetable, chili, potato, broccoli, and cheese, etc. Emphasize the fact that warm soups warm our physical bodies, and the study should warm our hearts to reach out to the lost in our community and pray for those on the mission field.

September 2021
Theme: 20/20 Vision (Seeing the World as God Does)
“Dinner is Served – A One-Act Biblical Drama”

Summary: Have your eyes ever gotten out of focus when choosing what is best in your service and worship of Jesus? The following drama will help your focus be corrected in the service and worship of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Songs: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” Jars of Clay, (YouTube); “I Love You Lord” (YouTube)

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Publicity: Make several large construction paper telescopes with the theme, date, time, and menu for the meeting. (Menu is to list foods that will not be eaten during the refreshment time but will be deceptive to the actual foods served). Example: Roast beef, vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade rolls, and cakes made from scratch. Put the posters in high traffic areas for the women to see. For personal invitations use an eye glass pattern dividing up the date, time, and theme of meeting on each lens to be passed out to all the women. Make sure the announcement is included in the weekly church bulletin.

Missions

Since this Bible study deals with a meal being prepared for Jesus and His entourage by Martha, it would be a terrific opportunity to send the home missionary or missionaries in your state a gift card to their favorite restaurant.

Service

Encourage women to volunteer serving in a local soup kitchen.

Prayer

Ask your pastor for names of families in your church that might need extra prayer and a card of encouragement. Print the names and addresses and prayer needs on 3x5 cards. Prayer needs can be left off according to their request for privacy from the pastor. Fold the cards and place in a basket and let each woman choose one.

Refreshments

Appoint several women to bring sandwiches, veggies, dip, chips, and brownies or cookies for the meal. Cover the refreshments with a tablecloth until it is time for dismissal from lesson time. Do

not uncover the food until after the blessing and all the women can see what they are eating. Use this time to explain to the women that Martha chose to 'labor' extensively preparing food for Jesus and His followers. She could have chosen to feed Him foods that were moderately easy to prepare and just as delicious.