

Jesus heals a man born blindWeek 6

Theme: God can heal: just open your eyes and see!

Blind man's bluff: One child is blindfolded whilst the others run around. The blindfolded child has to catch someone and guess who it is they've caught! The one who's been caught can say "Hallo" to give the catcher a clue. Once correctly identified, choose another child to be blindfolded.

Stuck in the mud: One child runs round the room and tags as many other children as possible. Once tagged, they must stand still, with their arms and legs outstretched until an untagged child frees them by running under their arms. Swap the chasers regularly.

Introduction: Feel and guess

Hide some items in a bag or box. Invite a child to come up and be blindfolded. They must then put their hand inside the bag, feel one object and guess what it is. Try putting in some items that are unusual or that squelch, to make it more fun! Invite as many children up as you can.

Story: John 9 verses 1-11 Jesus heals a blind man
There is a story in the resources section.

Application: Jesus has the power to heal people. Sometimes we might pray for a sick person and they don't get better. Do you think when that happens that God isn't listening to us? Not at all; we have to trust Him to do what is best for everyone. He is all-powerful so we know that He'll always hear our prayers and He can make people better. He made us and He wants us to be well.

Memory verse: Psalm 103 verse 3 "He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases." Divide children into teams. A leader calls out something they want brought to them: a black shoe, a hair band or a pencil, for instance. When a child brings the item to the leader, they receive a word from their team's memory verse. See which team can find the items quickly and so receive all the pieces of the verse first.

Prayer: Use a magnifying glass to look at a selection of small items; a butterfly, a flower or a shell. Praise God that He has the power to create them and thank Him for our sight so that we can see all He's made.

Resources: Story and fun sheet

Song: "Help me be your eyes, Lord Jesus"
track 9 "Fandabidozzie" CD
by Doug Horley

The story of Jesus healing a man born blind

Let me tell you about a day that changed my life forever. I couldn't always see, you know, I was born blind. I'd never been able to imagine a beautiful blue sky and although I could feel that an orange was round, I had no idea what an amazing colour it was! Anyway, there I was one day, minding my own business, begging by the roadside, when I heard this guy Jesus was walking towards me with his friends. I knew Jesus told great stories but I'd never met him before. However, he seemed to know all about me; saying to his disciples that I wasn't blind because my parents or I had done anything wrong, I was blind so God's power could be seen at work in me! I was just wondering what he was talking about when Jesus said, "I am light for the whole world" and with that, I heard him spitting on the ground! Somebody said, "Jesus is going to wipe the dirt that he's mixed with his spit on your eyes!" "Yuk!" I thought, "I'd better get out of here: I don't want mud rubbed all over my face!" But, too late! Jesus had done it. I must have looked a right idiot with this gunk spread over my eyes! Then Jesus said, "Go and wash your face in the pool of Siloam" so off I went, washed my face and.....wow! I could actually see! It wasn't all blurry but everything looked bright and clear. I could see people and plants and animals for the first time!

My neighbours couldn't believe that I'd been healed. They'd seen me blind and begging by the roadside for so many years. Yet, here I was, able to see and it was that wonderful man Jesus who had healed me.

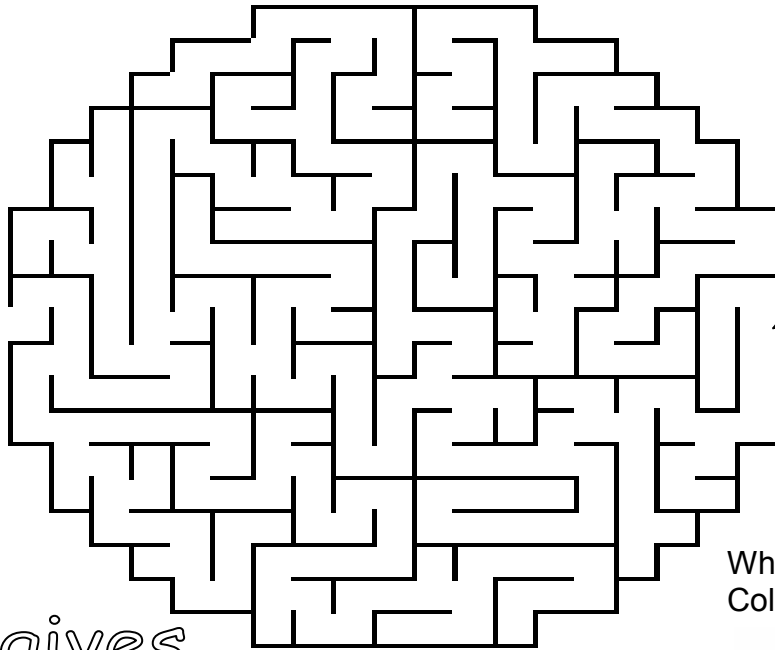
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Now I can see!!



Help the blind man find his way to Jesus. Start here.



What colour are your eyes?
Colour the eyes in below.

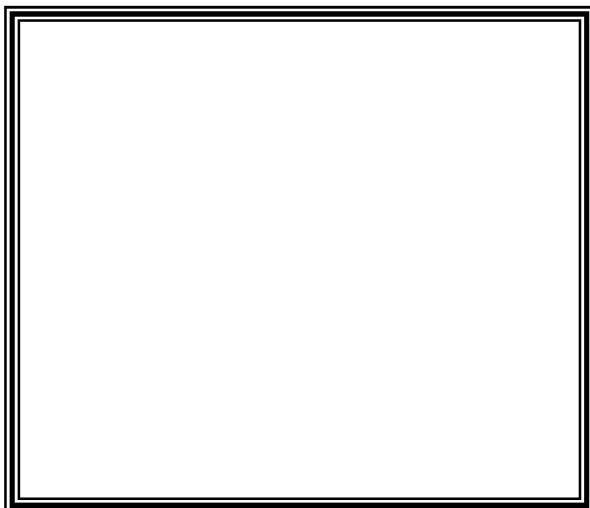


"He forgives
all my sins
and heals
all my diseases."
Psalm 103 v 3

Which of these things help us to see more clearly?
Draw a circle round them.



Look outside. What do you see?
Draw it in the box below.



Word search

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