

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 6/21/20

SCRIPTURE: John 9

LESSON: Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Blind



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we learned about a time when Jesus healed a man who could not do anything for himself to get himself into the pool. Today we will learn about a man who could not see but understood more about what Jesus was saying than Jesus' disciples or the religious leaders.

Blindfold Walk - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Help your kids think about what it would be like to be blind:

- 1.) Blindfold each child (and parents for bonus fun!) and have them walk around the room. Ask them to explain what's hard about it as they walk around.
- 2.) Give them a few objects and have them try to guess what they are.
- 3.) Ask them to do something simple like get a cup of water, find someone else or go back to where they were sitting.

Say - It was pretty hard to do things when we couldn't see, wasn't it? And that was only for a few minutes. The man in our story today was blind from birth. He had to learn how to do everything in his life without seeing.



LESSON - JESUS HEALED A MAN WHO WAS BLIND

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Blind](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The disciples were blind to why the man was blind. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus and His disciples came up to a man who had been blind his whole life. The disciples thought he was blind as a punishment for his sin or his parent's sin. But Jesus told them it was so that God could show how powerful He was! Sometimes we also think that all the bad things in our lives happen as a direct result of something wrong we did. But the truth is bad stuff happens for all kinds of reasons. Ultimately, Jesus wants to work in the midst of bad things to help us see Him and glorify God!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

The Pharisees were blind to who Jesus was. (Kids repeat!)

The healed man was brought to the Pharisees in the synagogue to explain how he could see now. Once again, the Pharisees were upset because they thought Jesus was breaking the rule of no working on the Sabbath. Despite all the amazing things Jesus was doing right in front of them, the Pharisees refused to see who He was! The man was physically blind, but the Pharisees were spiritually blind.

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus gave the blind man physical and spiritual sight. (Kids repeat!)

Even when the Pharisees called Jesus a sinner, the healed man gave glory to God for healing him. Jesus spoke to the man after he was thrown out of the synagogue and told him He was the Son of Man. The man believed Jesus! Jesus gave the man physical sight AND also helped him see that Jesus is God's son, the light of the world.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

We are all spiritually blind and need Jesus to help us see God. (kids repeat!)

Our sin makes us unable to see the truth about sin and God on our own. But Jesus is the light of the world! When we trust in Jesus as our savior, He shines light on who God is and helps us know how to worship and serve Him. He helps us see our sin and our need for Jesus to forgive us. He helps us see His love and how we can share it with other people all around us.

RESPONSE



Sing: [By His Wounds](#) (Current Key Passage Song)
[A Future and a Hope](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank You for giving us light in a dark world. Help us to understand that we are blind to sin and need You to show us the way to God. We need You and we love You. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Why was the man born blind? *(To show how powerful God is. John 9:3)*
- How did Jesus heal the man? *(Jesus mixed spit and dirt, put the mud on the man's eyes, and told him to wash it off. John 9:6-7)*
- In what ways are we like the man born blind? *Guide kids to consider what it means to be born in sin. Help them see that spiritual blindness prevents us from being able to pursue God on our own.*
- Since we are born blind because of sin, how can we be given "spiritual sight"? *Direct kids to think about the message of the gospel. Help them see that they cannot earn salvation, but it is given freely to those with faith in Jesus' death and resurrection.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*

BONUS ACTIVITIES



Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Jesus changed this man's life when He healed him. What is one way Jesus has changed your life?

Mail a Hug - A lot of us are missing our loved ones and friends and we wish we could see them and give them a big hug! Help your kids mail a hug to a friend or family member that they miss. Use a large sheet of butcher paper or several sheets of craft paper together. Lay the paper out on the ground and have kids lay down on the paper with their arms outstretched so that their arms and head fit on the paper. Draw an outline of them and help them cut it out. Now, decorate the cut out and write a note to the person they are sending it to. Now you have a decorated, life-size cutout you can send to someone who needs a hug right now.