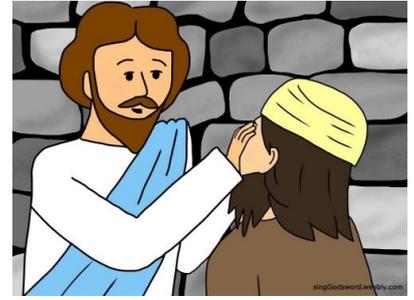


Miracles of Jesus: Jesus heals a blind man



Think together:

Imagine that you cannot see at all, so that even when you open your eyes, it is still dark. Close your eyes and think about what it would be like if you could not see. What difference do you think it would make to your life? What are some of the things it would be difficult to do?

Challenge: Find a blindfold and put it on. Try to draw a picture of something - a house or a face - when you can't see. Or maybe try to build a model or a tower from building blocks!

Read the story: In today's story we hear about a man who couldn't see and what happened when he met Jesus. You can read the story in the Bible in Luke 18:35-43

Ask together:

I wonder what surprised you most about this story?
Why do you think the man called out to Jesus?
What did the people around the blind man think of him?
What did Jesus do and say?
What did the man do?

Reflect together:

We don't know if the blind man had heard about Jesus and all the miracles he had done before, but he believed Jesus could help him and so he called out to him. And even though the people around him told him to be quiet he called out to Jesus again! And Jesus didn't ignore him or walk on by, he stopped and spoke to him. Jesus didn't hand out charity - he didn't presume to tell the blind man what he needed. He asked him. He treated the blind man like a person with feelings and intellect - and he healed him! Can it be any wonder that the man followed Jesus when he moved on?

Everyone feels insignificant at times - maybe in a large church, a big school, or if you are one of the youngest of a family. It is easy to assume that Jesus is too busy for you, too preoccupied with "important" things. But He isn't. No one is too insignificant. Each one of us is vitally important to God. Significant. Special. Loved. Chosen. God's love is for everyone!

Pray together:

After the blind man could see again, what did he do? He was thankful and began praising God! What can you thank God for? Think of one thing that you can thank God for today and then draw a picture of what you are thankful for. Show your pictures to each other and say what you are thankful for. Pray for each other and thank God for whatever they are thankful for!

Thank you, Jesus, that you love and care for each one of us. Thank you that you hear us when we call out to you and that you help us. Thank you for all the amazing things that you have done for us. Amen

Make together:

Seeing clearly - Jesus used this miracle to show us how great his power is and what He can do when we have faith. What is faith? Faith is believing that God is real. God can do amazing things in our lives when we have faith as well. What kind of things can God help you to do in your life?

So, to remind us that the blind man was able to see clearly because he had faith let's make some glasses out of pipe cleaners or cardboard or junk!



Memory verse:

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Luke 18:41

Say the verse together a few times to learn it and then say the memory verse to one another in turns. One person says the verse, the other answers with something they would like Jesus to do for them. The first person then prays for them with a simple prayer, "Jesus, please help my friend Jo to feel better, Amen." (or whatever!) then swap around.

Jesus wants us to ask him things, nothing is too small or too big! He loves us and cares for each one of us and is always interested in what we say!



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