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Ordinary Men and Women . . .
Super Ordinary Power

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THE BLIND CAN SEE!

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Memory Verse:

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Lesson Goals:

#1 - Understand how ordinary the blind man was

#2 - Discover what obedience led the blind man to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

John 9:1-41



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His Heroic Feat: Speaks About Jesus Without Fear

Speaking About Jesus Without Fear may not sound very heroic, but let's look at the facts and see what you think when you have heard the whole story!

The Bible tells us that, "As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man who had been born blind." (John 9:1 NCV) Jesus saw the man, really saw him. He didn't turn His head to pretend He didn't see Him and He didn't just walk on by, even though it was the Jewish Sabbath day - the day of rest.

Jesus' disciples also saw the blind man. The disciples, along with many other people, thought that the blind man was blind because of someone's sin. They asked, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind . . .?" (John 9:2 NCV) Jesus told them that it was no one's fault. Jesus explained that God allowed him to be born blind so that "God's work could be shown in his life." (John 9:3 NIV)

Then Jesus spit on the ground and mixed it to make mud. Jesus put the mud on the blind man's eyes and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash it off. "So the man went, washed, and came back seeing." (John 9:7 NCV)

The blind man had been blind since birth, so when people who knew him saw him, they weren't sure if they were seeing the same man or someone else who looked like him. He assured them that he was the same man. Then "they asked, 'How did you get your sight?'" (John 9:10 NCV) The man told them that Jesus had healed him.

"Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees." (John 9:13 NLT) We don't know why they took him. Maybe they wanted to show the Pharisees that the blind man had been healed or maybe they wanted to report Jesus for "working" on the Sabbath day. Either way, they took him and the Pharisees questioned him. They wanted to know how he received his sight, and he told them.

The Pharisees didn't want to believe that the man had really been blind, so they sent for his parents. His parents told the Pharisee that this was their son and that he had been born blind. When the Pharisees asked how he received his sight, they wouldn't say. They were afraid of being put out of the synagogue. They told the Pharisees that

their son was old enough to answer those questions on his own. "So, for the second time, they called the man who had been blind." (John 9:24 NCV) The Pharisees claimed to want the truth and began calling Jesus a sinner.

The blind man was not afraid of being put out of the synagogue. "He answered, 'I don't know if He is a sinner. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see.'" (John 9:25 NCV) The Pharisees continued pushing their questions. They even talked about not knowing where Jesus had come from. And the man couldn't help but speak.

"'Why, that's very strange!' the man replied. 'He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where He comes from? We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but He is ready to hear those who worship Him and do His will. Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, He couldn't have done it.'" (John 9:30-33 NLT)

This made the Pharisees so mad they threw the man out! When Jesus heard that he had been thrown out, Jesus found the man. He asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man wanted to know who that was and Jesus told him, "I am the Son of Man." The man exclaimed, "Lord, I believe!" and then he worshipped Jesus. (John 9:38 NCV)

YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. The blind man spoke about Jesus without fear. He wanted people to know who Jesus is.

Did you know that is the first step in coming to Jesus. Our memory verse says, "As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.' But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in Him; and before they can believe in Him, they must hear about Him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them." (Romans 10:13-14 NCV) If you know Jesus already, are you telling others? And if you don't, let's talk!



NEXT WEEK
Stephen

PRE-SCHOOL!

LESSON

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ACTIVITIES!

- Memory Verse Activity - Make memory verse posters. Across the top write, "TELL, HEAR, BELIEVE" in large letters. Then write the memory verse below. Discuss the verse and the order of events.
- Continue adding heroes' names and heroic feats to your "Heroes Banner."
- Sing the "Amazing Grace," "I've Got a River of Life," "Victory in Jesus," "Just As I Am," "Oh, How I Love Jesus," "Get All Excited," "I Love to Tell the Story," or other praise songs related to the lesson.
- Reenact the lesson.
- Make crafts with clay, (necklaces, pinch pots, etc.). Talk about the mud Jesus made to put on the blind man's eyes.
- If possible, go out together to tell people about Jesus and invite them to church.
- **For more training:** Read and discuss Romans 10:9-15 in light of the lesson.
- **For more training:** Read John 10:21 and 11:37. Review the lesson. Talk about the context of these verses and the fact that people are still talking about the blind man Jesus healed.

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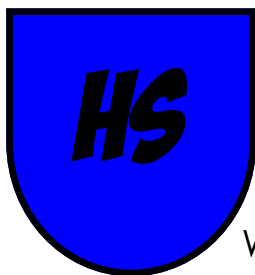
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Our Hero: _____

What did our hero do that was so heroic? _____



What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**?

What power do Heroes of the Faith possess?

Do you have the power? _____

Rewrite the memory verse in the space below. _____

HIDDEN MESSAGE!

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