

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 28

**JESUS HEALS A
BLIND MAN**

MARK 8:22-26

Life of Christ

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Mark 8:22-26

Younger Verse

Open my eyes to see the miracles in your teachings. Psalm 119:18

Older Verse

Open my eyes to see the miracles in your teachings. Psalm 119:18

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus healed a blind man in an unusual way
Recognize that Jesus can remove our spiritual blindness
Understand that spending time with Jesus helps us know Him more

Opener

Does anyone here wear glasses or contacts? If you take them off, do things look blurry? Are you thankful you can see clearly? Today, we will learn about a man who Jesus helped to see clearly.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned that Jesus taught his disciples an important lesson. A group of people called the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus was God's Son. They would try to trick Jesus and would tell people not to listen to what Jesus taught. Jesus warned His disciples about listening to people like them. We, too, need to be careful about who or what we choose to listen to. Ultimately, our main influence needs to come from what God teaches in the Bible.

Jesus and His disciples continued to travel in the boat to a place called Bethsaida. Some people had heard that Jesus was there, and they came to see Him. In fact, a few people brought someone that was different from them. This man was blind. What does it mean to be blind? A person who is blind cannot see. The man's friends wanted Jesus to heal his eyes so that he could see. The people begged Jesus to touch him.

Jesus took the blind man's hand and led him away outside of the village. What do you think Jesus did next? He spit on the man's eyes! Then He put His hands on the man.

Jesus asked the man, "Do you see anything?" The man looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." The man must have been excited just to see anything! Then Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes again. This time, the man's eyes were opened, and he could see *everything* very clearly! We have talked about many amazing miracles of how Jesus changed a person's life. Each story is a little different. For whatever reason, Jesus chose to touch the man's eyes twice. But the outcome was still the same; the man became a new person. He once was blind, but now he could see.

Jesus sent the man home and told him not to go back into the village. Remember, Je-

Jesus always had a reason for what He did. Why did Jesus tell the man not to go back? He knew that people would only come just to see what He would do next. They would not come so that they could learn about God's love.

Did you know that everyone is born blind? When we are born, we do not know about God. Someone needs to tell us about Him and show us how He wants us to live. There is only one way to remove the blindness. We need to let Jesus be part of our lives and ask Him to live in our heart.

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. These sins keep us from getting to see God. If we ask Jesus to take away our sins, He does! The news gets better. Three days after He died, He rose from the dead. He did this so that we could have a way to be with Him in Heaven.

Spending time with Jesus in Bible study, prayer, and reading our Bible, helps us to know Him while we are here on Earth. If you have Jesus in your heart, then you know for sure that you will get to be with Jesus in Heaven. If you would like to know more about spending time with Jesus or how to ask Him into your heart, please talk with me.

Review Questions

1. Jesus led the blind man out of the town. What did He do next? (He spit in the man's eyes.)
2. Jesus asked the man what he could see. What did he say? (The man said he could see people who looked like trees moving.)
3. What did Jesus do to completely heal the man's eyes? (He touched the man's eyes.)

Prayer Time

Praise God for all of His wonderful works. Thank Him for helping us to see Him. Pray that we will see Him more clearly each day.

Life Application

In 1 Corinthians 13:12, it says, "We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God see us . . ."

Just like the blind man couldn't see everything clearly at first, neither can we. When we accept Christ, we don't know everything about Him. As we grow closer to Jesus, we see things about Him more clearly. One day, when Jesus comes back, we will understand *everything* about Him! If you want to understand more about Jesus, it starts with spending time with Him and obeying Him. If you spend time with Him every day, you will see Him a little more clearly.

Planning for Lesson 29
Peter Calls Jesus the Christ
Mark 8:27-38

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Heals a Blind Man

(Cover your eyes before you begin.) Hey? Where did everyone go? What happened? Why is it so dark in here? What's that? My eyes are covered? Oh, that explains why I could not see. It would be different if I could not see anything. Did you know that some people are born and cannot see?

Jesus and His disciples went to a place called Bethsaida. When He arrived, some people brought a blind man to meet Jesus. That means he could not see at all. Why do you think they brought the blind man to Jesus? Yeah, they wanted Jesus to heal him. So they begged Jesus to touch him.

Jesus took the blind man's hand and walked him outside of the village. I wonder what Jesus did next. What do you think? He spit on the man's eyes! Then He touched them. Jesus asked the man, "Do you see anything?"

The man looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." That sounds funny, but that was the only way he could describe what he saw.

Once more Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. What happened next? His eyes were opened all the way! He could see very clearly. He could see the people and the trees! Jesus sent the man home and told him not to go back into the village.

We have learned of many miracles Jesus did to help people. Everyone that we learn about is different because they all involve different people. Jesus was able to help this man that had never seen before to see. We can help other people to see Jesus by acting the way Jesus would.

Jesus helps us to see, too! Jesus made a way to help us see God. He died on the cross and three days later came back to life. If we believe in Him in our heart, then we can know without a doubt that we will see God up in Heaven. Not only do we get to see Him, but He will be our best friend forever.

Hands-on Activities for Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Sing the song “Open the Eyes of My Heart.” Talk about how Jesus opens our hearts to see Him when we accept Him. Have the kids make up motions for the song.

Bring something written in Braille. Pass it around and let each child feel the indentions in the paper. Then ask them if they know what it says. Explain that blind people cannot see the writing, so they can feel the dots and read by using their hands!

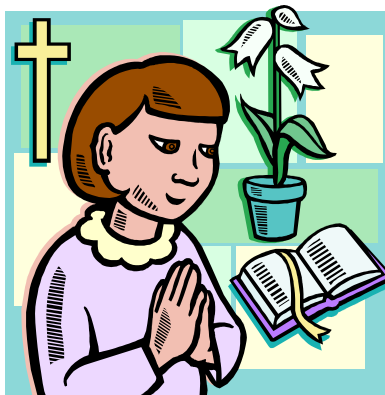
Bring a blindfold. Have kids make a circle. Blindfold one child and have them go to the center of the circle. Point to one of the kids and have them say something. See if the “blind” person can figure out who it is. Talk about how blind people are extra good at hearing. This helps them know what is going on around them.

Another fun game kids can play while in a circle is “drop the crayon” (or whatever small object you prefer). Have kids close their eyes (no peeking!) and put their hands behind their backs in a cup shape. The person who is “it” will drop the crayon into someone’s hand; then the person with the crayon will chase them. Talk about how blind people use their hands to feel where they are and to find things—even to read!

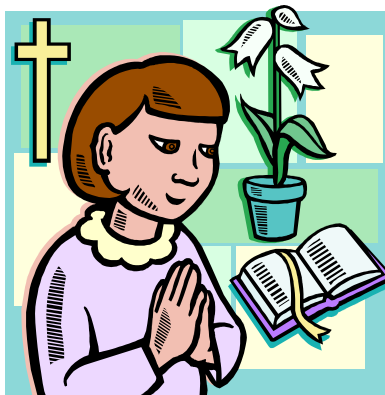
Ask everyone to get a partner. Take turns blindfolding one partner and letting the other person guide them around the room or area. Trade places. Talk about how Jesus led the blind man outside the town so He could heal him. He wants to lead us, too!

For snacks, blindfold the kids and let them pick out a snack. Bring a variety so it will be fun and help them realize a little of what it may be like for a blind person. (For fun, you may want to include something crazy like broccoli or something really good like a candy bar.)

**Open my eyes to
see the miracles
in your
teachings.
Psalm 119:18**



**Open my eyes to
see the miracles
in your
teachings.
Psalm 119:18**



Word Search

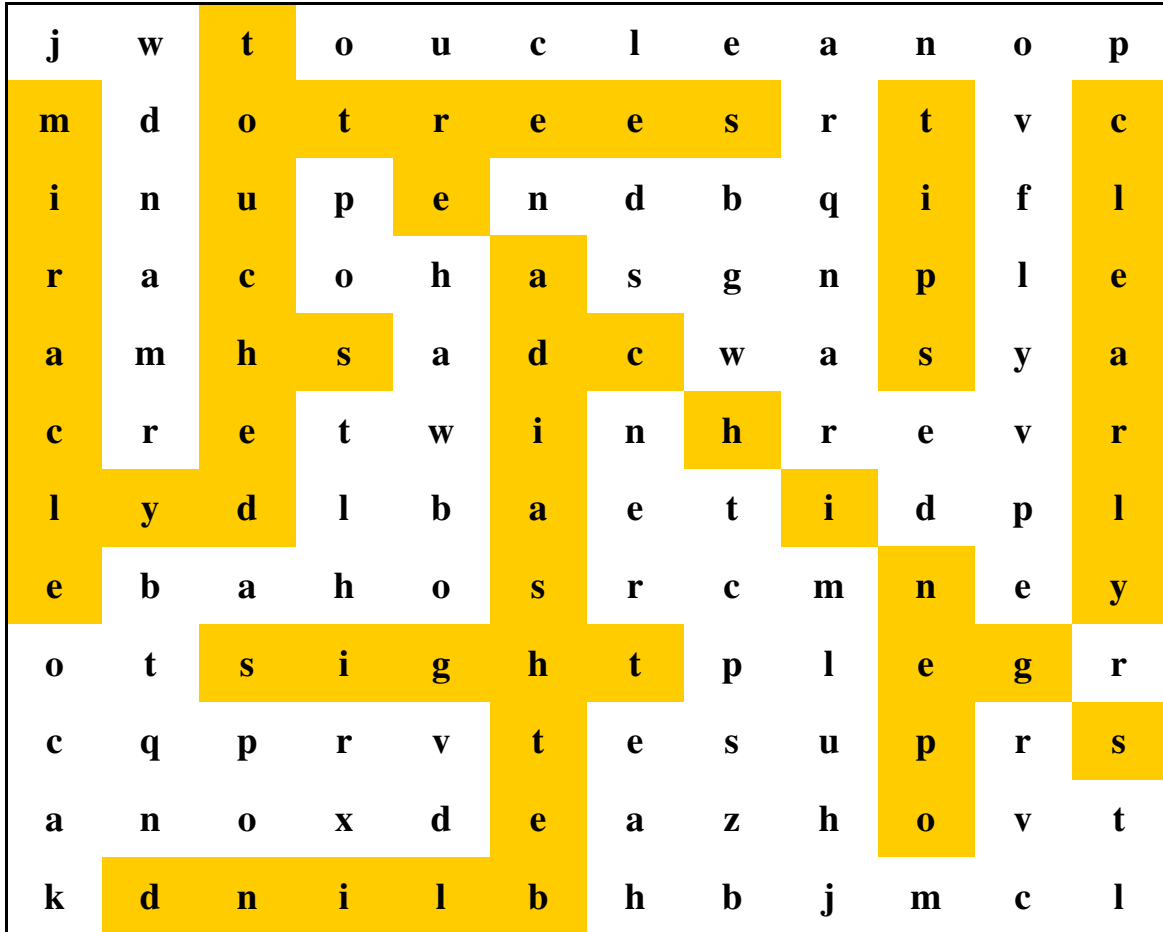
Jesus Heals a Blind Man

j	w	t	o	u	c	l	e	a	n	o	p
m	d	o	t	r	e	e	s	r	t	v	c
i	n	u	p	e	n	d	b	q	i	f	l
r	a	c	o	h	a	s	g	n	p	l	e
a	m	h	s	a	d	c	w	a	s	y	a
c	r	e	t	w	i	n	h	r	e	v	r
l	y	d	l	b	a	e	t	i	d	p	l
e	b	a	h	o	s	r	c	m	n	e	y
o	t	s	i	g	h	t	p	l	e	g	r
c	q	p	r	v	t	e	s	u	p	r	s
a	n	o	x	d	e	a	z	h	o	v	t
k	d	n	i	l	b	h	b	j	m	c	l

Bethsaida	blind	eyes
spit	trees	touched
clearly	open	sight
miracle	teachings	

Word Search

Jesus Heals a Blind Man



Bethsaida	blind	eyes
spit	trees	touched
clearly	open	sight
miracle	teachings	

Jesus healed a man who was

Blind

Jesus spit and
t__uch__d
the man's eyes.