

Jr Church/Kids Club Lesson for 3/29 Week #5

Jesus Uses Mud and Spit to Heal

Key Point: We trust God to Work in Our Lives

Bible Verse: John 9: 1-41

Close your eyes so that you cannot see anything. What feelings come to mind when you cannot see? What are three words you'd use to describe those feelings? The Bible tells us about a blind man who may have felt like that- and worse- every single day of his life. He'd been blind since birth. Read the story from the Bible.

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

¹⁰"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

¹¹He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹²"Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹"Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

²⁰"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

²⁵He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

²⁶Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³²Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said,^[a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

⁴¹Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Footnotes:

- a. [John 9:39](#) Some early manuscripts do not have *Then the man said ...* ³⁹ *Jesus said.*

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Questions:

- 1) What seems like the hardest thing about being blind?
- 2) Why can it be hard to trust God when you feel alone?

Watch the YouTube video to see what it may have looked like; Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind, Saddleback Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI>

Play with these ideas:

Find out what it would have been like to follow Jesus instructions to walk with mud on yourself to the pool of Siloam. If it is okay with your grownup, draw some eyes on the back of your hand with a marker. In a mixing bowl, combine 1 cup of flour and 2/3 cup of water. Mix it all up and smear some of the "mud" over the eyes on your hand. Walk around the house a little bit before going to the sink to wash up your hand. Do you think it was hard for the blind man to follow Jesus' instructions that day he was healed?

Let's sing and move:

Watch the YouTube "This is Amazing Grace" Phil Wickham Feat. Lecrae | Dance-A-Long with Lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4tcQkwens>

Let's Pray

God, we know we can trust you to work in our lives, just the way you did for the man who was born blind. Help us to always remember that people do not have disabilities because they have done something wrong. God used the man in our story today to show his power. Show your power through us. Help us not to be spiritually blind. Lord, be with me this week as I do my ELearning assignments. Work in my life in ways that will bring glory to you as I spend time with my family this week. Thank you, Lord, for your many blessings. Amen.