

# 4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bible Lesson 6-21-20

## Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Blind

John 9:13-38

<b><u>Story Point:</u></b>	Jesus healed a man who could not see.
<b><u>Memory Verse:</u></b>	“Surely he took up our pain...; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” <b>Isaiah 53:4-5</b>
<b><u>Gospel Gems:</u></b>	Jesus’ friends thought the man did something wrong to cause his blindness. Jesus said the man was blind to show God’s power.

### **PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide**

In the Old Testament, Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah. Isaiah 35:5-6 tells about a time when “the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.” When God the Son came to earth, He came as a Healer—removing skin diseases, raising the dead to life, making the lame walk, and giving sight to the blind.

John 9 gives us a glimpse of the kingdom of God, where creation is redeemed, and opens our eyes to the greater purpose of suffering in our lives. The disciples asked Jesus a question that many still wrestle with today: Why is this person suffering? (In this case, why was this man born blind?) Was it because of sin?

Jesus’ answer gives hope to anyone facing suffering: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned. This came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him” (John 9:3). Because Jesus is Lord over everything, all suffering in this life has meaning and purpose.

Miraculously, Jesus gave sight to the man who was blind. The man’s neighbors noticed the change, and he told them what Jesus had done for him. But the reaction of the religious leaders—skepticism and unbelief—reveals a different kind of blindness: spiritual blindness. Sin keeps us from seeing what is true about God. Jesus came as light into a dark world. He helps us see what is true so we can know God.

Those who trust in Jesus are freed from sin and worship Jesus as Lord. We can live fully in the light of Jesus as we seek to make Him known to others so that their eyes might be opened to the truth of the gospel as well.

### **Bible Introduction: (Activity)**

- Gather an assortment of small items.
- Place the items in a paper lunch sack, pillowcase, or some other container they can not see in.
- Ask your child to feel each item without looking at it and tell you what it is.
- Reveal the contents after your child has finished guessing.

Say:

“It’s not easy to know what something is when you can’t see it. In our Bible story today, Jesus met a man who could not see. Let’s listen to the story to hear how Jesus helped the man.”

## **Bible Story: Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Blind – John 9:13-38**

### **PARENTS:**

This lesson is paraphrased and in story form. The scripture references are listed above if you choose to read directly from the Bible. We encourage you to open the Bible either way you choose to share this lesson.

Jesus was walking with His disciples when He saw a man who had been born blind. The disciples asked, “Teacher, why was this man born blind? Did this happen because he sinned or because his parents sinned?”

Jesus answered, “Sin did not cause this. This man was born blind so that people could see God’s power.” Jesus also said, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Then Jesus spit on the ground. He made mud and put it on the eyes of the man who was blind. “Go and wash in the pool of Siloam,” Jesus told him. The man went and washed. When he came back, he could see!

The man’s neighbors were amazed. They took the man to the religious leaders. “How did this happen?” they asked.

“The man called Jesus put mud on my eyes,” he said. “I washed, and now I can see.”

The religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus could give sight to people who were blind. Again, the man who was healed told the religious leaders what happened. He believed Jesus must have come from God. But the religious leaders threw the man out of the synagogue.

Jesus found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

The man answered, “Tell me who He is so I can believe in Him.”

“You have already seen Him,” Jesus said. “The Son of Man is talking to you now.”

The man said, “I believe, Lord!” and he worshiped Jesus.

### **Review Questions:**

- What did Jesus put on the blind man’s eyes? (*mud*)
- What happened after the man rinsed the mud off his eyes? (*The man could see.*)
- What did the man do after he learned Jesus was God’s Son? (*The man believed and worshipped Him.*)

**Christ Connection** – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“Sin keeps us from seeing what is true about God. Jesus came as light into a dark world. He helps us see what is true so we can know God. Those who trust in Jesus are freed from sin and worship Jesus as Lord.”

### **Bible Activities pages:**

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity pages 6-21-20** online.

### **Craft:** - (Father's Day)

- Here are two ideas for a Father's Day gift your child can make.
  - Magazine sleeve: <http://make-it-your-own.com/magazine-sleeve/>
  - Dad and Me coupons: <http://make-it-your-own.com/coupons-for-me-you-2/>

### **Missions Moment:**

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mission Pictures 6-21-20** online.
- Show the pictures to your child.

Say:

“Amy Carmichael was a missionary in India a long time ago. She started a special home called the Dohnavur (don-Ah-vur) Fellowship. This home was a place for children where they could be loved and hear about Jesus. Although Amy died many years ago, believers are still at the Dohnavur Fellowship loving children and teaching them about Jesus.

### **Prayer:**

“Father, thank You for loving us. Just like the blind man in our story today that Jesus healed, help us to see Your hand at work around us. Give us courage to tell others about You and how wonderful You are. We love you, in Jesus' name, Amen.”