

# JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

FAMILY DEVOTION

9 AS HE WENT ALONG, HE SAW A MAN BLIND FROM BIRTH.  
2 HIS 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. 4 AS LONG AS IT IS DAY, WE MUST DO THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME. NIGHT IS COMING, WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK. 5 WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”6 AFTER 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.8 HIS NEIGHBORS AND THOSE WHO HAD FORMERLY SEEN HIM BEGGING ASKED, “ISN’T THIS THE SAME MAN WHO USED TO SIT AND BEG?” 9 SOME 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.11 HE 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.

JOHN 9:1 1-13

## **JESUS SAID "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS MEANS?**

To best understand this, let's talk about light. What does light do? It allows us to see the things around us. Have you ever tried to get to your bed at night after turning your light off? It is very hard even if we are familiar with the room. We need the light on so we can see the things around us. Jesus is saying that he is the source from which we see everything.

**Take a second with your family and talk about what this means.**

Like the man who was blind, Jesus wants to help us see things more clearly. He is calling us into seeing other people, situations, and the world as he sees them.

## **HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE WAY WE SEE EACH OTHER?**

One thing we make sure to tell each other all the time is that Jesus loves them! And the best part is, it is true! Jesus loves everyone on Earth. He loves you and he loves me! When we see each other the way Jesus sees them, we see them with complete and unconditional love. This means in spite of disagreements, differences or wrongdoings, we love them.

## HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE WAY WE REACT TO DIFFICULT SITUATIONS?

In our story, Jesus says that the man who is blind is not blind because of anything he has done. He states that he is blind so that God's good work can be displayed in him. God wants to use our difficult times to help us see more clearly.

Take this time to share with each other a time in your life that God has used a hard time to reveal something good.

**DEAR LORD, OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MAY SEE MORE CLEARLY. HELP US TO LOVE OTHERS AS YOU LOVE US AND HELP US TO SEE YOU IN OUR DIFFICULT TIMES ON EARTH. AMEN.**