

At-A-Glance: 10-12 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 4, Lesson 19

# Giving Sight to the Man Born Blind

Lesson Aim: To understand Jesus saves us from spiritual darkness.

### THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Where is the darkest place you have ever been?

**GAME:** Deliver the Light

## **THE WORSHIP** JESUS AS SAVIOR

Read Worship Scripture: John 8:12.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

#### THE WORD JESUS HEALED THE MAN BORN BLIND

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus walked on water and saved Peter from drowning.

Today, we will discover how Jesus used mud and water from the Pool of Siloam to heal the man born blind. The pool is located just outside the city walls of Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem. Display a photograph of the pool. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 9:1-7, 18-25, 35-39. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 9:5. Pray. Read.

#### **THE WAY** JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

What important question did the disciples ask Jesus about the blind man? ("Why was the man born blind?") What was His answer? ("This happened so God's work might be shown in his life.") What miracle did God show in the man's life? (Jesus healed his blindness.) How did Jesus heal him? (Put mud on his eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.) How does this man's life still show God's work to this day?

How did the parents respond? (They kept quiet, avoided the subject, and pointed to their son to answer.) What did they know would happen if they admitted believing Jesus was the Savior? (They would be banished from the synagogue.) In some lands today, by claiming Jesus as Savior a believer risks being physically hurt. In other places, the

only risk would be feeling foolish or being treated as an outcast by friends or family. How do these compare to where you live?

What did Jesus do after He heard that the healed man had been thrown out of the synagogue, which was a place of worship? (He found the man and talked with him.) What did the man do when Jesus said He was God's Son? (He said, "Lord, I believe," and worshiped Jesus.)

Jesus saved the man's eyes from darkness. He also saved the man from a life of darkness, separated from God forever. What do you think Jesus meant when He called Himself the Light of the world? What do you think the darkness stands for? In the Bible, the darkness stands for a life separated from God.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Seven hundred years before Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," Isaiah spoke God's words about His plan for Jesus to be the Light of the world! Reveal Isaiah 42:6-7. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How is blindness, a prison, a dungeon, and sitting in darkness each a picture of life separated from God? Read John 1:5. Jesus knew some would not believe in Him, yet He came and died for us anyway. God gives faith to anyone who wants to know the true God. It's as if Jesus opens the eyes of their hearts and minds to see and believe the truth. Those who do not want to know God are blind and unable to understand who Jesus truly is.

Jesus said, "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." Who is now left in the world to be His light? Jesus answers this question in Matthew 5:14-16. Read. What are some ways we can be like a light pointing others to Jesus?

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Penlight
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #19
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus healing the man born blind
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

#### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Jiggly Lights **GAME:** Bright and Dark

**CRAFT:** "Light of the World" Candleholder

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Walking on the Word

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**