

At-A-Glance: 8-9
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? ("So that God's work might be shown in his life.") What miracle work did God show in the blind man's life? (Jesus healed the man's blindness.) How did Jesus heal the blind man? (Put mud on his eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.)

What did Jesus do after He heard 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 explained He was God's Son? (He said, "Lord, I believe," and worshiped Jesus.)

Jesus saved the man's eyes from darkness. In the same way, Jesus saved him from a life of darkness, living separated from God forever. It is a picture of the way He saves us. Right before He healed the blind man, what did Jesus call Himself? (The Light of the world.) What do you think Jesus meant when He called Himself the Light of the world? In the Bible, the darkness stands for a life separated from God. The light stands for Jesus who shows us the way to have life forever close with 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?

After Jesus healed the man born blind, three groups of people reacted differently when they found out about this healing. To see how each group reacted, let's divide into three teams: Neighbors, Pharisees, and Parents. Assign each group a Bible passage: Neighbors—John 9:8-15 / Pharisees—John 9:13-18 / Parents—John 9:19-23.

Ask someone on your team to read the passage. Then talk about the way the people in the story reacted to the healing. Invite groups to share their findings. The neighbors, Pharisees, and the man's parents did not see the truth about Jesus. It is as if their hearts and minds were blind to the fact that He was the Son of God. How would the reaction of the neighbors, Pharisees, and His parents have been different if they had believed Jesus was God's Son?

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Penlight
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW