

★ Blind From Birth

4th - 6th Grade
Lesson 13

★ The Healing Touch of Christ

Jesus spent His whole life helping people. He did many miracles during His life. Sometimes He amazed people by what He said and did. Remember when He told Nicodemus, “Ye must be born again?” Those words changed Nicodemus’ life forever. Remember when Jesus fed 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes? That miracle changed those people too! Anyone who met Jesus walked away as a different person. Jesus changed many people with a healing touch!

Blind from Birth

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

—John 9:1-5

The Bible tells us that the disciples and Jesus saw a man who was blind. If you close your eyes, all you see is darkness. This is how blind people live every day. They can never see a colorful rainbow or the brightly colored leaves. They can never see the sky lit up with stars. If you can see, you should thank God for it! The Bible tells us that sometimes we can be “blind” to things in our lives. If we do not ask God to forgive our sin, it will make us blind to what He wants us to do.

The man that Jesus met had been blind since he was born. Sometimes people lose their sight when they are older. But, this man had never been able to see. The disciples asked Jesus whether the man was blind because he had sinned or because his parents had sinned. Jesus told them that he was not blind because someone sinned. It was not anyone’s fault. God made the man blind so that he could bring glory to God through his blindness. Sometimes when people have a problem, they get mad at God. When people praise God in spite of their problem, it makes God happy!

Clay from Earth

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

—John 9:6-9

After Jesus talked to the disciples, He picked up some clay and put it on the blind man's eyes. He told the man to go wash himself in a pool. After the man washed himself, he was able to see! Jesus performed a miracle that day. Many people were amazed and praised God!

God used a man who was blind to bring glory to Him. When the blind man's friends and neighbors saw, they could not believe he was the same person. Jesus uses things in our lives to honor Him, if we will just let Him!

Self-Deceiving

Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

—John 9:16, 24

Do you remember when Jesus healed the man who could not walk? The Pharisees were mad because it happened on the Sabbath. The same thing happened in this story. The Pharisees did not care that the man could see; they were only interested in criticizing Jesus.

They decided that they did not want Jesus there. They were mad because so many people were following Him. The blind man tried to tell the Jews that Jesus was from God, but no one would listen to him. They told him that Jesus was a sinner.

True Believing

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

—John 9:35-38

The blind man did not realize that Jesus was God's Son, but after Jesus told him, he believed. Jesus healed the blind man, and people glorified God. Do you have something in your life that you can use to glorify God? God is always good, and God is always right! The blind man probably never knew that Jesus would come along one day and change his life forever. Most people become bitter when something bad happens to them. We can point others to Jesus when we choose to be happy even through tough times!