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## Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

**Reference:** John 9:1-12

**Main Point:** Jesus is the mighty son of God. He made the blind man see!

**Activities to do together:** Find a blindfold, you could use a scarf or even a tea towel if you don't have one and choose from the following play activities to explore not being able to see.

- A touch and feel bag: Collect a variety of objects from around your home e.g. a spoon, fork, peg, toy car, apple etc; Place these somewhere where your child can't see them. Blindfold your child and then one by one place one of the objects into the bag. The children feel the object through the bag and have to guess what it is.
- Play a game of 'pin the tail on the donkey' or any variation e.g stick the nose on the clown, stick the bee on the flower. You can use blu tac for sticking :)
- Play a game of 'blind man's bluff'. Blindfold your child and have them try and catch you. Use your voice to give them hints of where you are. Make sure you are in a safe open space where they won't run into things!

At the end of your game/games talk to the children about what it would be like if you could not see at all ever! Tell them that there is a man who could not see in today's true story from the Bible. This man had been blind since birth. Let's see what happens when he meets Jesus.

**Bible:** Read the story of Jesus healing a blind beggar from your children's bible.

**Discussion:** Talk about the Bible story you have just read using the following questions:

Why did the disciples think the man was blind? (***Because of sin***)

What did they ask Jesus? (***Who sinned this man or his mum and dad, Is that why he is blind?***)

What did Jesus say was the reason? (***Jesus said the man was not blind because of their sin, but so that God's work could be shown in his life***)

What did Jesus do? (***Jesus put some mud on the man's eyes and then He told the man to wash the mud off in the river.***)

What happened when the mud was washed off? (***The man could see!***)

Why did Jesus heal the blind beggar? (***To show everyone God's mighty power.***)

Who is Jesus? (***He's God mighty son!***)

Do you know the mightiest thing that Jesus has done? (***He died and rose again to fix our biggest problem 'Sin!'. We can be with God forever because of Jesus.***)

**Pray together:** Dear God, Thank you that you sent Jesus your mighty son. Thank you that he helped a blind man see. Thank you that Jesus died and rose again so that we can be with you forever. Please help us to always see who Jesus is and what he's done for us. Amen.



**Memory verse:** 'No one is like you, Lord, You are great, and your name is mighty in power.'- Jeremiah 10:6

**Ideas for sermon time:**

- Watch this week's video for under 5's.
- Activity ['I Have Two Eyes to See With'](#) - Print the stencil from the link or draw a face on an A4 sheet of paper. Children can draw the eyes and colour in the picture. While children are completing their picture, you might like to point to your eyes and ask children to point to their own eyes. Talk about all the things that we can see with our eyes.  
Ask children, **What do you think it would be like to not be able to see, to be blind?** Very dark. (Cover your own eyes with your hands.)  
**What happened to the blind man's eyes when he met Jesus?** Jesus fixed the man's eyes so that he could see! (Remove your hands from your eyes)  
**Why could Jesus heal the blind man's eyes so that he could see again?** Jesus can do things we can't do because he is the mighty son of God. (Put your hands up and shout hooray for Jesus!)
- Activity **'Blind Man's Glasses'** - Print the stencil on the following page or draw two sets of glasses for children to decorate. On one set of glasses cut out two holes for children to look through. Once children have finished decorating their glasses you can poke two holes in either side and secure them with pipe cleaners or string. Have children tell you what they can see when they look through their glasses. When they put on the glasses without any holes explain that this is what it is like to be blind.
- Jesus healing the blindman [colouring page](#).



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