

DRAMATIZATIONS OF 4 STORIES ABOUT HEALING THE BLIND

One way to compare stories about the Lord healing the blind is to dramatize them using the “Readers’ Theater” technique. Actors read their lines and act out their parts as they go along.

Healing Two Blind Men (Matthew 9:27-30)

Character List (4 people or more):

Narrator
2 Blind Men
Jesus

Narrator: Two blind men followed after the Lord and called out to Him.

Blind Men: Son of David, have mercy on us!

Narrator: And they came to Him. And Jesus spoke with them.

Jesus: Do you believe that I am able to do this?

Blind Men: Yes, Lord.

Narrator: Then He touched their eyes, saying:

Jesus: According to your faith let it be to you.

Narrator: And their eyes were opened.

Healing the Blind Man from Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-25)

Character List (3 people or more):

Narrator
Blind Man
Jesus

Narrator: People brought a blind man to the Lord and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town of Bethsaida. When He had spit on the man’s eyes, He put His hands on him and asked him if he saw anything. And the man looked up.

Man: I see men like trees, walking.

Narrator: Then the Lord put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was healed and saw everyone clearly.

Healing the Blind Man (Luke 18:35-43)

Character List (3 people or more):

Narrator
Blind Man
Jesus

Narrator: There was a blind man sitting by the road begging as the Lord was coming near to Jericho. The man heard a multitude of people passing by, and he asked what it meant. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

Blind Man: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Narrator: People warned him that he should be quite, but he cried out all the more.

Blind Man: Son of David, have mercy on me!

Narrator: So Jesus stood still and commanded that the man be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him:

Jesus: What do you want me to do for you?

Blind Man: Lord, that I may receive my sight.

Jesus: Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.

Narrator: And immediately, he received his sight and followed the Lord, glorifying Him.

Healing the Man Blind from Birth (John 9:1-38)

Character List (9 people or more):

Narrator
The Lord
Man Blind from Birth
Neighbors
Pharisees
Parents

Narrator: The Lord saw a man who was blind from birth. After answering a question from His disciples about the cause of the man's blindness, the Lord spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva. Then He anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay.

The Lord: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: So the blind man went and washed and came back seeing.

Neighbors: Is not this he who sat and begged?

Some: This is he.

Others: He is like him.

Man: I am he.

Neighbors: How were your eyes opened?

Man: A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to the pool of Siloam and wash." So I went and washed, and I received sight.

Narrator: Then they took him to the Pharisees. But the Jews did not believe that he had been blind until they spoke with his parents.

Pharisees: Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?

Parents: We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but we do not know by what means he now sees or who opened his eyes. Ask him. He will speak for himself.

Pharisees: How were your eyes opened?

Narrator: The Pharisees questioned the man who was blind.

Man: One thing I know; that though I was a blind, now I see.

Pharisees: What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?

Man: I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again. Do you want to become His disciples?

Narrator: This displeased the Pharisees who said they did not know where this Man was from.

Man: Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He has opened my eyes.... Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.

Narrator: Then the Pharisees cast him out. When Jesus heard that they cast him out, He found him and spoke with him.

The Lord: Do you believe in the Son of God?

Man: "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

The Lord: "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Man: "Lord, I believe!"