

A Mask for Dramatizing The Lord Healing the Blind Man

Here is a project idea that may help children remember how the Lord healed the blind man in the story told in the gospel of John.

Suggested Materials

cover stock or cardboard
pencil or pen
scissors
facial tissue or toilet paper (or something else that will disintegrate when it gets wet)
for fastening the mask: tape, stapler, string or ribbon

Suggested Procedure

1. Make a mask with circles cut out where the eyes will be.
2. Then cover the eye holes with facial tissue (or toilet paper), attaching it with tape.
3. Dramatize the story while the narration is read aloud. When it comes time to heal the "blind man," have the child put water on his eyes like the blind man who was told to wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9). The coverings over the eye holes will disintegrate, allowing the child to see clearly.
4. *Optional:* Pretend to make mud and apply it to the eyes *before* the "blind man" washes his eyes.
5. Note: If you will have several children taking turns being the blind man, an alternative is to make eye flaps in the shape of a U that can be lifted up when the blind man is healed

Narration for Dramatizing Healing the Blind (retelling of John 9)

Now as Jesus went by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with his saliva. And He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

His neighbors were surprised that the man could see. They said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He said, "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."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

Other people heard his story, but they did not believe him. They asked him about it and he said, "One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Jesus found the man, and He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

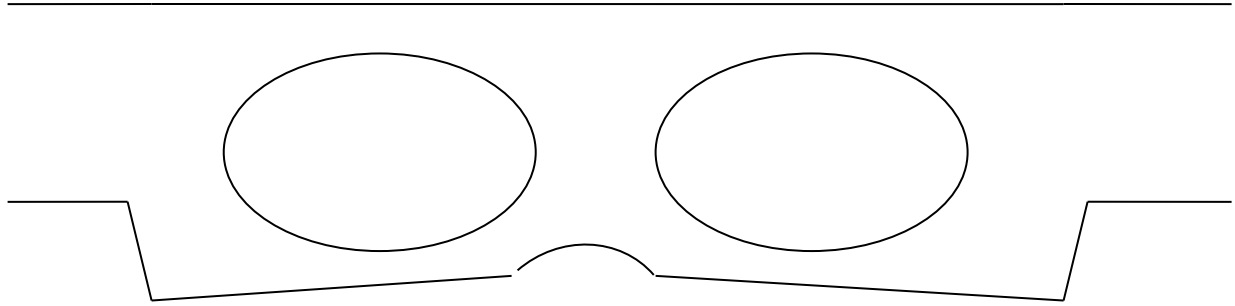
He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe In Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe! And he worshiped Him.

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MASK TEMPLATE



Using the Mask Template:

1. Cut out the general outline of the mask.
2. Trace around the template on cardboard or cover stock, extending the strips at either side so these can be tape behind a child's head or fastened with ribbon or string stapled at each side and tied in place for each child using it. (Suggest making a double bow rather than a knot so that it can be undone with ease.)
3. Cover the holes with tissue (facial tissue or toilet tissue). The tissue should disintegrate when it is wet.

Please see project instructions for more details.