

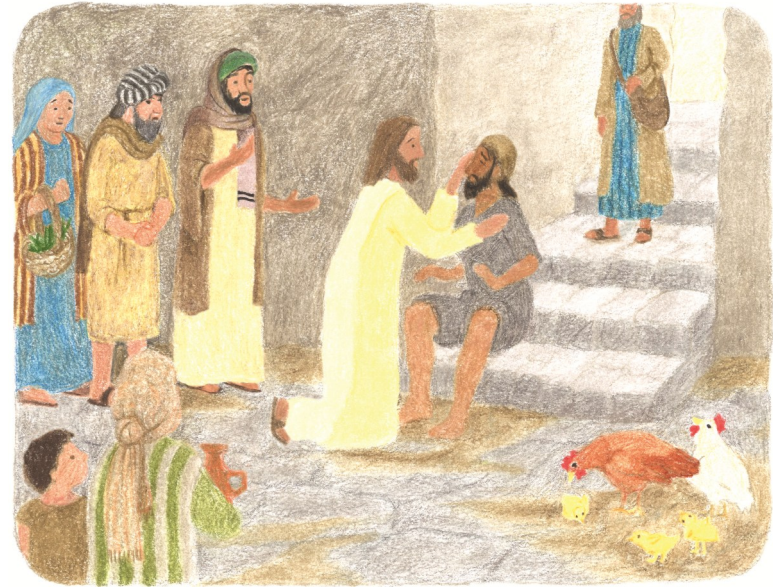
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The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) This is a dramatic story—the man had never seen anything before. You might emphasize that the Lord Himself spat and made clay with His saliva. This has a special spiritual meaning, but you might also say that there probably wasn't water there to use, because the blind man had to go away to wash at a pool.
- b) How happy the man was! He had been a beggar, and now he could have a good life.
- c) The man told the Pharisees exactly what had happened. You would have thought they would be happy for him, but they hated the Lord, so they wanted to find fault—saying He shouldn't have done such a thing on the Sabbath, because no one was supposed to “work” on that day. They really didn't want to believe the truth.
- d) Note that the Pharisees cast the man out of the synagogue. That means he was thrown out of the church—the Jewish Church at the time. It was then that Jesus came to the man and asked if he believed in the Son of God, and told him that He was that Person. Only to this man, and to the woman at the well in Samaria, did Jesus ever say He was the Son of God.
- e) You can imagine how happy the man was when he believed and worshiped the Lord.



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The Lord Makes a Blind Man See

As Jesus was passing by on the Sabbath day, He saw a man who was born blind. Then Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of His spittle, and He put the clay on the eyes of the blind man. He said to him, “Go. Wash in the pool of Siloam.” So the blind man went and washed, and then he could see.

Then the neighbors and others who knew the blind man from before said, “Isn’t this the man who was blind?” The blind man said, “I am he.” Then they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay, and put it on my eyes. Then He said to me to go to the pool of Siloam and wash. And I went and washed, and then I could see.”

Then they brought the man to the Pharisees. And it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and put it on the man’s eyes. And the Pharisees asked the man how he got his eyesight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed and now I can see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not of God because He heals on the Sabbath day.” Then they again asked the blind man, “Who is this Man who opened your eyes?” And the man said, “He is a prophet.”

The Pharisees called the man who was blind a second time and said to him that Jesus was a sinner. But the man said to them, “Whether He is a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I can see.” Then they asked him again, “How did He open your eyes?” He said to them, “I have told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear it again? Will you also become His disciples?” Then the Pharisees were rude to him, and they threw him out.

Now when Jesus heard that they had thrown out the man, He came to the man and said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” Then the man said to Him, “Who is He, Lord, that I might believe in Him?” And Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him. It is He who is speaking to you.”

Then the man said, “I believe Lord.” And he worshiped Jesus.

John 9

