

# JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

## *John 9:1-34*

### **John 9**

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup>Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup>His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

<sup>10</sup>“How then were your eyes opened?” they demanded.

<sup>11</sup>He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

<sup>12</sup>“Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. <sup>19</sup>“Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

<sup>20</sup>“We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

<sup>25</sup>He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

<sup>26</sup>Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

<sup>27</sup>He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

<sup>28</sup>Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup>We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

<sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. <sup>32</sup>Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Jesus say the man was born blind? (Verse 3)
5		2.) What did Jesus do to the man's eyes to help him see?
5		3.) Why did the Pharisees ask the man's parents if he was born blind?
5		4.) Why do you think the Pharisees were so upset about the healing of the blind man?

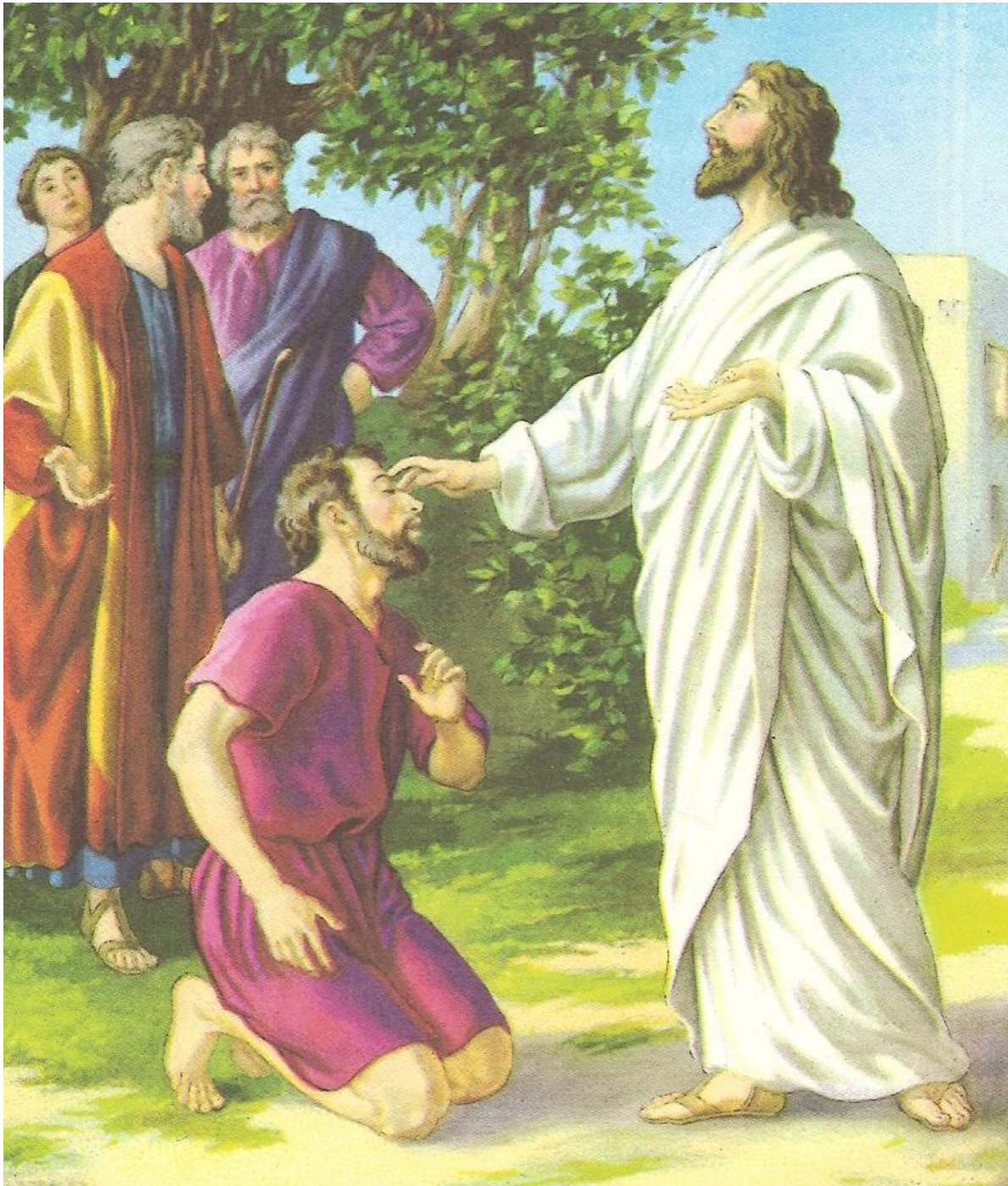
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Jesus said, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.'"  John 9:41

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*Jesus touches a man's eyes and he begins to see*



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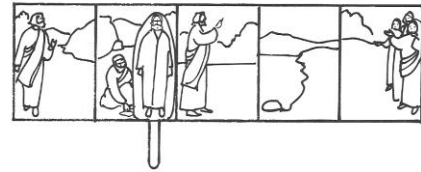
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HEALING TIME LINE

Students will make a timeline that recounts key events from the story.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Healing Time Line Patterns
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Glue
6. Popsicle Sticks
7. Tape



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Healing Time Line Patterns” onto 67 lb. white cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the pictures and the stick puppet.
3. Cut out the pieces and tape them together in order.
4. Fold the blind man stick puppet on the fold and glue a popsicle stick between the two sides.
5. Have students retell the story by placing the stick figure in front of each event on the timeline and describe what is going on. On the fifth picture, have students turn the stick figure over so that he is praising the Lord.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their healing time lines, remind them that Jesus was using this event so that a work of God might be displayed in his life. Encourage students to take heart if things aren't the way they think they should be. We never know for sure if God is using our circumstances to further his kingdom or not. Share a time in your life when you were going through something difficult and later realized that God was using that circumstance to teach you or someone else a valuable lesson.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

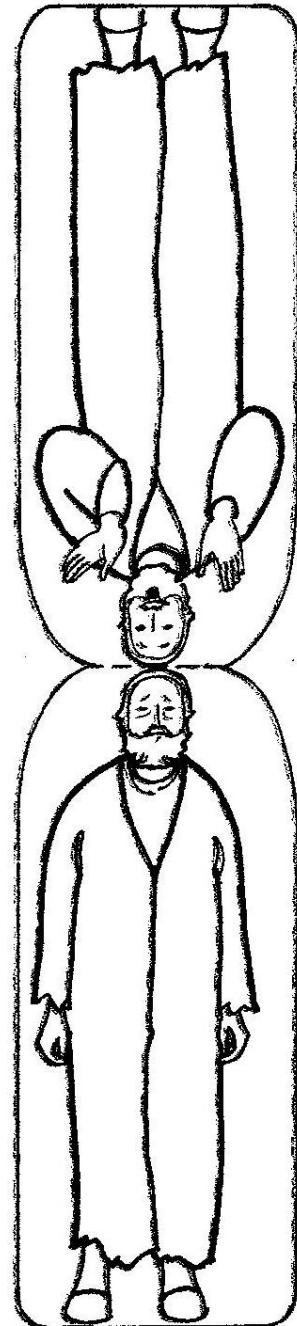
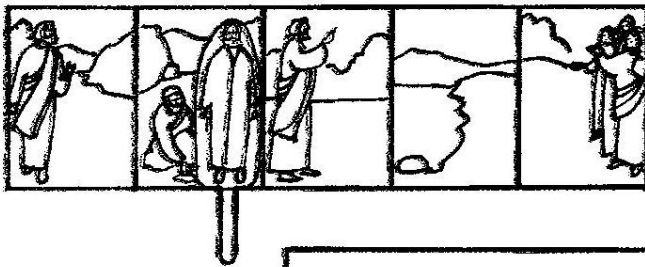
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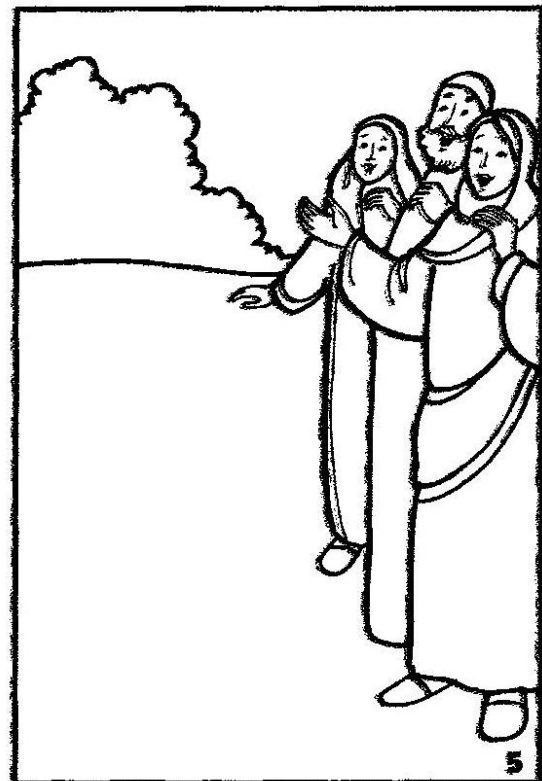
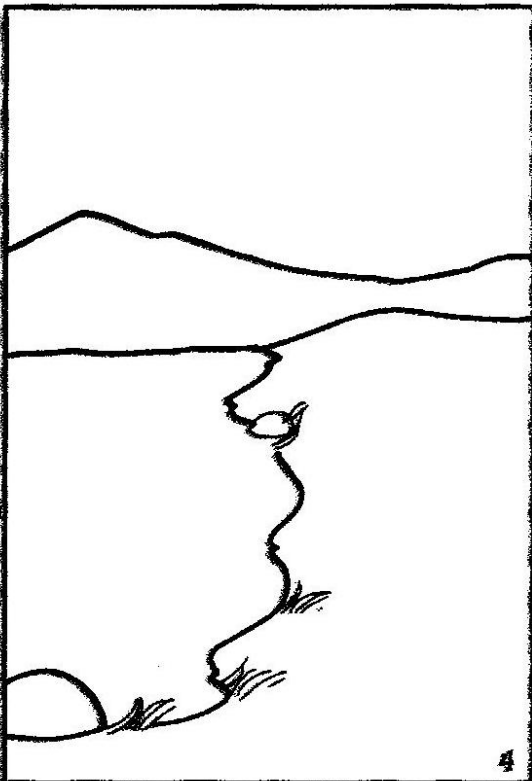
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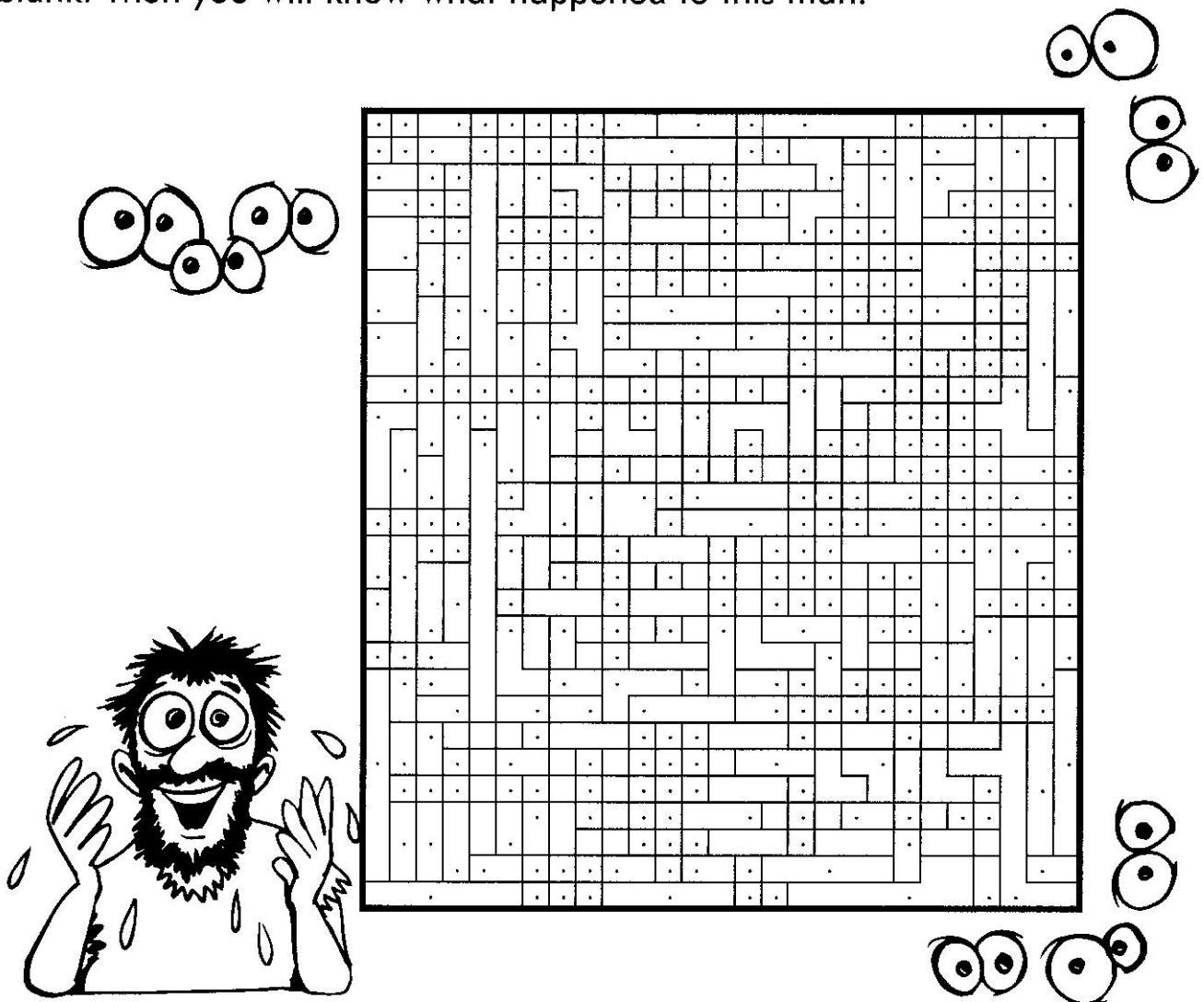


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In Jerusalem Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. No one thought that he would ever be able to see. But Jesus made some mud and put it on the man's eyes. Then Jesus told the man to go wash in the pool. When the man came out of the pool, what do you think happened?

Color in every square that has a dot in it. Leave the squares with no dot blank. Then you will know what happened to this man.





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As Jesus was traveling with his disciples, they came upon a man who was born blind. His disciples thought that sin was the cause of his blindness.

Jesus told his disciples that this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

Then Jesus spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva and put the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam. When the man came home he could see!

The man told his neighbors what had happened. The neighbors brought the man to the Pharisees. The Pharisees had a hard time believing that Jesus had healed the man. They even asked the man's parents if he was born blind.

Jesus used this story to teach the people that when you don't see the things of God, it is like you are blind. Jesus, however, can heal your spiritual blindness.

For more details, please read John 9:1-34 in the Bible.

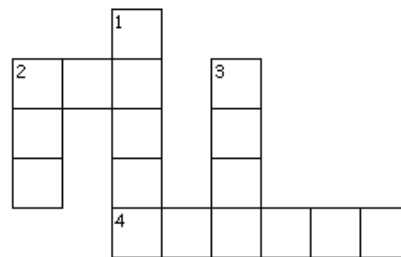
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## CROSSWORD



Across

2. What the man could now do
4. Another word for "spit"

Down

1. The one who healed the blind man
2. The reason people thought the man was born blind
3. What the man washed himself in