

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 1.17: A MAN BORN BLIND RECEIVES SIGHT — John 9: 1-12

WORSHIP CIRCLE

READING

John 9: 1-12

STORY AND DISCUSSION

(Note: Have a large bowl of water nearby.)

When the Lord was on earth, He did many miracles that helped people, and many of those miracles were *healing* miracles. *Healing* means to make someone all better who has been sick or hurt.

Today's story is about a man who had been born blind. Do you know what blind means? It means that his eyes did not work, so he could not see. So ever since this man had been a tiny baby, he couldn't see anything—no sun or moon, no trees or grass, no people or animals. The only thing he could see was darkness.

One day, as the Lord and His disciples were walking along, they saw this blind man. The disciples asked the Lord: "Why was this man born blind? Did he do something bad? Did his parents do something bad?"

The Lord said that no, this man was not blind because he had done something bad, or his parents had done something bad. But the Lord said that because this man was blind, and believed in the Lord, that the Lord could do a miracle to help him.

So the Lord first spat on the ground and made some dirt wet. This made the dirt like clay, and the Lord put some of this clay onto the blind man's eyes. Then He said to the blind man: "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam".

The blind man went and washed off his eyes with water at a pool called Siloam, and what do you think happened? He could see! His eyes were healed! Ever since he had been born he had seen nothing but darkness, and now he could see everything! How do you think he felt?

He came back over to the Lord and he could see the *Lord!* What else do you think he could see that he had never seen before? Do you think he felt thankful to the Lord?

(Now put the bowl of water onto the floor and have the children gather around it.) Now let's have each of you pretend to be the blind man. Close your eyes and pretend to be blind. What can you see? Nothing but darkness. I will now touch your eyes and pretend to be the Lord putting clay on your eyes. Don't open your eyes yet! The blind man had to do one more thing before he was healed. The Lord said: "Wash in the pool of Siloam." So dip your fingers into the water and wash your eyes. Now open your eyes—the Lord has healed you! What can you see?

REPEATING

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me:

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

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

1. Have a photocopied picture of Jesus for each child.
2. Have for each child a sheet of white or blue construction paper with a sheet of black construction paper over top of it. Fasten the two together with a paper fastener at one corner.
3. Draw on construction paper for each child a circle to be a sun, and a simple tree trunk shape.

Doing the Project:

1. Show the black paper and explain that this is what the blind man saw before he met the Lord.
2. Now rotate the black page off the white. Explain that on the white page they will make a picture of what the man could see *after* the Lord had healed him.
3. Have them cut out the Lord, the sun, and the tree trunk and glue them onto the white page.
4. Now they can draw leaves on the tree, flowers, grass, animals, other people, or whatever they want to show that the man could see now.
5. When they are finished, show them how they can cover their picture with the black page to show what the man could see *before* the Lord healed him. Then they can rotate the black paper off of their picture to show what he could see *after* the Lord healed his eyes.



