



JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

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Explore the story of Jesus healing a blind man and then consider what it means to have our own eyes open to Jesus and the good things he can do in our lives.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Jesus Heals a Blind Man Leaders' Script
- A4 Paper
- Colouring Pens / Pencils
- Sellotape
- Bible and / or YouTube Video

GET INTO THE BIBLE: JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

THEME: MY BIBLE ADVENTURE



LEADER PREPARATION

To deliver this activity fully a leader will need to download the full instructions that are found in the leaders' script. You will also need to gather the equipment to make the telescopes.



[Download Jesus Heals a Blind Man Leaders' Script](#)



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Below is a summary of this activity. For the full instructions and leaders' script, download the leaders' notes attached to this activity card on the Programme Hub.

Telescope

- 1 Children can design and create their own telescope from paper. What design will each child place on their telescope?
- 2 Using the telescopes take a look around the room. What objects will the group find?


A Hole in the Hand

- 1 Use the telescope to perform a brilliant trick that creates a hole in your hand.
- 2 Children can do this by holding their telescope to their eye and then placing their hand to the side of the telescope, with their palm facing their face. Can they now see a giant hole in the side of their hand? How cool is that!

Eyes: True or False?

- 1 Our eyes are incredible. Spend some time appreciating just how impressive our eyes are with this true or false quiz.

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- 1 Whilst the hole in our hand may look impressive, it's nothing compared to the miracle that Jesus performed on a blind man. Check this out in the Bible.  **John 9**
- 2 Continue the theme by playing some games that use children's eyes. This could include I Spy, hide & seek or spot the difference puzzles. Sadly some people in this story were 'blind' to Jesus' miracle and didn't want to believe it. They had their eyes closed to the goodness of Jesus. It means they are missing out on Jesus!
- 3 Are our eyes open to Jesus or do we have them shut and focussing on other things?
- 4 Pray to God thanking him for the good things we can see in our lives and asking God to help keep our eyes open and set on Jesus.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Children should be careful when placing things near to their eyes, ensuring they don't accidentally put anything in their eye.

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TELESCOPE

- 1) Give each child a piece of A4 paper and ask them to decorate the end 1/3rd of it. You could draw a line on the paper to help show children where they need to decorate.
- 2) Once decorated, children can roll up their paper to create a telescope with the decorated side facing outwards. Use a piece of tape to hold the telescope in place.
- 3) Use the telescopes to have a look around the room. What can the group see?

A HOLE IN THE HAND

- 1) Explain to the group that eyes are an incredible thing. Play a quick game of the true and false quiz (below) to learn just how amazing our eyes are.
- 2) Eyes can help us to see lots of shape and colours and without them we'd find life a lot harder. However our eyes can also play tricks on us.
- 3) Ask everyone to hold their telescope to their eye and keep both eyes open. Ask the children to place their hand to the side of the telescope, with their palm facing their face. What happens? Children should now see a hole in the side of their hand! (if this doesn't work then get the children to swap the eye they are holding their telescope to).

EYES: TRUE OR FALSE?

- Your eyes are made up of roughly 2 million working parts. **TRUE**
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. **TRUE**
- The human eye can see roughly 800-1000 different colours. **FALSE** (it's actually 8-10 million)
- You blink about 10 million times a year. **TRUE** (about 18 times a minute)
- The most common eye colour in the world is blue. **FALSE** (It's brown)
- Babies are born colour blind. **TRUE** (Babies take a few months to start seeing colours)

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- 1) Whilst the hole in the hand may look impressive, it's nothing compared to a miracle that Jesus performed in the Bible. He healed a man who had been born blind. Check out this story in John 9 or by watching 'Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind' (<https://youtu.be/X4qZ2KSbdxI>).
- 2) In this story Jesus heals the blind man by spitting on the floor, mixing it with some dirt and spreading this over the blind man's eyes. When the blind man washes off the dirt he is able to see for the first time. Ask the children what they think that would have felt like, to see for the very first time?
- 3) Sadly, some people in the story were 'blind' to Jesus' miracle and didn't want to believe it. They were questioning if it really was the same man and if Jesus really did perform the miracle. They had closed their eyes to Jesus' work and were missing out on his goodness.
- 4) What about in our lives. What are our eyes focused on? Do we keep our eyes open to Jesus, looking for all the good he brings into our lives and ways we can be like him? Or are we keeping our eyes shut and ignoring him, instead focussed on other things/distractions?
- 5) Keeping our eyes open to Jesus is a really important part of being a Christian. One simple way we can start opening our eyes to Jesus is by spending some time each day in Prayer, thanking God for everything he gives us and asking him to walk alongside us every day.
- 6) Finish the activity with a prayer, asking children to share things that they are grateful for.
- 7) Finally encourage children to take home their telescopes and put them somewhere that will remind them to always keep their eyes open and focused on Jesus.