



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A - IV Sunday of Lent

*1 Samuel 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13a; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5, 8-14; John 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38*

### Jesus cures a blind man.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

### Reflection

¿What did people think about a person who was born blind? (He was a great sinner since birth, or that his parents were sinners.) **Jesus is moved at seeing a blind man begging, and goes to heal him. He smears mud on his eyes and asks him to go wash in the pool of Siloam, which means sent.** ¿What symbolism might this meaning have? (Just as Jesus was the Son sent by the Father to heal us of the sins that blind us to God, this blind man was now sent by the Son to wash and be healed of his physical blindness thus seeing God.) **Later, the blind man was brought before the Pharisees, hypocritical men who were only interested in following God's Law, not in helping people. What attitude did the Pharisees have before this miracle?** (They were upset that Jesus had healed him on Saturday because the law said one cannot work on Saturday. They did not care that Jesus was healing someone from a lifelong illness.) **Then they asked him who had healed him. What did he answer?** (A prophet) **How did the Pharisees react?** (They expelled him from the Temple because they did not want to accept that the healer was a man of God.) **Jesus finds him, and asks him if he believes in the Son of Man. When the blind man says, show me Him, what does Jesus say?** ("You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he".) **What did the healed man do?** (The man believed and fell down and worshiped Him.)



### Activity

On the next page, unscramble the words to complete the sentence. Make the craft on the last page.

### Prayer

Jesus, you are the Light of the World. You give us the vision so that, through You, with You, and in You, we can be saved. Open the eyes of our hearts Lord. Amen

**Song:** Jump into the Light by Jana Alayra, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVGORBCdh5A> (3-7 yrs.)  
Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, Ft. Paul Baloche, [https://youtu.be/r\\_2xLdggNKs](https://youtu.be/r_2xLdggNKs) (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11HpoigoUquiGxh4KfYPCxRAV4uR6e\\_Jm/edit?usp=share\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11HpoigoUquiGxh4KfYPCxRAV4uR6e_Jm/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)

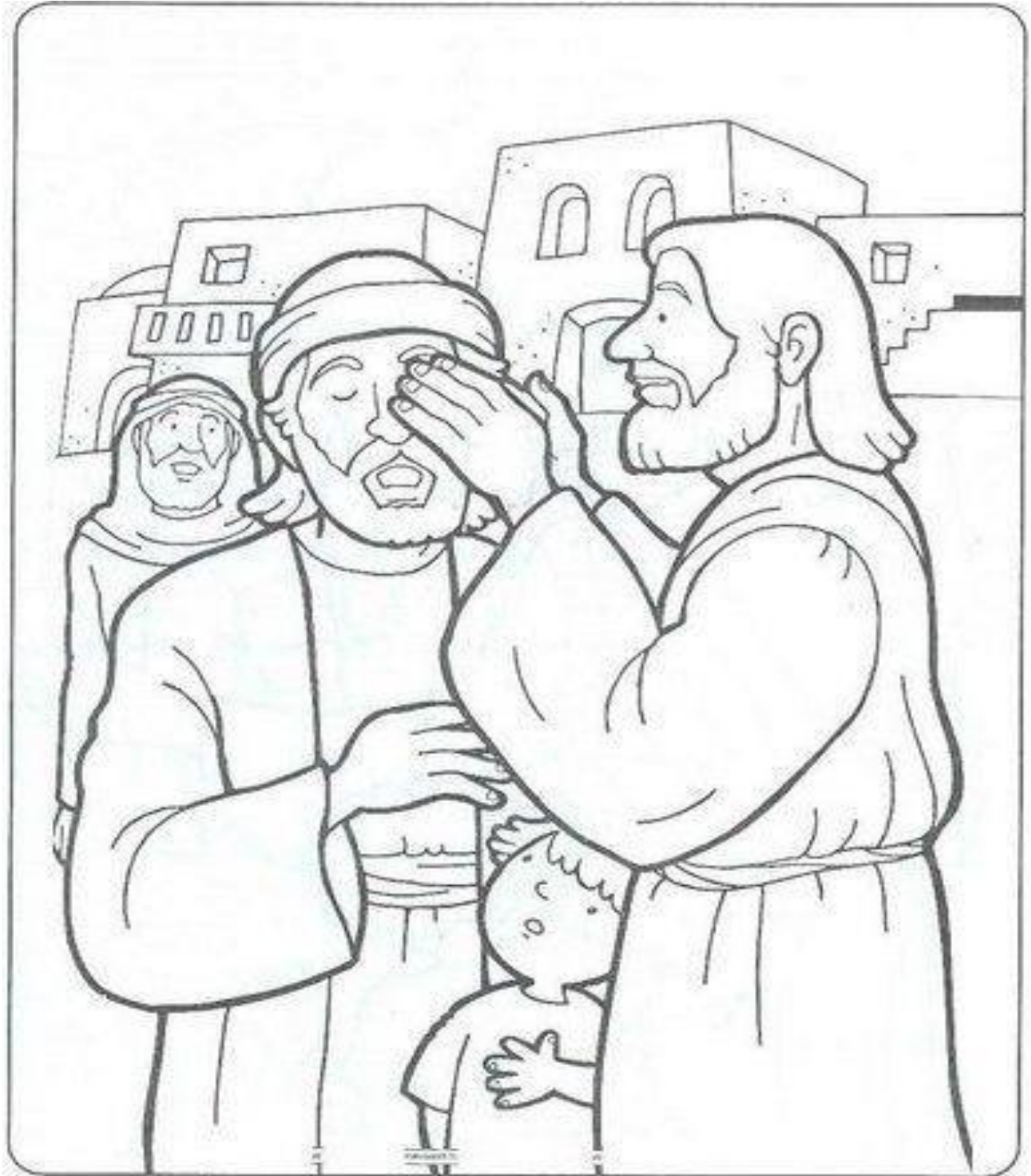


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## JESUS HEALS THE BLIND



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**Instructions:** Unscramble the words that fit into the sentences below them and fill in the word in the boxes. Take the circled letters and unscramble them to complete Jesus' sentence at the bottom of the page.

## JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN



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A man was blind from \_\_\_\_\_

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of the world. John 9:5



Jesus Cures a Blind Man - Craft

Cut and color the pictures. Glue a popsicle stick between the 2 faces above. Glue the sign on the same side as the happy face.

JESUS IS THE  
LIGHT OF  
THE WORLD.

