

**Theme;** Glorifying God in every situation.

**Scripture Reading: John 9:1,10-12** As He went on his way, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. When His friends saw him, they asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man, Jesus, made a paste in the mud and smeared my eyes with it, and told me to go to Siloam and wash. I went and I washed and gained my sight." "Where is He now?" they asked. He answered, "I do not know." vs 5 Jesus said "I am the light in the world.",

**Kid's Talk Object;** A Hymnal



Last week we talked about how Jesus was baptised in the living water. **Water that brings eternal life in heaven to all of us.** Today we are finding out that **He is also the Light that shows us the way to heaven.** Music has always been an important part of my life. I love all kinds of music, but the music I love the most is the music that we sing about Jesus. I have a hymnal this morning and I have marked a few of the hymns that are among my favorites.

Here is one of my favorites, "**To God Be the Glory.**" What a great hymn of praise to God. Here is another that has always been a favorite of mine," **Praise Him. Praise Him all you little children!**

." It tells about how Jesus leads us through the difficult times in our life. Oh! This is one song that is definitely on my list of all-time favorites, " **Tell me the stories of Jesus. I long to hear.**

." Did you know that all of these favorites that I have named this morning have something in common? They were all written by the same person. In fact, there are many hymns in our hymnal written by that person. Her name was **Fanny Crosby.**

When Fanny was six weeks old, she had an eye infection. Her regular doctor was out of town, and a man posing as a doctor gave her the wrong treatment. Within a few days, she was blind. If that happened to me, I am afraid I would be very bitter and I would probably spend a lifetime feeling sorry for myself. Fanny was never bitter and she never felt sorry for herself. When she was only eight years old, she wrote this poem:

**Oh, what a happy child I am. Although I can not see,  
I am resolved that in this world, Contented I will be.  
How many blessings I enjoy, that other people don't.  
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,  
I cannot and I won't!**

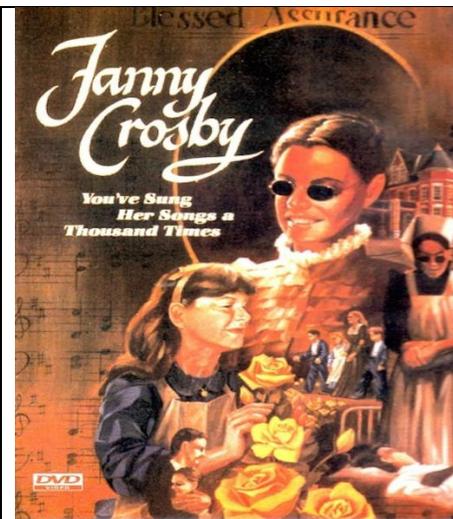
Instead of being bitter and feeling sorry for herself, Fanny used the gifts that God had given her to write over **8,000 hymns** and poems to praise and glorify God.

One day Jesus was walking with his disciples when they passed by a blind man. When they saw him, the disciples asked Jesus who was to blame for the man's blindness. Was it because of his sin or was it because of his parent's sins? Jesus answered them and told them that no one was to blame, he was blind so that God's works could be shown in him.

**Then Jesus healed the man, the people praised and glorified God for his goodness.**

**What about Fanny Crosby? God didn't heal her blindness. Perhaps if God had healed her eyes, she might never have written all of those beautiful hymns -- and the world would never have heard of Fanny Crosby. She used the tragedy of her blindness to share God's love with others. I pray that tragedy will never come into your life, but if it does, remember that everything that happens can be used to praise and glorify God! Jesus said, "I am the light in the world."**

**Dear Lord , Thank you for showing us that you are the light in the world and that even when we are going through hard times, you help us to see how we can help others who going through hard times too. Amen.**



***Let's Sing***

Praise Him. Praise Him all you little children!

God is love! God is Love!

Love Him! Love Him all you little children!

Thank Him. Thank Him all you little children!

Crown Him! Crown Him all you little children

God is Love! God is Love!

***Let's Sing!***

Tell me the stories of Jesus.

I want to hear.

Things I would want Him to tell me  
if He were here.

Scenes by the wayside.  
tales of the sea.

Stories of Jesus tell them to me.

## Jesus heals a Blind man Group Activities

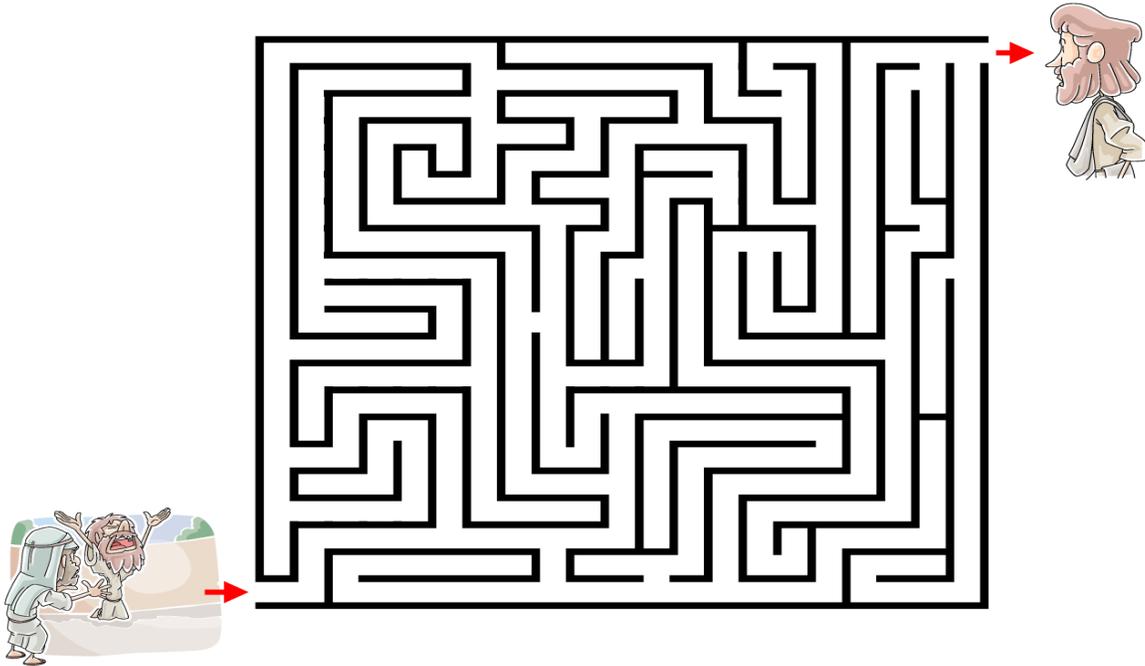
**BLIND DRAWING:** Blindfold two children at a time (unless chalkboard is larger), and have the children draw a picture of the teacher's choosing. This will be fun for the children to SEE later what they drew while blindfolded, and it'll also be fun for the class to watch them draw the picture. This could also be done individually on a piece of paper, as children close their eyes and draw a heart or cross or their own house or church, etc. **I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I CAN SEE!**

**BLIND BAG:** Let each child enjoy a "touch and feel bag" of goodies. With eyes closed, they can feel inside the bag and try to tell what the item is.

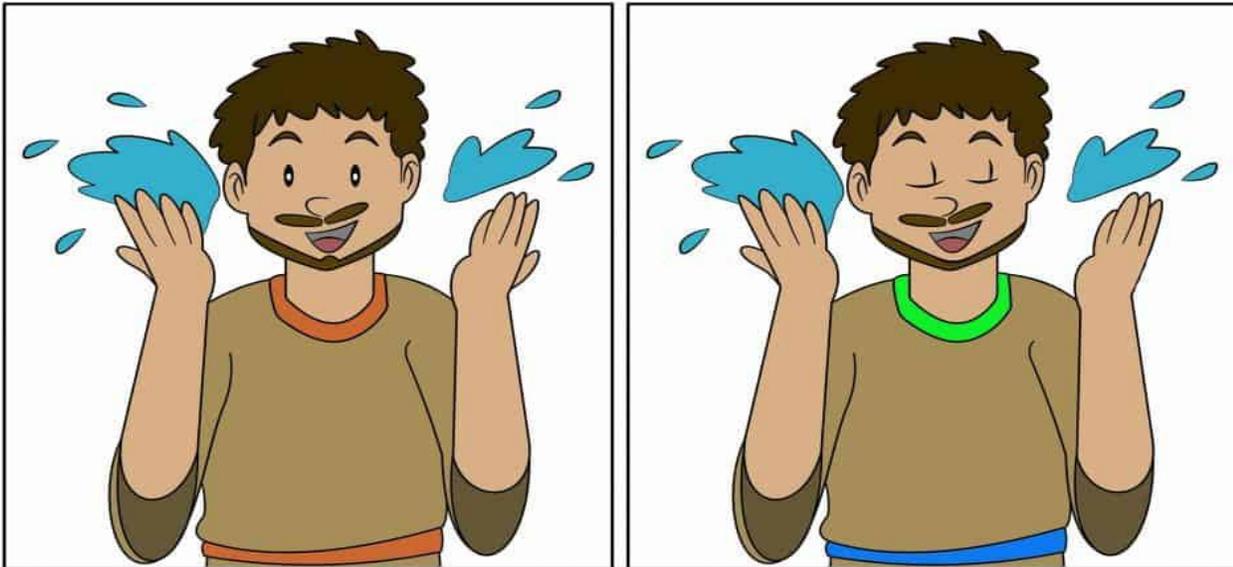
### JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN!!!



## Help the blind man get to Jesus so he can be healed



## Find seven differences



**LET'S SING! The Blind Man Cried ( tune 3 Blind Mice)**

<p>The blind man stood, by the road by the road. and he cried and cried. He cried all day.</p> <p>Oh oh ooh Show me the way, Oh oh ooh Show me the truth, Oh oh ooh Show me the life. The way to go home. The way to go home.</p>	<p>We all went. To our church. we prayed and prayed, We prayed all day .</p> <p>Oh oh ooh Show me the way, Oh oh ooh Show me the truth, Oh oh ooh Show me the life. The way to go home. The way to go home.</p>	<p>Jesus was hung from the cross and Jesus said, and Jesus said,</p> <p>Oh oh ooh I am the way, Oh oh ooh I am the truth, Oh oh ooh I am the life. The way to go home. The way to go home.</p>
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**LET'S DO SOME CRAFTS!**



**And the man said to everyone,  
"I was blind and now I see!!!"**

Craft #1 See page 6. Cut out an oval shape face. Draw on the nose and mouth but cut out a space around the eyes. Cut out a circle that is the same width as the face. Punch a hole in the center of the circle and center it on the face so that the open space is covered. Add a brass brad (or a push pin) front to back at the center of the circle. Separate the 2 sides of the brad. Now draw on closed eyes, spin the circle, draw on muddled eyes, spin the circle and draw on open eyes. Add hair and other features as desired. .( p.s. if using a push pin, attach a small piece of an eraser to hold it on safely)

Tell the story to friends and family.

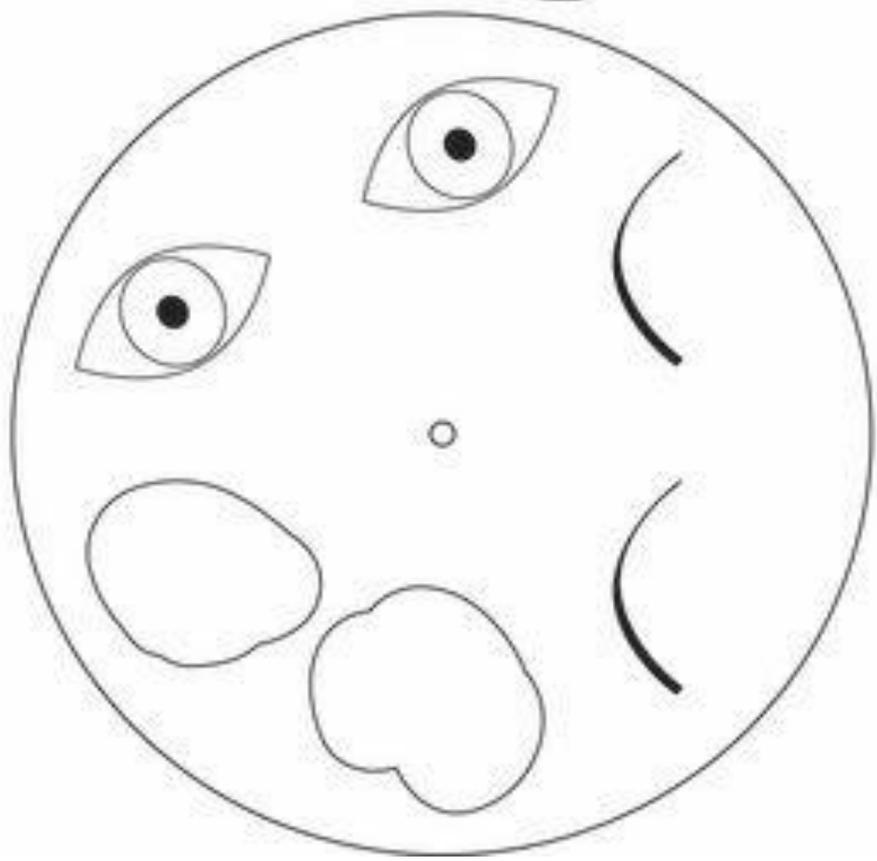
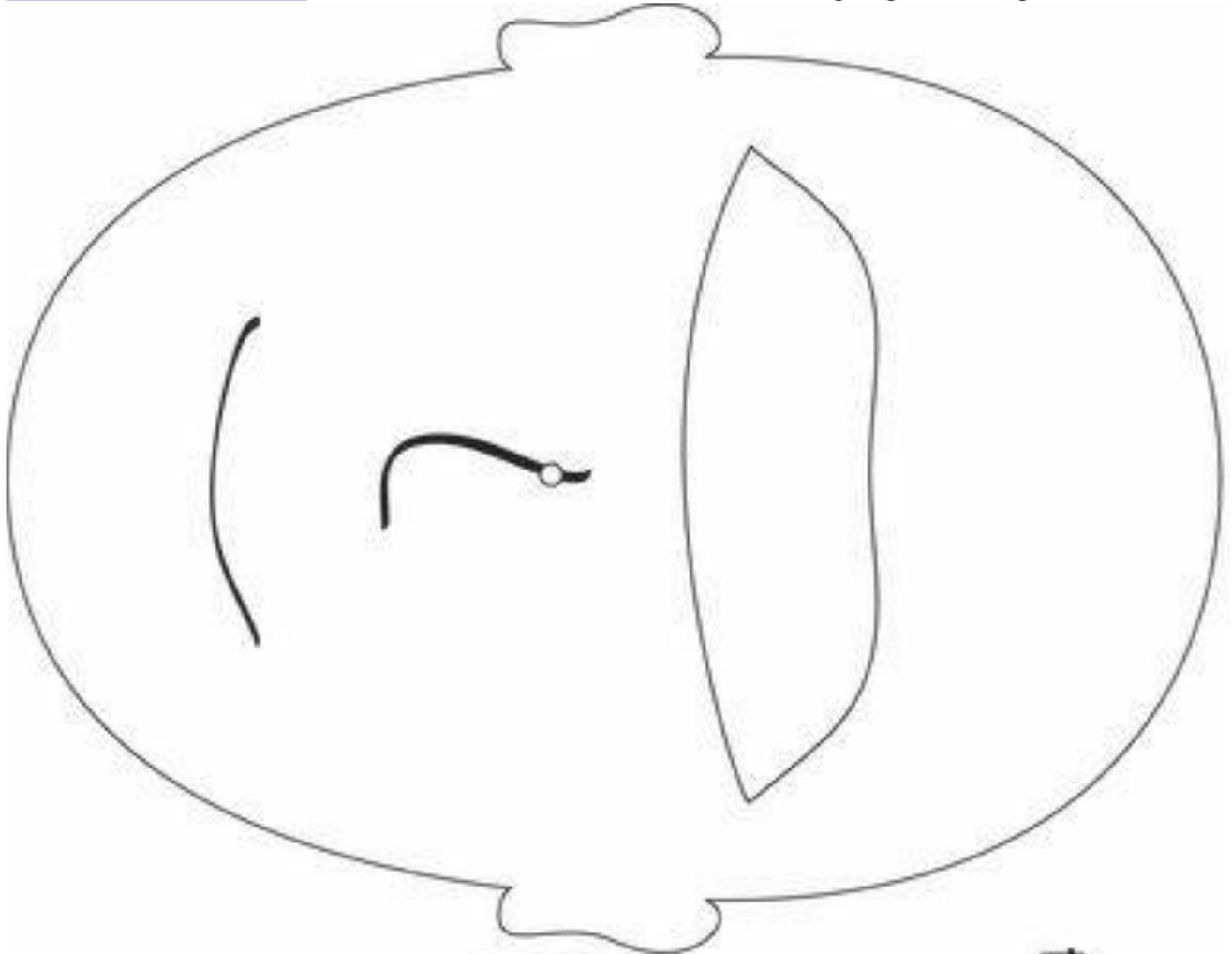


**Sensory Craft**

You will need a blindfold, markers, (or chalk) a large piece of white paper ( or a chalk board), a blind fold and a friend.

First you will put on the blindfold. Your friend will tell you an object they think of. You will draw it in colour without seeing what you are doing. Then your friend will put on a blind fold and you will tell them a certain object to draw. Do this several times, invite others to join you.

Tell the story about Jesus healing the blind man.



Jesus heals  
the blind man

