

# Year A - Fourth Sunday of Lent

## John 9:1, 6-12, 35-38

*The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*



One day as Jesus walked along,  
he saw a man who had been blind since birth.  
Jesus spit on the ground.  
He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes.  
Then he said, "Go and wash off the mud in Siloam Pool."  
The man went and washed in Siloam,  
which means "One Who Is Sent."  
When he had washed off the mud, he could see.  
The man's neighbours and the people who had seen him begging  
wondered if he really could be the same man.  
Some of them said he was the same beggar,  
while others said he only looked like him.  
But he told them, "I am that man."  
"Then how can you see?" they asked.  
He answered,  
"Someone named Jesus made some mud and smeared it on my eyes.  
He told me to go and wash it off in Siloam Pool.  
When I did, I could see."  
"Where is he now?" they asked.  
"I don't know," he answered.  
When Jesus heard what had happened,  
he went and found the man.  
Then Jesus asked, "Do you have faith in the Son of Man?"  
He replied, "Sir, if you will tell me who he is,  
I will put my faith in him."  
"You have already seen him," Jesus answered,  
"and right now he is talking with you."  
The man said, "Lord, I put my faith in you!"  
Then he worshipped Jesus.



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Jesus heals



### Background

This week discusses blindness and asks the children to think about what that would be like. Please consider if any children or members of your community may have this disability or another when you are discussing this and speak with care and respect. You may want to consider if the activities or message may need to be adapted.

### Introduction

- "Who can tell me what happened in today's Gospel? Ask the children questions about the gospel to get them to retell the story back to you.

### Message

- I can't help but think about how difficult it would have been for that blind man in those times. I think it can be hard for us to understand that at times.
  - Look ahead to the activities page, you may want to run some of those activities at this point to help the children empathise with the blind man from the gospel.
  - It's important for us to empathise and try to understand what life was like for that man and for others like him. That is what Jesus did and that is why he reached out to heal him.
  - This story is an example of when Jesus healed someone physically - the man was blind and now he can see and stories like this one can still happen today.
  - We can ask Jesus to heal us of the physical things that hurt us, but Jesus can also help us heal in other ways.
  - Sometimes we are hurt, and it's not because a bone has been broken or we can't see but something or someone has hurt our feelings, hurt our hearts and Jesus can help us heal those things too.
  - And sometimes it's our world that is hurting, something terrible may have happened like an earthquake or a flood. We can ask Jesus to help heal our lands too.
  - Jesus can heal all things.
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- What's an example of a physical thing that Jesus could heal?
  - What are the other ways that Jesus could heal?



### Discussion Questions