

## Basic

# The Teaching of Jesus

## Lord, I believe

### I am the light of the world

#### John 9

##### Setting the scene

Do you know what the five senses are? Not everyone has been given all these senses. Some people are blind, some are deaf etc. What do you think it would be like not to be able to see? What would you miss seeing most? In today's lesson, we find out what happens to a man born blind.

##### Blind from birth

Read John 9:1-12. As Jesus and his disciples were walking along, they saw a blind man who was a beggar. The disciples were curious and asked Jesus who had sinned to cause the man's blindness. Jesus told them that neither the man nor his parents had sinned but it happened so that God's power could be seen in his life.

**Q.** How do you think the man would feel? - lonely and helpless.

Jesus knew all about him and didn't walk on by. He was going to bring him out of darkness into light for, as He said, "I am the light of the world". He then set about healing the man.

**Q.** What three things did Jesus do?

**Q.** What did He tell the man to do?

**Q.** Did the man obey Jesus?

When the neighbours saw the change in the man who had been blind, some recognised him and some didn't. Then he told them plainly that he was the same man. They started asking questions about how his eyes were opened and where the man was who opened them. He only knew that his healer was called Jesus but didn't know where He was.

The man didn't know that he was a sinner and that Jesus was the only One Who could save him. Do you know that you have sin in your life and that Jesus is the only One Who can save you from your sin?

##### Sight restored

Read John 9:13-34. The man who had been blind was brought before the religious leaders and questioned about how he had received sight. He told them how it had happened. He had been healed on the Sabbath day so the religious leaders said that the man Who healed him was a sinner because He had not obeyed the commandments. The healed man was asked what he had to say about the man who restored his sight. He said he thought He was a prophet. He was obviously trying to work out in his own mind who Jesus was. The Jews

didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight so they sent for his parents.

**Q.** What did they ask the parents?

The parents agreed that he was their son who was born blind but didn't know who opened his eyes. The once blind man was brought to the Jews and asked to agree with them that His healer was a sinner. The only thing the man knew for certain was that he had been blind and could now see. Again they asked how his eyes had been opened and he turned the tables on them by asking if they wanted to become his healer's disciples. They became furious and hurled insults at him saying that they were Moses' disciples. The man was gaining in confidence and was beginning to realise that his healer was no ordinary man. He pointed out that God only listens to the godly person who does His will. Nobody had heard of a blind man's eyes being opened before so he reasoned that this man must be from God. They were not willing to be lectured by one they said was steeped in sin from birth so they threw him out of the synagogue. They didn't accept that they were sinners who needed to ask for forgiveness.

##### Seeing is believing

Read John 9:35-38. Jesus knew what had happened to the man. When He found him, He asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

**Q.** What did the man reply?

Imagine his surprise and delight to find himself face to face with the One Who had healed him. He now understood Who Jesus was, believed in Him and worshipped Him. Have you come to know Jesus in a personal way?

##### Summing up

Jesus restored sight to a blind man who did not know Who He was. As time went on, the man came under pressure from the religious leaders who did not believe that his eyes had been opened. He debated with them, reasoning that his healer must be from God and not a sinner. They threw him out of the synagogue. Jesus came to him and made Himself known to him. When he understood Who Jesus was, he put his trust in Him. If you haven't put your trust in Jesus yet, now is the time to do it.

##### Teaching aim

To show that Jesus is the only One Who can save us.

##### Memory verse

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

##### Activities

- Under 8s Activity Sheet "The Teaching of Jesus - 1".
- Over 8s Activity Sheet "The Teaching of Jesus - 2".

##### Resources

###### Music

- JP 27 Cleanse me from sin, Lord
- JP 319 Christ be my leader by night as by day
- JP 128 Jesus bids us shine
- JP 307 All you have to do is ask the Lord

##### Prayer points

Thank God that:

- He sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

Pray for:

- Young people who only know the name of Jesus as a swear word.
- Young people who are seeking to find the truth about Jesus.

# I am the light of the world

## True or False

Colour in **T** if true or **F** if false.

1. The blind man did not know who Jesus was. **T** **F**
2. Jesus touched the man's eyes and he could see immediately. **T** **F**
3. Everybody believed that Jesus had healed the man. **T** **F**
4. The Pharisees put the man out of the synagogue. **T** **F**
5. Jesus told the man He was the Son of Man. **T** **F**
6. The man's parents told the Pharisees that Jesus healed him. **T** **F**

## Memory verse

### Jigsaw

Cut out the pieces below and rearrange them to find the Memory Verse.

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## The man born blind

Put in the missing words from the list below to complete the story of the healing of the man born blind.

blind	world	Pharisees	begging	wash	parents
looked	sinned	Sabbath	mud	worshipped	neighbours
synagogue	miracles	disciples	light		

As Jesus and His d\_\_\_\_\_ were walking along, Jesus saw a man who was b\_\_\_\_\_ from birth. The disciples asked Jesus who s\_\_\_\_\_, this man or his parents, that he was born blind. Jesus told them that neither had sinned but he was born blind so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. Jesus said to His disciples, " While I am in the world, I am the l\_\_\_\_\_ of the w\_\_\_\_\_." He then spat on the ground, made some m\_\_\_\_\_ with the saliva, put it on the man's eyes and told him to go and w\_\_\_\_\_ in the Pool of Siloam. The man did as Jesus said and he could see.

His n\_\_\_\_\_ and those who had formerly seen him b\_\_\_\_\_ asked if this was the man who used to sit and beg. Some claimed that he was, others said that it wasn't but that he l\_\_\_\_\_ like him. The man who had been blind insisted, "I am the man."

When they asked him how he could see, he told them that the man called Jesus made some mud and put it on his eyes and told him to go to Siloam and wash and, when he did, he could see. When they asked him where the man was, he didn't know.

They took him to the P\_\_\_\_\_ and they asked him how he could see. When the man told them, they didn't believe him. Since Jesus had healed the man on the S\_\_\_\_\_ day they said that Jesus must be a sinner. The man who had been blind told them that God didn't listen to sinners and this man could do m\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, they turned to the blind man and asked him who he thought Jesus was. He said that he was a prophet.

The Pharisees sent for the man's p\_\_\_\_\_ and asked if this was their son who had been born blind and, if so, how could he see. The parents answered that it was their son, he was born blind but they didn't know how he could see. They told the Pharisees to ask him.

The Pharisees sent for the man who had been blind and tried to get him to say that Jesus was a sinner. He told them that he only knew one thing, that he had been blind but now he could see. They hurled insults at him and threw him out of the s\_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him, and asked if he believed in the Son of Man. The man asked who the Son of Man was and, when Jesus told him that He was, the man believed in Jesus and w\_\_\_\_\_ Him.