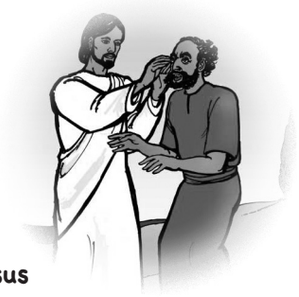
LESSON 23

Jesus Cures Blindness



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus healed people who were blind. Jesus can also heal us of our spiritual blindness, so that we can know God.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 8:22-26**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 123:2**

[O]ur eyes look to the Lord our God ...

Note to teacher: In Mark 8:14-21 the disciples show by their words that they really do not understand the spiritual lesson Jesus is trying to teach them. Their minds are too full of small problems. So Jesus heals a blind man to show the disciples they are also blind, only spiritually.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Ask two of the older children to come to the front of the class. They should then close their eyes tightly so they can't see. Blindfold them with a headscarf or piece of cloth if possible. Tell them to find their way back to their seats with their eyes still closed. When they are back in their seats ask the other children some questions about the episode, eg: Did the two "blind" people find it easy to return to their places? Did they have to use their hands to help them find their way?

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus met and helped many people who were blind. One day, some people brought another blind man to him (Mk 8:22).
2. Jesus took the man outside the village. The blind man would have found it confusing being in the noisy crowd. Jesus healed that man. **Describe what Jesus did (8:23).**
3. The man could see, although not very clearly (8:24).
4. Jesus touched the man's eyes again.
   Show Picture 23. The blind man looks overjoyed in this picture. It is because he can now see clearly (8:25)!

Our Response to the Story

In this story the action of touching appears in nearly every verse. Touch is important to blind people, as they cannot see. We say they use their hands as their "eyes".

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Jesus wants to lead us, as he led the blind man that day, to where we can see him. The Evil One, however, wants us to remain spiritually blind. Jesus can make us see and understand that he is the Son of God, who died for us because he loves us. He does not want us to live in darkness – he wants us to see the light.

Instil the Memory Verse



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