



Lesson 8

I Can See!

Intermediate Small Group Lesson

<p>Bible Story</p> <p>Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind</p> <p><i>John 9</i></p>	<p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name tags• Snacks• How Are You Feeling? Emoji Chart• 15 Plastic Cups• A blindfold• Handout 1, one printed copy per child
<p>Bible Verse</p> <p>“For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so that we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.”</p> <p><i>2 Corinthians 4:6, New Living Translation</i></p>	
<p>Key Teaching Point</p> <p>Receive spiritual sight.</p>	

Small Group Session 1

(15 Minutes)

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let students take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" emoji chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the students are eating their snacks, ask, **"Have you ever been unable to understand something? How did it make you feel?"**

Pray Together

Collect prayer requests from the students. The leader or a student can pray for the entire group or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

Small Group Game: Blindfolded Cup Stacking

Have students take turns wearing a blindfold and attempting to stack 15 plastic cups in a pyramid in one minute or less. Then, have them try the same challenge without the blindfold. Discuss:

- **How did it feel to attempt this challenge when you couldn't see?**
- **How did it feel doing it again without the blindfold compared to the first time?**

It's a lot harder to know where to stack the cups when you can't see! In the same way, we need Jesus to open our eyes to see the truth of God, to see our life and the world the way God does. How does Jesus open our eyes? We're going to learn more about that in our lesson today.

Small Group Session 2

(35 Minutes)

Life Application Activity

God gets the glory when people are physically healed &/or have their spiritual blindness healed by Jesus. How is your spiritual "eyesight"? Do you have doubts like some of the townspeople? After all, it sounds too good to be true, right? You may have never seen anything like this happen.

Or, are you like the blind, unbelieving religious leaders who refused to believe the truth that Jesus was sent by God and is in fact God himself. The religious leaders thought they had spiritual sight, but they did not.

Perhaps you are like the seeing & believing healed blind man who recognized Jesus came from God. If you have doubts or do not yet believe, let's pray for God to reveal himself to you like he did to the blind man, so you can receive spiritual sight.

If you already believe Jesus came from God to heal our spiritual blindness, you can work for God by telling this true story to someone or inviting someone to Crossroads so they can learn about Jesus. We look forward to next week so we can hear what happened!

Ask children to share who they identified with the most, and then pray together as a small group.

Receive the Gift!

Identity: Believing and living as though we are who God says we are.

Give each student a copy of Handout 1.

Discuss the following characters in the story as children draw a depiction of each character.

- A. The Disciples
 1. Fears: Jesus was going to make the religious leaders angry and upset by healing this man on the Sabbath.
 2. Doubts: He just put mud on this man's eyes, there's no way that's going to work!
 3. Physical traits: curious
 4. Understanding of the situation: the man suffered blindness because of his sins or the sins of his parents. Suffering only means God's punishment.

- B. The Religious Leaders
 1. Fears: Losing their power and position of authority to Jesus.
 2. Doubts: There's no way this man can be from God-he breaks the law the religious leaders expected the people to keep! There must be some other reason the blind man was healed.
 3. Physical traits: angry, jealous, and confused
 4. Understanding of the situation: Jesus was not from God, he was a sinner. (Jesus could not be from God because he broke the law as the religious leaders understood it.)

- C. The Townspeople & Neighbors
 1. Fears: the religious leaders
 2. Doubts: This healing could not have taken place, it's impossible!
 3. Physical traits: Suspicious, fear of the Pharisees, accusers
 4. Understanding of the situation: There must be some other explanation.

D. The Blind Man

1. Fears: How am I going to get to the pool safely while blind?
2. Doubts: Is this actually going to work?
3. Physical Traits: Blindness, he was seen by others as a beggar
4. Understanding of the situation: Jesus was sent from God for God listens to those who fear God and does his will. That is why Jesus was able to heal him.

Close the activity by asking, “**How does Jesus meet each of these characters right where they are? How does Jesus want to meet you?**”

Bible Verse Game

Review the Bible verse with a [Bible verse game](#).

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Reflection

Give each child their reflection journal. Invite them to reflect on the following questions and to record their answers in their journal. They may also draw their responses if they wish:

1. What gift can I receive from God?
2. How can this gift impact my life?

Handout 1

<p style="text-align: center;">The Disciples</p> <div data-bbox="258 413 748 743" style="border: 2px solid black; height: 157px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Description:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Religious Leaders</p> <div data-bbox="883 413 1373 743" style="border: 2px solid black; height: 157px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Description:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Townspeople</p> <div data-bbox="258 1188 748 1518" style="border: 2px solid black; height: 157px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Description:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Blind Man</p> <div data-bbox="883 1188 1373 1518" style="border: 2px solid black; height: 157px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Description:</p>