

# Encounters with Jesus - Jesus and the Man Born Blind

## Family Activities

### Activities/Games

#### Identify the object

Have everyone select an item from around the house without letting each other see. When it is your turn to share your item, everyone else closes their eyes or is blindfolded. Then they take turns guessing what the item is. Depending on the item you selected, instruct them to guess based on using one of their other senses: sound, touch, taste, smell, etc. Keep playing until everyone gets a turn presenting an item and guessing.

#### Activity – Seeing and Remembering

Fill a tray with various items. Give each student a piece of paper and pencil. Show the tray to everyone for a given amount of time (3-5 minutes). Remove the tray (or cover it) so that the children can't see the items any longer. Take the next 2 minutes to write down all the items that they remember seeing. See who remembered the most items.

#### Activity – Blind Drawing

Give everyone a paper plate and a pencil. You are going to tell them what to draw, but they have to do it with their plate on their head. Have them:

- draw a sun in the top right corner
- draw some grass at the bottom of the page
- draw a house in the center of the page
- put a chimney on the roof of the house
- draw 5 flowers in the grass
- draw 3 clouds in the sky
- draw 4 birds in the sky

These are just examples of what to say for their picture, you can say anything you'd like for them to draw. When you're all done, discuss with the students what it was like to do something without looking.

Read the story from "*The Beginner's Bible*." Act it out! Feel free to leave out the spitting.

Make and eat chocolate pudding to represent the mud Jesus used to heal the blind man.

Memorize a verse from the story:

- "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." John 9:3b
- "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9: 25b
- [Check out Bible memory verse games you could play.](#)

### Crafts

[Make some chocolate scented "mud" play-doh](#) and let them play with that along with some googly eyes.

[Color and create your own blind man who then can see!](#) All you need is a printer, something to color with, and scissors. [Watch](#) how it is done.