



# How Do You See Jesus?

By Deborah Wassenberg

## Introduction:

Some people *can't* see Jesus yet; some people *won't* see Him; and some *choose not* to see Him. But Jesus wants to open our eyes so we can know Him, trust Him, and follow Him.

## Song Suggestions:

"This Little Light of Mine" – Classic, joyful, and perfect for actions.

"My Lighthouse" (Rend Collective Kids) – God guiding us when we can't see clearly.

"I Saw the Light" (Kids' versions available) – Fun, upbeat testimony song.

"Open the Eyes of My Heart (Kids Worship version)" – Simple and repetitive for young learners.

"Light of the World (You Stepped Down Into Darkness)" – Kids Praise versions

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" – Children love the chorus and actions.

"Walk in the Light" (traditional) – Easy call-and-response.

"Here I Am to Worship (Kids version)" – "Open my eyes, let me see..."

"This Little Light of Mine (Go Fish)" – High-energy, great for primary-aged kids.

"God Is Light" (Seeds Family Worship) – Scripture-based and catchy.

"Amazing Grace" – The definitive "blind but now I see" song.

## Game: Blind Man's Bluff

### You will need:

- A **blindfold** (scarf, bandana, soft fabric)
- A **safe, open space** with obstacles moved aside (Hall, grassy area, or cleared classroom)

### How to play:

#### 1. Choose the "Blind Man"

One player is blindfolded.

This person stands in the middle of the play area.

#### 2. Everyone Else Spreads Out

The other players quietly move around the space.

#### 3. The Blind Man Tries to Tag Someone

The blindfolded player walks carefully, arms outstretched.

Everyone else can move, dodge, and shuffle away—but no running wildly.

#### 4. When Someone Is Tagged

The Blind Man must **guess who they caught** *by touch alone*.  
If they guess correctly, that person becomes the new Blind Man.  
If they guess incorrectly, the game continues.

**Question:** What is it like not being able to see?

### Bible Lesson: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Bible Reference: John 9:1-12

#### Visuals You Will Need:

1. Jesus and the disciples walking by
2. Jesus healing the blind man
3. The healed man and his neighbours
4. The Pharisees and the healed man
5. The healed man's parents
6. The healed man questioned by the Pharisees
7. The healed man thrown out of the synagogue
8. Jesus and the healed man
9. Group of children
10. The Pharisees
11. The healed man's parents
12. The blind man
13. The Pharisees
14. The healed man's parents

#### Words:

1. As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind since birth.  
Can you imagine never having seen anything?  
No colours, no faces, no trees or animals?  
Jesus' disciples asked, 'Teacher, why was this man born blind?  
Was it because he or his parents sinned?'  
'No, it wasn't!' Jesus said.  
'But because of his blindness, you will see God work a miracle for him.'  
As long as it is day, we must do what the One who sent Me wants Me to do.  
When night comes, no one can work.  
While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'
2. After Jesus said this, He spat on the ground.  
He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes.  
Then He said, 'Go wash off the mud in Siloam Pool.'  
The man went and washed in Siloam, which means 'One Who Is Sent'.  
(Jesus refers to Himself as being sent by Father God over 30 times in the Gospel of John! Jesus wanted people to know He was doing the will of God.)  
When the man had washed off the mud, he could see!

3. 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 him.  
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 this man now?' the people asked.  
'I don't know,' said the healed man.
4. The day Jesus healed the man was on the Sabbath.  
The Sabbath was a special rest day that God told His people to observe to take a break and spend time with Him.  
*(God rested on the seventh day after creating the world, not because He was tired but to show His people how to live.)*  
The religious leaders, called the Pharisees, added many extra rules so that the Sabbath became hard work instead of the gift God had intended.
- You can't walk too far.
  - You can't carry anything heavier than a dried fig.
  - You can't heal someone unless they're dying.
  - You can't pick grain to eat, even if you're hungry.
- God did not make these rules.  
They were man-made rules that made life difficult.  
So the people took the healed man to the Pharisees.  
The Pharisees asked him how he was able to see, and the man answered, 'Jesus made some mud and smeared it on my eyes.  
Then after I washed it off, I could see.'  
Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man Jesus doesn't come from God.  
If he did, he would not break the law of the Sabbath.'  
Others asked, 'How could someone who is a sinner work such a miracle?'  
Since the Pharisees could not agree among themselves, they asked the man 'What do you say about this one who healed your eyes?'  
'He is a prophet!' the man told them.
5. But the Pharisees would not believe that the man had once been blind.  
They sent for his parents and asked them, 'Is this the son that you said was born blind?  
How can he now see?'  
The man's parents answered, 'We are certain that he is our son, and we know that he was born blind.  
But we don't know how he got his sight or who gave it to him.  
Ask him! He is old enough to speak for himself.'  
The man's parents said this because they were afraid of the Pharisees.  
The Pharisees had already agreed that no one was to have anything to do with anyone who said Jesus was the Messiah.

6. The Pharisees called the man back and said, 'Swear by God to tell the truth!  
We know that Jesus is a sinner.'  
(Because Jesus did not obey their man-made laws!)  
The man replied, 'I do not know if He is a sinner or not.  
All I know is that I used to be blind, but now I can see!'  
'What did he do to you?' the Pharisees asked.  
'How did he heal your eyes?'  
'I have already told you once, and you refused to listen.  
Why do you want me to tell you again?  
Do you also want to become His disciples?'  
The Pharisees insulted the man and said, 'You are his follower!  
We are followers of Moses.  
We are sure God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where Jesus  
comes from.'
7. 'How strange!' said the man.  
'He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where He comes from.  
We know that God listens only to people who love and obey Him.  
God doesn't listen to sinners.  
And this is the first time in history that anyone has given sight to someone  
born blind.  
Jesus could not do anything unless He came from God.'  
(*Psalm 146:8; Isaiah 35:5*)  
The Pharisees told the man, 'You have been a sinner since the day you were  
born!  
Do you think you can teach us anything?'  
Then they said to him, 'You can never come back into any of our  
synagogues!'
8. When Jesus heard what had happened, He went and found the man.  
Jesus asked him, 'Do you have faith in the Son of Man?'  
The man said, '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 to  
you.'  
The man said, 'Lord, I put my faith in You!'  
And then he worshipped Jesus.  
Jesus told him, 'I came to judge the people of this world.  
I am here to give sight to the blind and to make blind everyone who can see.'  
When the Pharisees heard Jesus say this, they asked, 'Are we blind?'  
Jesus answered, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty.  
But now that you claim to see, you will keep on being guilty.'
9. Some people don't know anything about Jesus yet.  
They are 'blind' because they don't recognise Him.  
The only way to be healed of this blindness is through Salvation.  
Jesus, the 'Light of the World', gives spiritual sight to people when they  
receive Him as their Lord and Saviour.

10. Some people are like the Pharisees.  
They saw the miracle, and they saw the healed man, but they refused to see that Jesus was from God.  
They argued and complained, and tried to find reasons not to believe Him.  
Their eyes worked, but their stubborn hearts were blind.  
Some people are just like that.  
They don't want Jesus to be in charge.  
They like being the boss of their own life.  
So even when God shows them something amazing, they refuse to see it.
11. Some people are like the healed man's parents.  
They knew their son was healed.  
They knew that Jesus healed him.  
But they were scared of what others would think.  
They said, 'Ask him, he's old enough,' because they didn't want trouble.  
Some people know that Jesus is real, but they're too scared to say it.  
They worry about their friends, school, or what others may think.  
They choose not to see.
12. How do you see Jesus?  
Are you like the blind man?  
You don't know much yet, but you're willing to listen and learn.  
Jesus loves that!  
He wants to open your eyes.
13. Are you like the Pharisees?  
You've heard about Jesus, but you don't want Him to be the boss.  
Jesus is patient, but He invites you to trust Him.
14. Are you like the healed man's parents?  
You believe Jesus is real, but you're scared to say so.  
Jesus can give you courage!

## Ministry to the Children:

Jesus opened the blind man's eyes. Today He wants to open your heart.  
How do *you* see Jesus? Do you want Him to help you see Him clearly — to know Him, trust Him, and follow Him?

**Pray:** "Jesus, please open my eyes so I can see who You really are. I believe you are God's Son, and You can change me. I will follow You and let Your light shine in everything I do. I will tell others what You have done for me. Help me trust You, and not be afraid. Thank you for loving me and giving me sight. Amen."

## Memory Verse: John 8:12 (CEV)

Once again, Jesus spoke to the people. This time he said, "I am the light for the world! Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life."

### Glow Stick Verse Hunt

#### You will need:

- A glow stick for each word of the Memory Verse
- Words of the Memory Verse written out on paper
- Sticky tape

#### What to do:

- Stick a word to every glow-stick.
- Activate the glow-stick.
- Place/hide them in a darkened room.
- Kids collect them and assemble the verse in order.
- Kids recite the verse aloud together.

### Bonus

The children can wear the glow sticks as bracelets to remind them: "Jesus is my light."

## Craft: Candle Crafts

- Cardboard Tube Candles (lots of ideas and styles on the internet)
- Votive decoration (tissue paper and PVA glue/paint/washi tape and stickers)
- Decorate candles (drawing with permanent ink pens/sticking on collage items/flowers and leaves, and wrap in wax paper)

