



The Man
Born Blind

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Healing God, you exalt the humble and confound the righteous. Open our eyes to your truth, and wash away all that obscures our vision. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

“When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.
(John 9:6-7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

This man Jesus has some nerve: claiming authority to heal a blind man, and on the Sabbath, no less! The Pharisees won't see past their own legalistic view and behold the true miracle. Who, now is the one truly blind?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Are there people today who are still blamed for their misfortune (poverty, addiction, homelessness, mental illness)? How might we become instruments of understanding and acceptance for them?

Wonder: What did it feel like to grow up blind, and then suddenly be able to see? What was the most beautiful thing you've ever seen?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with sight and insight. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to the darkest place in your home. (Maybe a bathroom with no windows or a closet at night.) Sit for a few minutes in total blackness. What do you hear? What do you feel? How are your other senses heightened when you cannot see? How does the experience help you “see” in new ways?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 9:1-41, The Man Born Blind
Monday, John 6:16-21, Jesus Walks on Water
Tuesday, John 6:22-34, Bread from Heaven
Wednesday, John 10:1-18, The Good Shepherd
Thursday, John 6:35-59, Bread of Life
Friday, John 6:60-71, Words of Eternal Life
Saturday, John 7:1-9, The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers