

Hope in the Light of the World

READY STEADY

Close your eyes and sit quietly for a few minutes. What can you hear? How does it feel not to be able to see?



DO

Close your eyes or wear a blindfold and draw a picture of yourself - how does it look?!

Test your other senses by wearing a blindfold and trying to work out what different things are just by touching, smelling and tasting them

Jesus brought light into the life of the blind man. Why not have a go at making a tea-light holder to remember Jesus the Light of the World

STORY

Jesus brings sight to a blind man
Mark 8: 22-26

Jesus and his followers came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch the man. So Jesus took the blind man's hand and led him out of the village. Then he spat on the man's eyes. He put his hands on the blind man and asked, "Can you see now?" The man looked up and said, "Yes, I see people, but they look like trees walking around." Again Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then the man opened his eyes wide. His eyes were healed, and he was able to see everything clearly.

Jesus brought light into the life of the blind man, giving him hope. What situations in our world need Jesus' light of love and goodness?

Animated video of the story by Saddleback Kids - <https://youtu.be/X4qZ2KSbdxI>

PLAY

Stick a piece of paper to someone's back and give them a piece of paper to draw on. Do a simple drawing on their back bit by bit. As you do each bit ask them to draw on their paper what they felt you draw. When you have finished compare the two. Talk about how difficult it was to copy the drawing when you can't see what is happening. Sometimes it is hard for us to make wise choices when we can't see how things are going to work out, but Jesus's Holy Spirit can help us if we ask him.

Make a dark den in your house with blankets and sheets or outside with sticks and leaves. How does it feel to come out into the light?

Make an obstacle course and do it with a blindfold. Then do it without. What were the differences? How hard is it when you cannot see? What do you have to do to be successful at being able to complete the course when you cannot see?

WONDER TOGETHER

What the blind man must have thought of Jesus firstly when he spat on his eyes and then later

PRAY

Close your eyes for a few moments. As you open them thank God for the first thing that you see. Do this several times, changing your position so that you see different things.

Make a Scene!

Dress up as the characters from the story (some of you could even be people that look like trees!)