

# JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA

## MARK 8:22-26



### Parents Notes

#### Sunday 10th November, 2019

**We are learning today:** Jesus opens our eyes to understand God

#### Summary

In our Bible passage today Jesus healed a blind man. We looked with the children at how it's possible to be able to see clearly but still be blind. How can that be? Lots of people are blind to Jesus today. They can't see who he really is. They don't know that he is the son of God, they don't know that he saves us from our sin, they don't know that he died for us and rose again so that we can be with him forever when we die. They can only see clearly the things that don't really matter, that won't last forever, maybe some of the things we speculated the blind man might have wanted Jesus to give him – fame, being clever, being popular and maybe other things like having lots of money and stuff. But the blind man could see that Jesus could heal him from the biggest problem in his life – his blindness and when Jesus had done that, his eyes were opened to who Jesus really was, the son of God.



The man in our Bible story had a blurred image of the world, maybe your picture of Jesus is a bit blurred, you can't quite see exactly who he is. You can only see a shape, not a person. But keep looking, keep coming to church, keep reading Bible stories, keep praying and gradually you will be able to see Jesus very clearly as the person he really is – the Saviour of the world, the son of God.

#### Try at home

Discuss and pray: Be honest and think about how blurred your picture of Jesus is. It's not wrong to have doubts about him.

What do you need to do to make your picture of Jesus clearer and your doubts fewer?

Pray for God to open your eyes so you can see clearly who Jesus is just like the blind man in the story today.

#### Memory verse

*'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'* (Mark 2:17)

