



# FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

**Week of February 20, 2022: John 9:1-41**

## Memory Verse

**John 9:5:** *"...As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

## The Lord's Prayer

(Have your kids repeat after you!)

Dear God,  
 Our Mommy, Daddy & Parent  
 Up in heaven  
 You are good  
 Come here with us  
 And do what you want to do  
 Just like you do in heaven  
 Thank you for giving me food  
 to eat  
 Clothes to wear  
 And a warm blanket at night  
 Thank you for loving me always  
 Even when I make bad choices  
 I am sorry  
 Help me to love my friends  
 and family  
 Even when they make bad  
 choices  
 Keep me safe  
 You are good  
 So very good  
 Amen.

*(We put this in again to encourage you to consider making this a family ritual)*

## The Story:

### Hey Jesus What Do You Think?

I was walking down the street,  
 it was looking pretty neat,  
 there were lots of folk about,  
 when I heard someone shout out.

"Hey Jesus, what do you think?  
 Here's a question to kick up a stink:  
 Parent or son, who's to blame  
 For this poor man's blind shame?"



It's not about right or wrong,  
 or who's to blame.

This poor man's story  
 will declare God's glory!

Jesus come to bring the light  
 and fill this man with pure delight.  
 A mud pie made will help him see,  
 and he'll go back home in time for tea!

Well now the town was really buzzing,

## Craft Corner

### The Blind Man (all ages)

*You will need: white paper plates, crayons, colored markers.* Give each child a paper plate. Ask them to draw a face on one side with eye open, on the other side draw a face with eyes closed. Talk with the children about the story and discuss the feelings of the blind man before he met Jesus and after he met Jesus and was then able to see. Discuss how his life might change because he had met Jesus and ask the children if they felt they had changed in any way since they first knew of Jesus and the stories of Jesus.



### A Family Prayer for Peace:

Dear God: We pray for peace in our world today. Help us to remember that bullying is not what you want from us. May we all do what we can to be up-standers in our world. And we pray especially for all the children and families in the world facing violence and war. Protect them. Watch over them. In Christ's name, Amen.



the man's eyesight was no longer fuzzy, but still the folk wanted to know why this man had changed so?

Even his friends and family did not believe at what this Jesus had achieved, some thought the blind man had played the fool, before he had washed in the Siloam pool.

So he told his story to one and all, to family and friends who would hear his call. The religious leaders tried to say that this was not part of Godly play.

But the blind man swore it was the Jesus' way to make folk well, and to serve and pray. That God was good, as good can be, for he helped our blind man to be free.

This story tells us of God's love, give praise and glory to God above. And if he can make a blind man see imagine the wonders he might do in me?

*[NOTE: This week's story is different than the Devotions for Life, because the two stories are connected but too much to do in one sitting. We thought this would be a way to get at both of them)*

## Activity

### 'Blind' Games (all ages)

There are many traditional games such as Blind Man's Bluff, Pin the Tail On the Donkey, Cover the Eyes, Obstacle Course or Bear In the Honey Pot that could be played where children are blindfolded as part of the game.

With all these games, discuss the challenges that occur and explore with your kids the techniques they adopted to accomplish their goals. Discuss how other senses become more prominent.

Another topic of discussion could be how barriers are taken away for other-abled people to move around our communities such as recorded voices for crossing intersections, sidewalks with sloped curbs, etc.