

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Pool of Siloam Lent 4

from John 9:1-41.

Jesus opens our eyes and brings us light.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mud
- Pharisees
- Blind
- Light
- Sin

Blindness was common in Bible times. One cause was a sickness that hurt people's eyes. The dry, sandy air in the place where they lived made this eye condition worse. Most people don't have this sickness today, but we have a long name for it—ophthalmic conjunctivitis Try saying that three times fast!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 432-435

Spark Bible pages 1183-1185

Family Prayer

Jesus, thank you for our sight,
Jesus, love us day and night,
We live our life by your great light.
Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1** What's something you have a hard time understanding? Who might help you to understand better?
- 2** Have you ever tried to tell someone about Jesus who didn't want to hear? What did you do when they wouldn't listen?
- 3** If you were blind, what part of God's world would you miss seeing most?
- 4** Find a nice place in a yard or a park and lay down in the grass. Look up at the clouds and try to find cloud pictures that remind you of Jesus or stories Jesus told in the Bible.



Eye Spark

When you see a pond, lake, or river, remember the blind man at the pool. Move your hands over your eyes, as if you are washing them. Say, "Jesus, help me to see you better."



Ear Spark

When you hear water running in your house, think about how the blind man washed the mud away. How can you wash away something Jesus wouldn't like in your life?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

On a warm day, use a hose to create mud in your yard. Finger paint with mud, drawing designs on each others' arms, faces, and legs. Take turns rinsing each other off with a hose.

For younger kids

Make mud pie eye snacks for your family. Ask an adult to help you gather ingredients. Put chocolate sandwich cookies in a sandwich bag and smash with plastic cup. Mix cookies and cream cheese in a bowl. Smash small balls of the mix into small pies and place on a plate. Put a gum drop or other colorful candy in the center of each pie to create an eye. Share your eye snacks with your family.

For older kids

Find a version of Amazing Grace online that you enjoy. Download and share with your family. Listen carefully for lyrics about being blind.