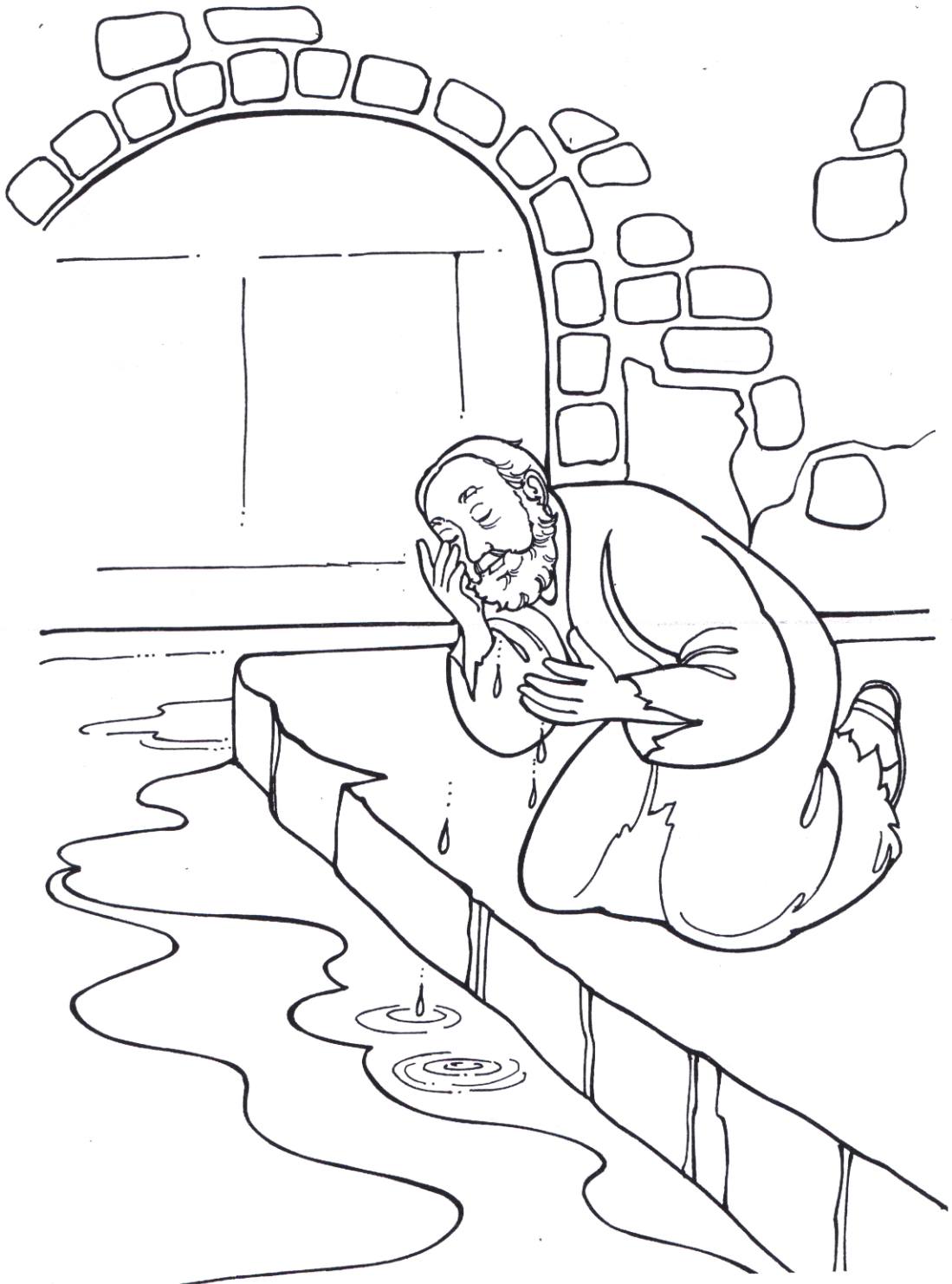


# HEALING THE BLIND MAN



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**Jesus Heals a Man Who Can't See**

# Mud on a Blind Man's Eyes

*Part One*  
*John 9:1-9*

**A**s Jesus walked in Jerusalem, he saw a blind man. This man had been born blind. His disciples asked this question: "Teacher, whose fault was it that he is blind? Did his parents sin? Was it his sin that caused this?"

"He was born blind for a reason," Jesus answered. "This has nothing to do with anyone's sin. God wants to work in him. We must do God's work while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I'm in the world, I'm the light of the world."

Then Jesus spit on the ground. He made mud with his spit and spread it on the man's eyes. "Go wash your eyes in the Siloam pool," Jesus told him.

The blind man went to the pool with mud on his eyes. He washed and for the first time in his life he could see. His neighbors had always seen him begging. "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" they asked.

"It's the same man," some said.

"No," others said. "This man just looks like him."

He told them, "I'm the same man."

*Questions: What was the reason the man was blind? When Jesus was in the world, what was he?*

# Mud on a Blind Man's Eyes

*Part Two*

*John 9:10-25*

**T**he once-blind beggar tried to explain why he could see: "Jesus spread the mud on my eyes and said 'Wash at Siloam Pool.'"

Because it was the Sabbath, they brought the man to the Pharisees. "This man isn't from God," some Pharisees said.

"But how could a sinner do this miracle?" others asked. The Pharisees couldn't agree. So they asked the blind beggar, "What do you think? He gave you your sight."

"He's a prophet."

The Pharisees didn't believe him. "He was never blind," they said. So they asked his parents.

"This is our son," they said. "He was born blind. We don't know why he can now see. He's a grown man. Ask him." So the Pharisees called the man for the second time.

"You should only praise God that you can see," they said. "Jesus made mud on the Sabbath. He's a sinner, not a miracle worker."

"I don't know if he's a sinner," the man answered. "I do know that once I was blind. Now I see."

*Questions: Why did they bring the man to the Pharisees? Why did the Pharisees say that Jesus was a sinner?*

# Mud on a Blind Man's Eyes

*Part Three*

*John 9:26-41*

I already told you, Jesus gave me my sight," said the once-blind beggar. "Do you want to be his follower like me?"

The Pharisees cursed him. "You follow Jesus. But we're followers of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses. But we don't know where Jesus comes from."

"This is amazing!" exclaimed the man. "You don't know where he comes from? He opened my eyes! Everybody knows that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to those who worship and obey him. Since the world began, no one born blind could see. If Jesus weren't from God, he couldn't do this."

"You were born a sinner," said the Pharisees. "Do you think you can teach us?" They threw him out. "You can't be a Jew anymore."

Jesus heard they'd thrown the man out. Jesus went looking for him. He found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

"Who is he, Sir?"

"You've seen him. He's speaking with you right now," Jesus answered.

"Lord, I believe." And the man worshiped Jesus.

*Questions: Who does God listen to? What happened to the man because he followed Jesus?*

# John 9—Jesus Heals a Man Who Can't See

## Healing Time Line

### Supplies

copies of the time line scenes  
and blind man figure for each  
child  
crayons or markers  
scissors  
tape

### Directions

Color and cut out each time line scene and the blind man figure (leaving the blind man figure as one piece). Fold the figure on the dotted line. Glue a craft stick between the two sides of the blind man figure, at the bottom. Tape the time line scenes together in order per the numbers in the lower right corners. Move the blind man through the time line, placing him in the empty spaces in each scene as you retell the story of Jesus healing a man who could not see:

- 1) As Jesus was walking, He came across a blind man (show side of the man with eyes shut).
- 2) Jesus made mud on the ground with His spit.
- 3) Jesus put the mud on the blind man's eyes.
- 4) Jesus sent the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam.
- 5) When he washed off the mud, the blind man could see (turn the blind man over to show his eyes opened)! The man told others about what Jesus did, and the people were amazed.



# ELIJAH TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

2 KINGS 2:1-11

## ACROSS

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ PULL CHARIOTS.  
(RHYMES WITH "FORCES")
- 2) TWO-WHEELED BATTLE  
WAGON PULLED  
BY HORSES
- 3) FLAMES
- 4) MOVEMENT OF AIR -  
RHYMES WITH "PINNED"

## DOWN

- 1) GOD'S DWELLING PLACE  
ON HIGH
- 5) OPPOSITE OF ON
- 6) OPPOSITE OF OUT
- 7) TO CONSUME FOOD

