

YEAR A  
4th SUNDAY OF LENT

# HE HAS OPENED MY EYES

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Brightly coloured objects and pictures.
- > A lamp or a lighted candle.
- > Either eye shape cut-outs; or candle shape cut-outs.

## WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*Say/sing together:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour.  
Lord, grant that we may see.  
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour.**

*The children could make the blind man's response.*

A reading from the Good News  
given to us by John.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

One day as Jesus was walking along the road, he saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus bent down, licked his fingers, made a muddy paste with the dust of the ground, and spread it on the man's eyes. Then he told the man, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.'

## DISCUSSION

How did Jesus heal the man?

What did Jesus ask him to do?

Why did people keep asking the man what had happened to him?  
- because he was so changed, he did not seem like the same person.  
Jesus can do the same for us.

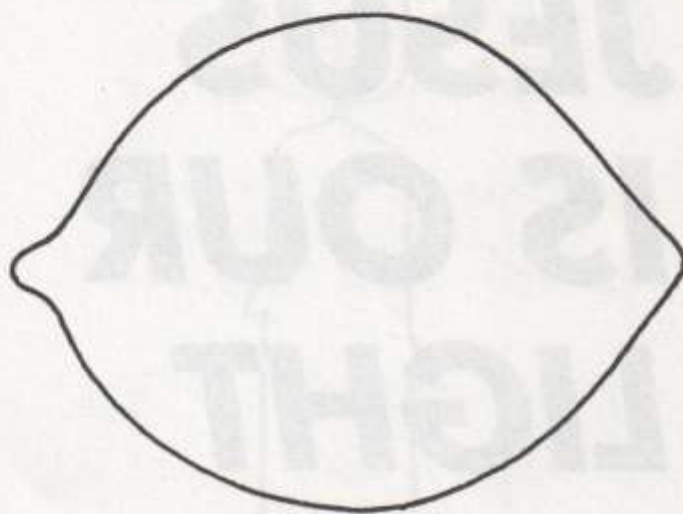
Once he could see, what did the man do?  
- he believed in Jesus.

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### SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about what the world would be like without light, without colour, without eyes to see. Talk about how we need light to see clearly, the difficulty of seeing in the dark. Talk about the things the children would miss if they were blind, if it were dark all the time.



The man went, washed, and he could see. Many could not believe this was the same man, so they asked what had happened. The man said, **'Jesus made a paste, spread it on my eyes; I washed and now I can see!'** The news caused such a commotion that the priests sent for him, and they too asked what had happened: Again the man replied **'Jesus made a paste, spread it on my eyes; I washed and now I can see!'**

Many still found it hard to believe, and kept questioning the man. Again he told them,

**'Jesus made a paste, spread it on my eyes; I washed, and now I can see!'**

Laster, Jesus asked the man,

'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

'Who is he?' the man replied.

'You are looking at him', Jesus said.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the Gospel.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.
- > On the eye shapes, have the children write or draw how they can use their eyes to help others.
- > On the candle shapes, have the children write or draw how they will keep the light of Christ burning brightly in their lives.

