

IDEAS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP (6-11s)

THEME: Jesus heals a Man born blind

SONGS:

God of Science <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqoYaksgnc0>

Shine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVLG-aVKRMc>

As the World Shakes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>

BIBLE TIME:

Watch the bible story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI>

Read the story: John 9:1-8, 24-32 and 35-38

Questions:

- What was your favourite part of the story?
- The man had been born blind. How did Jesus heal him?
- The Pharisees were angry because Jesus had healed him on the Sabbath, which was a day of rest.
- What did the man say about Jesus to the Pharisees?
- What did the man believe about Jesus?
- How did being healed by Jesus affect him?
- In the end why did the man choose to worship Jesus?
- What are some reasons for us to worship Jesus today?

DISCUSSION:

This could be an interesting discussion with older children, if you're up for it, and this question may well come up anyway:

WHY DOESN'T GOT HEAL EVERYONE?

1. **Miraculous Healing** - This doesn't happen often and it's amazing when it does. This is the same in the bible - even with Jesus it was rare and everyone was shocked and amazed when he healed someone. By definition, miracles are not a normal thing!
2. **Healing** - God does still heal people today - sometimes through miracles but more often it's through the amazing things that he has helped humans to invent - like vaccines, hospitals and quarantine science! *Make a list of all the different things that help people stay healthy or get better.* God has inspired his people to heal one another!
3. **God's Eternal Viewpoint** - From God's perspective life is not limited to what we do on earth. As Christians we believe that life in God is eternal and lasts forever, even when people die they can still live on with God in heaven - and in heaven there is no suffering or pain, everyone is healed!

4. **God is Good** - We can trust that God is good and that he loves his people. We can have hope in him and hope in the future because of all he has said and done for people in the past. Even in really difficult times when we suffer or hurt, we can rely on his goodness to see us through.
5. Listen to God - C.S. Lewis wrote in his book, *The Problem of Pain*: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain, it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." Sometimes we can hear what God is saying more clearly when things are hard, than when they are easy. What might God be saying to you today?

PRAYER CRAFT:

Give each of your young people a strip of paper, pencil and pair of scissors and ask them to create a set of paper dolls. (full instructions can be found here: <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/paper-dolls.html>) Draw people on them to represent those in need, those working to help people and those they know and care about. Use these people to pray about the people around the world who need healing and who need God's help at this time.

THIS WEEK:

Go and find a rock or stone from your garden. Clean it up in the sink, wash the dirt from it and dry it. Keep this stone somewhere safe and every time you hear something that worries you or you think of someone that needs God's help, find your rock, hold it tight and tell God all about it.