

# Sight

John 9:1-41

## Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the beautiful world You created for our enjoyment. Thank You for the trees, the flowers, the lakes, and the mountains. Thank You for creating each one of us. Help us to use our eyes and ears, arms and legs, to serve and obey You every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Family devotions

### SUNDAY

Matthew 9:27-31

### MONDAY

James 5:15-16

### TUESDAY

Psalm 66:1-5

### WEDNESDAY

John 9:1-11

### THURSDAY

II Kings 5:1-4, 9-15

### FRIDAY

Mark 7:31-37

### SATURDAY

Matthew 18:10-14

## Did you know?

- \* The Pool of Siloam where Jesus told the blind man to wash was built by King Hezekiah in the eighth century B.C. and still exists today.
- \* God gives special protection to the blind. "Cursed is he who misleads a blind person on the road" (Deuteronomy 27:18).
- \* Many blind people have led very productive lives. Louis Braille invented the Braille reading system for the blind, Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 hymns including "Blessed Assurance," and American author Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, strove to prove disabled people can live independently.

## Family activity

- \* Have someone tie a dishtowel over your eyes and/or your child's eyes. Try to do some everyday activities like putting on your coat, eating a meal, or walking around your home. Be sure to have someone watching so you don't get hurt. Stop and thank God that you can see with your eyes.
- \* Do you know someone who is blind? Think of ways you could help that person in everyday tasks.
- \* Keep a prayer list of people who are sick or in need. Also include a list of things to thank God for.

## What's it all about?

"Why did God make him that way?" Has your child ever asked you that question? It's a tough question to answer. The disciples asked a similar question: "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" (John 9:2). Jesus told them it was not because of his sin or his parents' sin but "that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3). God can use even blindness to bring glory to His name.

When Adam sinned, our world lost its perfection (Romans 5:12). The world isn't perfect, and neither are our bodies. Some people have eyes that need glasses, teeth that need straightening, or other imperfections. It's not because of a specific sin but because we live in a world full of sin, and suffering is a result of sin. God has the power to heal and to stop pain and suffering, but sometimes He chooses not to because He can use those things to display His works, help us serve Him better, or bring someone back into His loving arms.

## Songs to sing

"Blessed Assurance"  
 "Two Little Eyes"  
 "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

## Memory verse

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. *Psalm 107:1*