

God Made Me

In the last lesson, we learned about God’s amazing power as Creator of all things and that He did it all by just speaking! When He created living things such as birds and animals and people, He made them able to have babies. God planned that you would be born. He planned that each one of us would be born!

God created you and all the parts of your body. You were created in His **image**. Thank God that He was very **wise** in the way He made you. You are just the way He wants you to be. Every part of your body has its own **purpose**. Sometimes a part gets hurt, or doesn’t work well, or is even missing. When that happens, the other parts can help out.

Although the Bible tells us that we were all made in God’s image, He wisely made us all different. Take a look at each other. Do any of us look just like someone else? None of us has exactly the same color eyes, hair, or skin, do we?

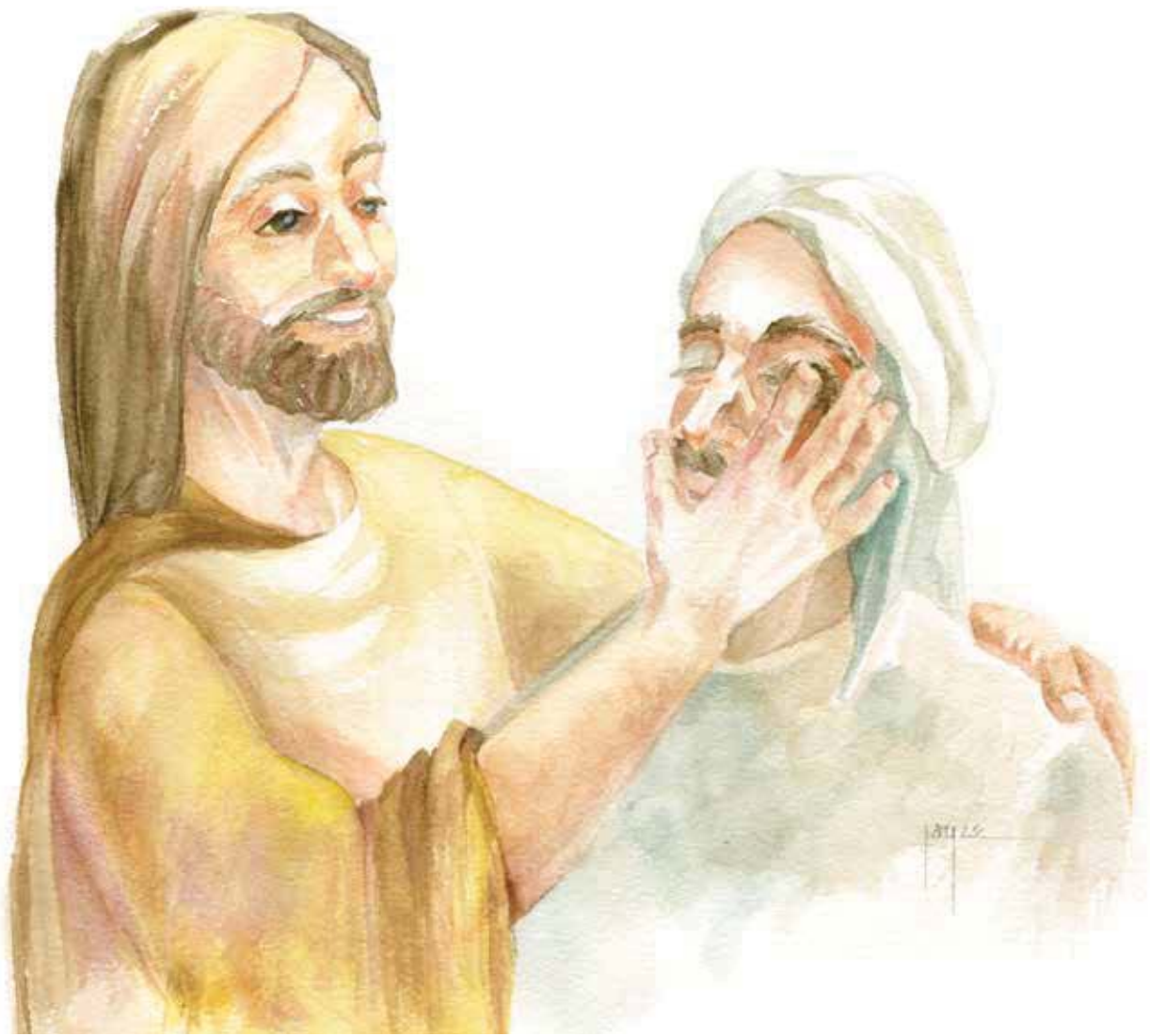
Your Creator has given you your body, your **soul**, and your **abilities** so that you will be able to serve Him in the way He has planned for you. We serve God because He has made us and saved us. We can each use our unique abilities to serve Him.

John 9 tells about a man who was born



blind, which made him different from other people. As a child, perhaps he was unable to run and play. Perhaps he bumped into things. Maybe some people even laughed at him.

Jesus’ disciples **wondered** why the man was blind. “Who sinned?” they asked Jesus. “Was it this man who sinned? Or was it his parents?” Some people believed that blindness and other physical problems were a punishment for sin.



Jesus answered that this man's blindness was not because of anyone's sin but rather that God's power might be shown in him. God had a special plan to reveal that Jesus is God's Son, who gives hope and life. Jesus would show His mighty power by opening the man's eyes so that he could see!

Jesus spat on the ground and made clay. Then He put the clay on the man's eyes and told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam."

The man did as Jesus told him. When he came back, he could see! How amazed the people were! Some of his neighbors hardly recognized him. They asked him what happened: "How were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The man named Jesus put mud on my eyes and told me to go and wash. I did, and now I can see!" Can you imagine his joy?

As a result of the miracle, this man, his neighbors, and people throughout the world have come to believe in Jesus.

Maybe your body does not work quite like someone else's or look exactly the way you want it to look. Perhaps you wear glasses or can't run very fast. Maybe your feet are different sizes or you have a crooked nose. Like the blind man, these differences do not mean that God is judging you because of some sin. In fact, God can use these differences for His glory.

Even when your body is not quite the way you think it should be, continue to trust in Jesus. The day is coming when He will restore your body to be perfect, just like He restored this man's eyesight. Until then, God the Father who created you will also **preserve** you.

ACTIVITY 1

Circle these words in the puzzle. Then take turns using each word in a sentence.

IMAGE **ABILITIES** **GOD**
WISE **WONDERED** **EYES**
PURPOSE **PRESERVES** **MEMBERS**
SOUL **BELIEVE** **FATHER**



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ACTIVITY 2

Check the Facts

Write true or false in front of each sentence. Correct the false sentences by changing or adding words to make them true.

- _____ 1. You can use your unique abilities to serve God in a special way.

- _____ 2. The most important reason you are here on this earth is so that you can enjoy life.

- _____ 3. The man we learn about in John 9 was born blind because his parents had sinned.

- _____ 4. Jesus put clay or mud on the man's eyes and told him to go and wash in the Jordan River.

- _____ 5. By healing the blind man, Jesus showed His great power and revealed that He is the Son of God.

- _____ 6. The man told others what Jesus had done, but no one believed in Jesus.



Catechism

The First Article of Creation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, . . .

What does this mean?

. . . that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, and all my members, . . .



Memory Verse

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.
—Psalm 139:14

Enrichment Memory Verse:
Psalm 139:15–16