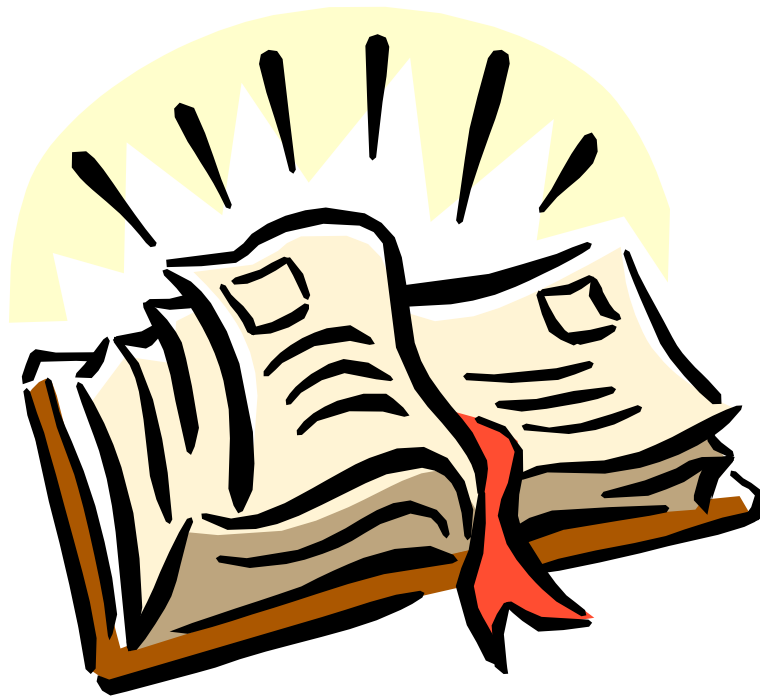


# Bible Time for Kids!



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

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**LESSON TITLE: Jesus Heals the Blind Man**

**THEME: Jesus is the light of the world.**

**SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-41**

# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when **Jesus Healed the Blind Man**. In the lesson we learned that **Jesus is the light of the world**. This world is a very dark place. Our enemy, Satan wants as many people as possible to remain in that darkness. But Jesus came to bring light into this dark world. What a great thing that Jesus has brought light to this dark place.

This week we will be learning more about how that Jesus is the light of the world. We have been given light ourselves when we ask Him into our lives and we also have the privilege of carrying that light to others. Something fun to do as a family this week is to sing "This little light of mine." Have fun studying more about the light of the world - Jesus!

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 9:1-41**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# Walking in the Light

**Text: John 3:19** – “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

**Also read John 3:1-21**

Have you ever sat in a dark room for very long? If you sit there long enough, your eyes will begin to adjust to the darkness. In the darkness you might be able to see large objects and may be able to walk around a little. As long as there is enough light to reflect on objects you can see a little bit. But in a truly dark place, a place where light cannot get in at all, you cannot see anything. An example of this is an underground cave. When the lights are shut off you can't see anything at all. If you ever have the chance to explore a cave or maybe take a tour in an old gold or silver mine, they will probably take a moment and turn out the lights to give you an idea of how dark it can be. You will quickly find that you lose your way; you can lose your balance, stumble and even fall without light.

The Bible tells us that this world is filled with darkness. And because it is filled with darkness it can be a very dangerous place. But Jesus tells us that He is the light of the world. God's word says that men loved darkness because of their evil deeds. But God's love is very great for man. He loved the world so much that He sent Jesus. Jesus is God who has come in human flesh. He was able to show us who God is and what He is like. His purpose was to be a beacon, a bright shining light for us. We need the light of God in the world. We need a beacon to show us where to walk when we are in darkness.

Just as a light shining in the darkness helps people to see around them, Jesus shines a pure, holy light that will pierce through the darkness of our sinful heart and help us to see spiritually. Jesus is the light of the world. If we choose to do evil, the Bible teaches we are choosing to walk in darkness. Let's allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine upon our hearts.

- Why do you think people who do bad things like to do them in the dark?
- What happens when light shines into a dark place?
- Who is the light of the world?

## **Kid's Bible Dictionary**



**Darkness:** The absence of light.

# The Cloudy Day

**Text:** John 1:4 – “For in Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

**Also read John 1:1-13**

During the winter, the light of day doesn't shine for very long. Often, there is one rainy day after another. The amazing thing is that the sun still shines, but it is above the cover of clouds which is over the earth. Fog also can block the sun, causing the entire day or most of it, to be gray. But the sun has never stopped shining, even though we may not see it. It is still shining above the clouds.

Sin is like clouds. Sin can block the light of God from our hearts. The light of God still shines above the darkness as God waits for us to ask for forgiveness and to turn from our sin (repentance). When we do turn to Him, He will then blow away the dark clouds of sin and allow His glorious light to shine in our hearts. It is God's desire that we would turn away from our sins and run to Him.

The Bible teaches that if we follow Jesus, the light of the world, we will have light in the middle of all of the darkness around us. This world can be a very dark place because it is without God's light. The clouds of sin are covering the world and blocking God's light; but when we come to Jesus, we find that in Him there is no darkness at all. Jesus never sinned, so He is all light. If we ask Jesus into our heart, we are inviting Him to shine into our lives and take away the darkness of our sins. Jesus is life and light and He came to take away the sins of the world.

Have you asked Jesus into your life? Do not let the cloudiness of sin keep you from enjoying the blessing and warmth of Jesus' light and love! He wants to remove all of the darkness from your heart and replace it with His glorious light.

- Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?
- What do you think would happen to the earth if the sun never shined again?
- What would happen to someone who was in darkness and never asked Jesus to come into his or her life?

## **Kid's Bible Dictionary**



**Repent:** To turn completely from our sin, to do a U-turn.

Day Three

# Living in the Dark

**Text:** John 9:5 - "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**Also read John 9:1-11**

Did you know that Jesus had a purpose, a specific reason for everything He said and everything He did while He was here on earth? Whenever he went somewhere there was always a lesson to be learned. The disciples, Jesus' followers, were taught many lessons including how God uses situations and unsolvable problems to work for His glory. Our Lord was always speaking to the leaders of the Jewish religion, the Pharisees, trying to show them the true nature of the Living God.

One Sabbath day, Jesus tried to show the Pharisees that they did not even know who God was. The religious leaders were angry and would have stoned Jesus but Jesus miraculously left the temple without the Pharisees seeing Him. On the way out of the temple, Jesus stopped. The disciples, who apparently could still see Jesus, asked Him about a blind man sitting by the temple. The disciples asked Jesus if the man or his parents were the sinners who had caused the blindness. Jesus stopped to teach the disciples that it wasn't because of anyone's sin, but God was using the blind man to show God's glory.

Jesus healed the man's eyesight, to the wonder of everyone. They knew the man had been blind all his life. Never had anyone seen such a miracle. Before Jesus gave the man his sight He said something the man would probably never forget. "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." This man had never seen the light of day. He did not know what color the sky was. But he found out that Jesus was the light of the world, and healed his eyes. How marvelous for him!

And how wonderful that the Bible tells us about our light and savior Jesus Christ. We, like the man, were once blind. There was darkness in our hearts; but when Jesus shined in our hearts, we saw the light that He wanted to give us. The light that could make the darkness flee. When we ask Him to save us, He takes the darkness away and fills our hearts with His glorious light.

- What did the man do when Jesus gave a command?
- Why did Jesus heal the blind man?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Blindness:** Not having the ability to see.

Day Four

# Can't Put Out Jesus' Light!

**Text: John 12:46** - "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

**Also read John 12:23-50**

Have you ever walked on a dark night all by yourself? Without someone beside you, you might be very frightened. Without a light, you could fall or run into something. You want to be able to see the road ahead of you so that you won't fall. Light also helps you to not be afraid of anything that may be ahead of you. More than once in the Bible Jesus taught that He was our light. He gave many examples of how He was the light, the truth, and the way to follow.

One day Jesus came into Jerusalem, and declared to the people in the temple that He was the Chosen One, God Himself in the flesh. The people were now face to face with the light of the world, the One that God had sent to save them from their sins. This was their opportunity to accept Jesus as the Messiah. In John chapter 1 Jesus said that man loved darkness rather than light. Because of this they wanted to put out Jesus' light by crucifying Him on the cross.

But no one can put out the light that Jesus brings into this world. Jesus rose again from the dead and filled His people with the Holy Spirit so that every one of us can be a witness to the light of Jesus. Jesus told the people in the temple that a man who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. The Bible tells us that some people were blind to what Jesus was saying. There are people today who are just as blind to the things of the Lord. God wants to use us to be lights to shine the wonderful love of Jesus in this world. The world is a dark place without the light of Jesus. He is offering everyone the opportunity to walk with Him forever--to walk in the light of His love and be His children of light. Will you come to Him?

- If you were walking in darkness would you accept a light if someone offered it?
- Would you be able to live in a dark place without light?
- Why did Jesus come into the world?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Abide:** To remain or stay in, to live in. We should abide in Jesus' light and not in darkness.

Day Five

# The Loving Light

**Text: John 9:38** - "Then he said, 'Lord, I believe!' And he worshiped Him."

**Also read John 9:8-41**

The Pharisees were very angry! They had chased after Jesus, but could not find Him. He had just slipped right out of their hands. Then this blind beggar, a man who sat at the gate for many years asking for handouts showed up. Jesus had given him back his sight and he was completely healed! As the man talked, the Pharisees discovered the beggar was praising Jesus for what He did. Instead of being happy that this man's suffering was now over, they were mad.

The Pharisees were very jealous of Jesus. They wanted to do all the teaching about God. The man was trying to tell them Jesus had done a wonderful miracle. But the religious leaders became even angrier and threw the man out of the temple. Jesus is kind and gentle. He heard about this and He knew the man was ready to make a decision to believe in Him. Jesus wasn't afraid of the people who were against Him. He wanted to make sure that this man received what He needed. And what He needed was salvation through Jesus, the light of the world.

He asked the man who had been blind if he believed in the Son of God. At first the man did not understand. No one had ever told him about the Son of God before. When Jesus said He was the Son of God the man understood better who this One was who had healed him. He didn't hesitate to accept Jesus as his Savior. Now he could see physically and spiritually. Jesus helped the blind man and showed the leaders what love is supposed to be about. He explained to them that He wanted to take away physical blindness and spiritual blindness too. Jesus loved the man who had been blind and showed him who He really is. Jesus loves us very much also. When we come to Him, He will take away our blindness and help us to understand how we can have a relationship with Him.

- How do we know Jesus cared about the blind beggar?
- Why do you think the Pharisees were so angry?
- Why do you believe the beggar was able to stand up to the Pharisees?

## Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray thank Jesus for coming and showing us His light in this dark world. Commit yourself to continue to learn more about Him and His love. Ask Him to help you to share His light with others.

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see."

Third Grade and Above

"For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

John 9:39