

The Boy Born Blind

Key Word: **Blind**

Key Verse: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. *John 9:5*

When Nick was a baby, the doctors discovered he couldn't see. It hadn't mattered much when he was little. He thought everyone was like him, living in a world of total blackness. As he grew older he began to realize he was different. People talked about trees, flowers, the sky, and the sea, but Nick had no idea what they meant. When he was five he began to read Braille and that was better. He loved stories and he could live in a different world.

Nick's parents weren't very nice to him. They made him do all sorts of very difficult things, by himself. They made him learn to do things on his own, like his younger brother who could see! It was agonizing for Nick.

One day, when Nick was outside playing soccer with his brother and a few friends, the other boys made him goalie, and then they began kicking the ball straight at Nick as hard as they could. Since he could never see it coming, Nick could not get out of the way. Again and again the ball hit him straight in the chest, or on the face, or on his knees. In the end, he ran home crying. His mom hugged him, but she sent him out again. Nick never enjoyed soccer after that.

Nick grew up not liking other people much, even his own family. People had been unkind to Nick, teasing him and abusing him. But it made him strong and tough, and he didn't care what other people thought of him. One day he heard about Jesus, who had healed a blind man, just like Nick, he had been born blind.

Jesus made a paste out of mud and smeared it over the man's eyes, and after that the man had been able to see. Nick prayed that Jesus might do the same for him, that he too might receive his sight.

He began to learn more about Jesus. And the more he learned about Jesus, the more he learned about God. For the first time in his life, Nick felt really happy. He began to love his family, and realized that his parents had made him tough and independent. He thanked God for them and he realized his blindness was hardly a handicap at all. Nick knew he wanted to follow Jesus for the rest of his life.

Questions

Why was Nick angry with everyone?

After Jesus put mud on the blind man's eyes, what did he tell him to do?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 9:1-41



Twisted Word Search

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 I O M E H C
 R D G
 3 F O G N L U O
 4 I N T O
 5 H M
 6 A
 7 N
 8 F I
 9 O T N
 0 I R E
 1 W E
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 3 D
 4 T H O
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Make Words
Some of the over 100 possible words:

HAM
MATE
MATH
HEIGHT
MEAL
HEM
MEAT
HIM
MET
LAME
MILE
LATE
LET
TAIL
LIME
TAE
TAT
MAIL
MALE
TILE
MAT

Answers

Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

John 9:33

**“IF THIS MAN WERE NOT FROM GOD,
HE COULD DO NOTHING.”**

O M B D G S V K X P Y E H U W A F Y X S
 R T D W S M H W K N D Y L C B T D V T K
 F F O R L G T H S N Y L U O M U G X B U
 W T H T F I N T O L S N Y A I V O G B W
 B E V X S S H M F N Q D F N T D J T G J
 V V T S K R Y A Y T Q T Q F H E O E A Y
 D D T X K X N J J M Y B M E R Q N B N W
 Q F I D F L N G Q U O F E J P X L L W W
 R R L M D S N Y S O A S I B C Q O P T R
 E H F B D K P S N T N E O R S F L J K B
 R E F H H T I K U A P D X N B X Q P R Y
 W E G C U W V J X R X B S R I N W O U Y
 Y C C T B V B N D R Q Q F I G M S O V J
 O T F J H O D A S O O Q B ~~T H~~ G U G Q M
 E H J X K C S Y G B R R C M P K B Q D Y

Make Words

Using the letters in the phrase below, see how many words you can make from this phrase from our Gospel story today: You may use each letter only as many times as it appears in the phrase.

“I am the light.”

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| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Square O Dots

Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two dots together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

