

## All Age Address

**Year:** A

**Week:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Passage:** John 9:1-41

Materials Required
Day to day chores (eg brushing up, eating, combing hair etc)
Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI</a> (The clip lasts for 3 minutes and 16 seconds and is suitable for all ages.)

In the Gospel story we read that Jesus healed a man born blind. The Gospel tells us that he had been blind all of his life. I wonder how hard life would have been for him? He wouldn't have been able to find work. We know that his parents are still alive as they're later questioned following his healing. But what would it have been like for him to live as a blind man 2000 years ago?

He most probably would have relied on his family and the generosity of others when he was out in the streets begging.

Would you like to try and do some tasks blindfolded?

*<You can choose to do any number of tasks with the people blindfolded. Eg brushing up something with a dustpan and shovel, eating something with a bowl and spoon etc>*

How easy were those tasks to perform without sight?

Would you like to try and do them again but this time without your blindfold? *<remove the blindfold and get them to try the task again>*

Was it easier when you could see?

So we can see from this little example how much easier is it to carry out tasks when you can see. How do you think the man's life was changed when Jesus gave him the use of his eyes? *<take any answers>*

The amazing thing was that, even though Jesus changed this man's life so enormously, people complained and people didn't believe. They saw that the man could now see and they couldn't believe that this healing was possible. They made comments like "it looks like him, but it can't be". The man keeps protesting telling them it's him, but they won't believe him. They don't believe that healing like this is possible.

They complain that if it is true that Jesus shouldn't be healing on a Sabbath day.

The man is questioned; even the man's parents are questioned! They find it really hard to accept that Jesus has healed this man and completely changed his life.

Are we ready for Jesus to perform miracles in our lives and in the lives of those around us?