

*Children's Address:
Seeing and Faith*

What does it mean to be blind? Close your eyes. You can't see anything, can you? You're in darkness. There's no light. Okay, open your eyes. It would be hard to live that way, wouldn't it?

In our Bible story today, there was a man who had been born blind. That means he had never been able to see. From the moment he was born, he couldn't see a single thing. He had never seen his mother or father. He



had never seen their smiles. He had never seen the sun or a tree or a dog. He could never see anything! His whole life was spent in darkness. There was no light.

Then one day, all of that changed. The blind man couldn't see anything, but Jesus saw him. And Jesus healed him. He put some mud on the man's eyes and told him to wash them in a nearby pool. The man did it. And when the man washed his eyes, he could see! For the first time ever, he could see things! You can imagine how happy he was! And you can also imagine how thankful he was to Jesus for healing him! Now he believed in Jesus!

But the religious leaders were not happy. They didn't like what

Jesus did because they didn't believe what Jesus said. They could see just fine; their eyes worked. But even though they could see Jesus, they didn't believe in him.

Seeing with our eyes actually isn't the most important kind of seeing. Jesus wants to give us a different way to see Him. It's called faith. Believing in Jesus is a different way to see Him. It's the best way to see Him. It doesn't matter if your eyes work or if you're blind. It doesn't matter if your eyes are open or closed. You can't see Jesus with your eyes. He's not visible to our sight. But Jesus sees you. And in God's Word, Jesus teaches you that different way to see Him. God's Word gives us faith. God's Word tells us how Jesus died for us on the cross and then rose again from the dead. God's Word forgives our sins and gives us eternal life.

Even though we can't see Jesus with our eyes, we can believe in Him. And one day, we shall see Jesus with our eyes. We shall open our eyes in heaven and see Jesus and live with Him forever.

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving me faith, a different way to see you. Amen.