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for Children



Psalm 119:105  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

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## I Want to See! I Want to See!

Luke 18:35-43

**A** POOR BLIND MAN SAT beside the roadside near Jericho. He was a beggar, which meant he asked others for what he needed to sustain his life. Maybe if he rattled his little cup with the few pennies in it, someone would have mercy on him and give him food or money, so he could survive another day.

The blind man heard a noise. He sat still and listened. What was this? It sounded like a great crowd of people on the road. He could hear feet scuffling, and voices calling back and forth. Something was happening. "What's going on?" he asked.

Someone answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."



Healing of the Blind Man, Carl Bloch

Jesus of Nazareth! Right here, on the road to Jericho! The blind man knew that Jesus could heal him, and he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The people near the front of the crowd tried to hush him. "Stop it! Be quiet!" Maybe someone even dropped a coin into his cup to keep him quiet.

The blind man was desperate. He wanted to see. He shouted even louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped walking and commanded: "Bring him here."

They brought the poor beggar to Jesus. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind man replied,

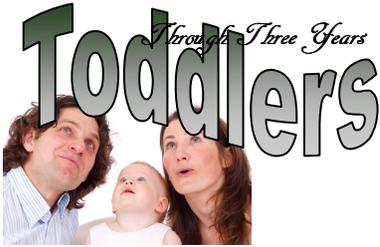
**"Lord, I want to see!"**

Maybe some of the people were annoyed that this man had bothered Jesus. Some may have wondered if Jesus could do this great thing. Some may have been surprised at the courage of the blind man. Maybe some of the people close by watched with indrawn breath.

Jesus said, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you."

Immediately, the blind man's eyes were healed. He could see! He began to follow Jesus, glorifying God. The blind man—who wasn't blind any more—was so thankful.

When the people saw that the blind man had been healed, they all began to praise God. They ALL praised God, even the people who may have been annoyed, even those who may have wondered if Jesus could do it, even those who may have been surprised at the blind man's courage. But especially the people who had watched with indrawn breath, waiting for Jesus to do what they had seen Him do before.



## Looking Up

Teach me, Daddy, how to pray;  
O let me learn from you.  
Tell me something every day  
Of God, my Father true.

Teach me, Mommy, how to love;  
O show me how to give.  
Tell me of my God above  
And show me how to live.

Babies learn by example, especially the example of their first hero, Daddy, and their first love, Mommy. You may not feel like a heroic, loving parent, but to your baby you are a shining star. He looks up to you, and you are the center of his world.

Let your light shine in your home so your baby can see by example how to pray, how to love, how to walk by faith as a Christian. Teach your baby to look up, to look to Jesus. Teach your child to transfer his worship to the One who truly is a Hero.

Lead from the front, Daddy and Mommy!

## Think, Think, Think

Do you like to think?  
Do you ask a lot of questions?  
Are you curious?  
What are we supposed to think about?  
The Apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8-9 to think about:

- Whatever is true
- Whatever is honest
- Whatever is just (right)
- Whatever is pure
- Whatever is lovely
- Whatever is of good report (commendable)
- Anything of virtue (anything excellent)
- Anything worthy of praise

We are supposed to think about good and lovely things!

This doesn't mean that we will never have bad or evil thoughts, but we don't want to live with them in our minds. We don't want to dwell on bad things and become more and more focused on them. If we have bad or wicked thoughts, we should confess them, turn away from them and ask God to re-fill our minds with true and lovely thoughts.

We want to fill our minds and hearts with God's Word, with true and faithful sayings, with honorable and honest thoughts. We want to think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Jesus is the Most Excellent One, and most worthy of our praise. Think about Him!

**Tots**  
Four-Six Years



## Dis-Abilities

The shiny red apple,  
The little yellow bee,  
The puffy white cloud,  
The bright green tree.  
God made our eyes to see.

The whistle of the wind,  
The thunderclap so near,  
The sound of robins chirping,  
The stamping of a deer.  
God made our ears to hear.

Not everyone can see and hear. A person who cannot see is called **blind**, and one who cannot hear is called **deaf**. Some people cannot walk (that's called **lame**), and some people cannot speak (that's called **dumb**—but not the “stupid” kind of dumb!)

There are many different **disabilities**, but a disabled person didn't do something wrong to cause this to happen to him. He didn't sin and become disabled. God is not punishing him for something. Disabilities began after Adam and Eve fell into sin and all of creation was affected. People get sick, and people get old, and people die. These are all effects of sin. And some people have to bear the burden of a disability because of our broken world.

When Jesus returns and we go to live with Him in heaven, will disabilities still exist? Will our new heavenly bodies be different than our earthly bodies? Maybe people won't be disabled anymore. The prophet Isaiah wrote:  
**Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart (deer), and the tongue of the dumb sing. (Isaiah 35:5-6)**

The blind will see, the deaf will hear! The lame will walk, the dumb will speak! They will all praise God for His goodness.

**Tykes**  
Ages Seven-Ten



The **sustain pedal** on a piano is the pedal near the floor on the right side. When a player presses this pedal and strikes a piano key, the sound “keeps going” long after the key is played. The sustain pedal carries the note along.

## God Sustains You

**Sustain:** to provide what is needed for something or someone to exist or continue

Through the prophet Isaiah, God spoke to the people of Israel. He said, “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, who have been borne by Me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made you, I will bear you, I will carry you and I will save you.”

God **sustains** your life. He has carried you along from before your birth. He formed you in your mother’s womb, and He carried you out from the womb into the world. He has carried you each day since, through every good thing and every bad thing that has happened in your life.

God has promised to **sustain** you all through your life. He takes care of the young and the old. Some people live to an old age and have gray hair. If you live for many years, God will carry you along in your old age.

At the end of your life, God will still **sustain** you. He will carry you across the bridgeless river of Death to live forever in heaven. His promise is eternal life to every person who believes and trusts in Jesus for salvation.

He made you, He will bear you, He will carry you, and He will save you.

He will **sustain** you. Trust Him. His promises are true.



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The poor blind man heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by on the road. He begged for mercy from Jesus, and he received his sight because of his faith.

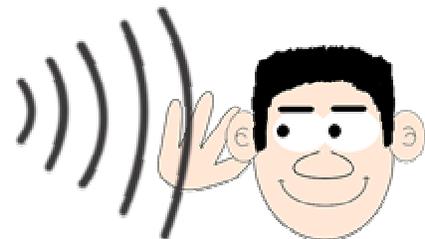
## Seeing by Hearing

The beggar man had heard of Jesus of Nazareth. If he hadn’t, he would not have begged for mercy from the Son of David. He must have heard that Jesus had performed miracles. He knew that Jesus could heal him, that Jesus could make him see.

People today need to know that Jesus can save them. So many are lost in bondage to sin, and they have no idea how to get out of this slavery. Some people recognize that they are spiritually blind; they are stuck on the roadside in despair and sin, begging for scraps from those who pass by. They don’t know, though, that Jesus is the remedy for their blindness, that Jesus can heal them. They don’t know that God Himself came to earth as a human baby, grew and lived without ever committing a single sin, was sacrificed for the sin of the world, and was raised from death on the third day. Some people even have **heard of** Jesus, but they haven’t **heard His voice** asking, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

We have the privilege of sharing the Gospel of peace, the Good News that Jesus saves. We point people to the Bible, where they will hear the voice of Jesus. We bring them to hear the Word of God preached in our churches. We tell others that Jesus is the remedy for sin, that He has already paid their debt. We tell others that if they will beg for God’s mercy and have faith in Jesus, if they will trust and believe that He has saved them, they will be healed.

Romans 10:17 says that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The blind beggar heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, cried out for His mercy, and received his sight. If people today will hear the voice of God and cry out for His mercy, they will truly see for the first time in their lives. If people will **hear**, then they will **see**.



Pray that people would hear the voice of Jesus saying to them, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**”

John the Baptist sent two messengers to Jesus to ask Him if He was really the One, the Messiah that they had been waiting for, or if they should look for someone else.

When the messengers of John came to Jesus, He was healing plagues, diseases, evil spirits and blindness. They asked their question, and Jesus continued healing. Then He answered them: "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard, how the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life again and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Blessed is the one who is not offended by Me."

## The Blind See. The Deaf Hear.

Jesus sent the messengers back to John saying, "Tell John what you've seen and heard." These witnesses testify that Jesus really is the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, who was sent to preach the Good News.

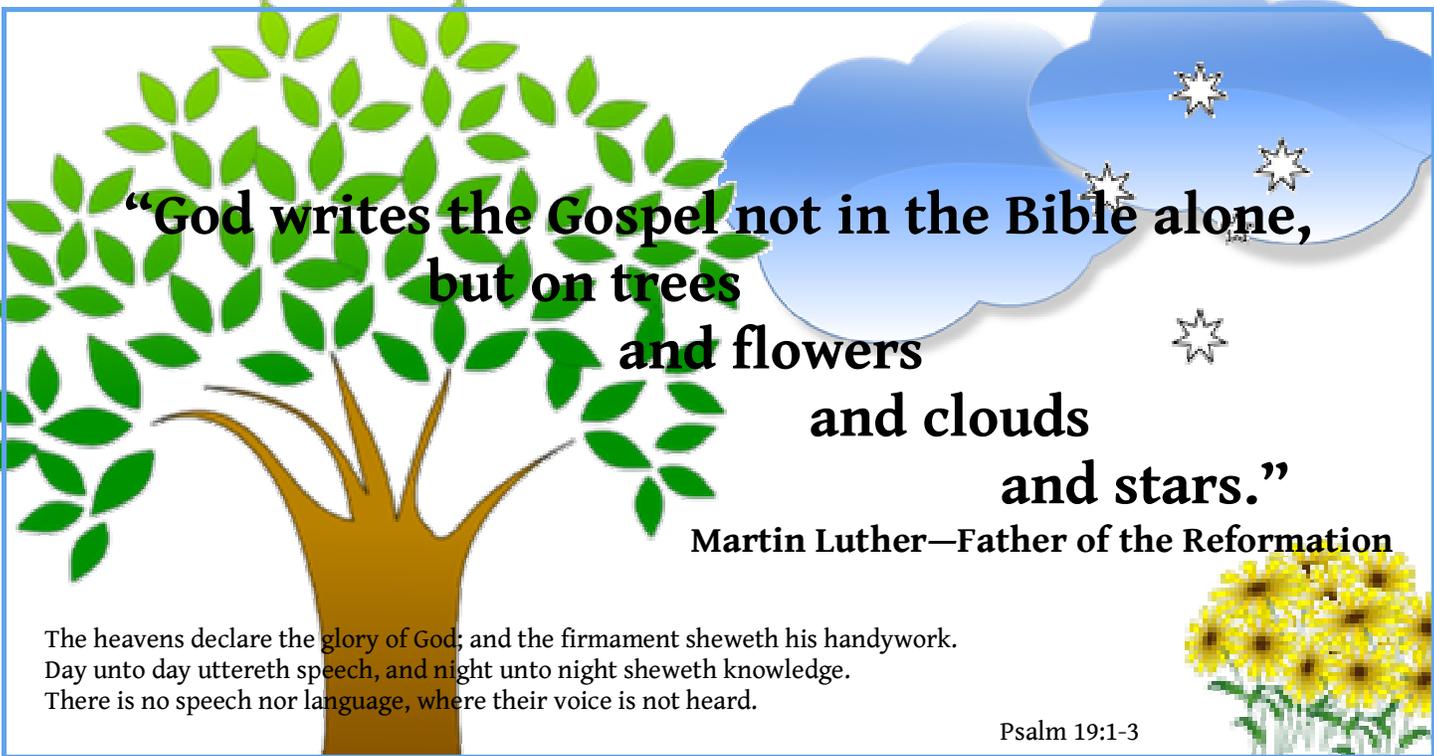


*The Pharisees Question Jesus, James Tissot*

When Jesus first began His ministry, He went to the synagogue in Nazareth. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. Jesus found the place He wanted and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel (the Good News) to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to liberate those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it to the attendant, and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue was watching Him intently. Jesus said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." At first the people spoke well of Him and the gracious words they heard. Later, when Jesus told them that no prophet is accepted in his hometown, they were filled with anger and drove Him out of town and planned to throw Him off a cliff. They surely were offended by Him!

The blind see. The lame walk. Lepers are cleansed. The deaf hear. The dead are raised. And the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah within range of their hearing, but some were offended by Him. They eventually put Jesus on trial and sentenced Him to death.

Today, blind eyes are given sight. Lame, feeble knees are strengthened. The leprosy of sin is cleansed. Deaf ears can hear. The dead in sin are raised to everlasting life. And the poor in spirit have the Gospel preached to them. This Scripture has been fulfilled in our hearing as well. Blessed are we if we are not offended by Him.



**"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone,  
but on trees  
and flowers  
and clouds  
and stars."**

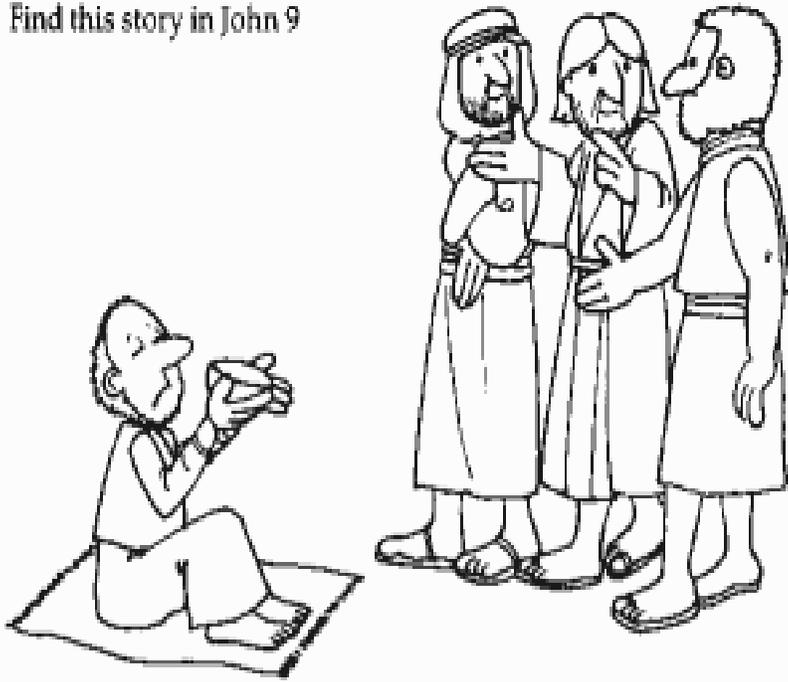
**Martin Luther—Father of the Reformation**

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.  
There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:1-3



Find this story in John 9



I was blind



but now I see

(John 9:25)



**A Story to Color**

# Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes What You See

1. Oh, be care - ful lit - tle eyes what you see; Oh, be  
care - ful lit - tle eyes what you see; For the Fa - ther up a - bove is  
look - ing down in love, so be care - ful lit - tle eyes what you see.

2. Oh, be careful little ears what you hear;  
Oh, be careful little ears what you hear;  
For the Father up above is looking down in love,  
So be careful little ears what you hear.
3. Oh, be careful little hands what you do...
4. Oh, be careful little feet where you go...
5. Oh, be careful little mouth what you say...
6. Oh, be careful little heart what you believe...

## Dear God,

You are the best, Father in heaven! You made a beautiful world, even though now it's a fallen world, lost under the curse of sin and death until You restore all things.

Thank You for salvation through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, Your Only Son. Thank You for sending Him to earth to die for me.

Thank You that Jesus healed the blind man, who trusted and believed. Thank You for giving me true faith and for giving me true sight through Jesus.

Thank You for my natural eyes and ears that are able to see and hear so many lovely things. Protect my eyes and ears from hurtful things. Protect my feet from unsafe places. Protect my tongue from ungracious words.

Let me see the good in my neighbor and put the best construction on all he does. Let my hands be quick to help others in need. Let my feet be swift to bring Good News. Let my mouth graciously speak the Gospel of peace.

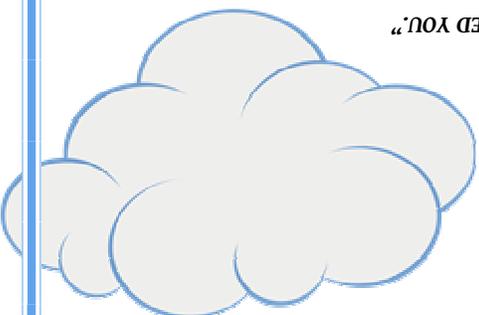
You are worthy of all praise, Holy Father! I will praise You, my God, O King. I will bless Your name forever. Every day will I bless You; and I will praise Your name forever. You are the only wise God, and Your might and power are beyond my understanding.

*Hear my prayer for Jesus' Name's sake,  
Amen.*

There are nine clouds on the puzzle page.

**How many clouds?**

*"YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU."*



**Scrambler:**

BEGGAR  
JERICHO  
BLIND  
JESUS  
NAZARETH  
FAITH  
MERCY  
RECEIVE  
GLORIFY  
PRAISE

Puzzle Answer Key

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## For Parents:

Jesus often spoke in parables, simple stories that illustrate spiritual truths. One day, Jesus had told the crowds a parable and afterward, the disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” Jesus answered them: ***Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (Matthew 13:11-15)***

Many times in Scripture we read: He who has ears to hear, let him hear. This is more than physical hearing, more than sound waves causing the eardrum to vibrate, which sets off a reaction ending with us “hearing” a sound. God’s Word is speaking of **understanding with the heart**.

Understanding a parable—or any of God’s Word—is possible only through the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it was “given unto” them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The disciples didn’t understand these mysteries of their own accord. We cannot comprehend the Word of God through reason; we cannot logically perceive the things of God. We can read the words with our physical eyes and hear the words with our physical ears, but apart from our gracious God revealing Himself to us by the power of His Spirit, our hearts will never understand, we will never be converted, and we will never be healed.

Jesus continued: ***But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. (Matthew 13:16-17)***

God’s Spirit continues to reveal Jesus to us. He causes our blind eyes to see and our deaf ears to hear. He causes our hearts to understand. Blessed are we! Thanks be to God.



*The Lord's Prayer, James Tissot*