



Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

March 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Fourth Sunday in Lent

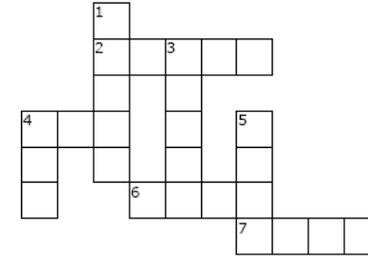
Have you ever made a mud pie? All you need is some dirt, water, and a pie pan. When you have finished, the mud pie is put out in the hot sun to bake. One thing I should tell you is that you never eat your mud pie. They are just fun to make! Making mud pies is one great thing you can do with mud, but in our Bible story today, Jesus does something even more wonderful with a little mud. Listen, and I think you will agree.

Jesus was walking with his disciples when they saw a man who had been blind since birth. The disciples thought that man was blind because he or his parents had sinned, but Jesus told them, "It is not because of his sins or his parents' sins." Jesus knelt down, spit on the ground, and stirred up some mud. He took the mud and put it on the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Now, go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam." The man went and washed the mud from his eyes and when he came back, he could see!

Now, wouldn't you think it was wonderful that the blind man was healed? Well, the Pharisees didn't! Do you know why? It was because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees thought that it was a sin to do anything on the Sabbath...even if it was to help someone in need because it was supposed to be a day of rest. You see, they were more concerned with keeping their religious laws than they were with helping people. When the Pharisees asked the man how he had been healed, he told them that Jesus had healed him. They became angry and said to him, "God should get the glory for this -- we know this man Jesus is a sinner." "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I do know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

Gracious God, through your Son, Jesus, we get to see you better. Thank you for opening our eyes to see your love in our world. Help us to share that with everyone around us. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
4. An adult male human being
6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

1. Unable to see
3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
5. To clean something using water

LIGHT	BLIND	GLORY	MUD
WASH	EYES	MAN	HEAL

Activity: Try this as a family. Have one person place several items on a cookie sheet (small ball, a pencil, a pen, bowl of rice, a remote, etc...) Pick someone to be blindfolded who will try to guess what each object is. Take turns, and switch out the items.

Discussion Question: We often take for granted our gift of sight. What do you think it would be like to not be able to see? Sometimes we are "blind" and led in the wrong direction when we take our eyes off of Jesus and follow a different path.

Family Table Prayer for March:

If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!
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 Lord, you give us what we need and we thank you,
 YES INDEED!
 If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet.

March Memory Verse: Psalm 95:1 Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.



Jesus Heals a Blind Man
John 9

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