

NURSERY AtHome - A Parent Resource

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: Jesus Restores

Memory Verse: He will restore you. 1 Peter 5:10b

Jesus Restores | Healing of the Blind Man

John 9

One day, Jesus and His disciples came upon a blind man. This man had been blind since the time he was born. Jesus' disciples thought that maybe this man was blind because he or his parents had sinned. But Jesus quickly told them that wasn't true— God wanted people to see His power through this special man! So Jesus made some mud, put it on the blind man's eyes, and told him to go wash in a pool. The man obeyed, and he was able to see! God had chosen this man before he was even born so God could show His great power.

Jesus made mud and put it on the blind man's eyes. Jesus restored the blind man's sight. How do you make mud?



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus Restores throughout the day. Use the extra activities below to connect with God's Word this week.

PRAY

- Open a Bible and read John 9:6-7
- What do you think about Jesus using mud to restore a man's eyesight?
- Ask God to help you see the truth of His Word and the power of Jesus to restore anything.

EXPERIENCE

Mud Pies - find a plastic bowl and spoon. Put some sand or dirt in the bowl. With your child, add some water to the dirt to make mud. While making mud pies, retell the story of Jesus using mud to restore a blind man's eyes. Practice saying, "Jesus Restores!"

BLESS

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource* @ HomeFrontMag.com.

Child's name, May you know Jesus heals. May you know Jesus restores.

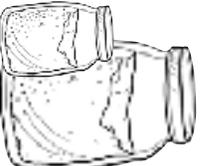
Jesus Restores



How many **jars of dirt** can you find around the picture?



Color your own set of eyes as a reminder that **Jesus Restores!**



God Statement :: Jesus Restores

Memory Verse :: *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

1 Peter 5:10

MAY | Week 4

Healing of the Blind Man

John 9:1-12

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Discover

- In Jewish culture of the time, working life most often consisted of fishing, shepherding, farming, carpentry, masonry, pottery-making, and hide tanning. Any of these trades would be very difficult to perform without the ability to see.
- The testimony of the blind man's neighbors indicates that this man couldn't practice a trade. Instead, he sat and begged.
- Jesus healed the man from blindness on the Sabbath, and according to Jewish law, work wasn't permitted on this day. As a result, Jesus, in the eyes of these religious leaders, was in violation of the law and subject to punishment.

Experience

This week, blindfold your children and challenge them to try eating their dinner without being able to see it. (If eating all of dinner blindfolded is going to be too messy, try waiting until they're on their last few bites.) Once you've eaten, take the blindfold off and together **read John 9:1–12**. Talk about what it must have been like for this man to be blind. Encourage them to think about how amazing it must have been for him to see after being blind his whole life. Thank God that He is a God who heals!

Follow

After reading through **John 9:1-12**, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the man felt when he saw his friends and family for the first time?
- How do you think he felt when he saw Jesus?
- What are some ways you've seen Jesus restore in your life or in the life of our family?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus Restores in your everyday life.

Bless:

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A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that Jesus Restores! May you ask the Lord for His restoring power over any difficult situation you may be going through and trust that He will restore.**