



# Believe

the gospel of John

## **John 9**

*Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, May 7.*

1. What did the disciples think was the likely cause of this man's blindness? What does Jesus say is the purpose of his blindness?
2. What did the blind man have to do to experience his miracle? How do you think he felt as he traveled with a muddy face to the Pool of Siloam? How did he feel after he washed his face?
3. Why do you think his neighbors and those who had seen him begging failed to recognize him after he had been healed?
4. Why did the Pharisees question the man about his healing? Why did they call in his parents? Why do you think his parents were so careful in their answers?
5. What accusations do the religious leaders make about Jesus in verse 24? How did the blind man respond?
6. The religious leaders' questions become more and more hostile toward the blind man. How do you see his belief in Jesus growing as he answers those questions? What did the blind man say that made the religious leaders so angry? What did they do to the blind man? Have you ever been left out of something or asked to leave? How did you feel about that?
7. Why did the blind man not recognize Jesus when Jesus found him? How did the blind man respond to Jesus when Jesus told him who he was?
8. According to Jesus, in verses 39-41, what makes the religious leaders guilty of sin? When Jesus says, "you claim to see," He is not talking about their eyesight. What do you think Jesus is referring to? What is the consequence of the leader's blindness?

### **Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:**

- **Our new memory verse is: John 7:37b-38 - "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him"**
- **Play a game of "sixes" to make your time together fun. You'll need a die and a piece of paper to keep score. Take turns rolling the die. What you roll is how many points you get for answering a question (1=1,000 points, 2=2,000, etc.) But, if you roll a 6, you must swap points with another player of your choice.**