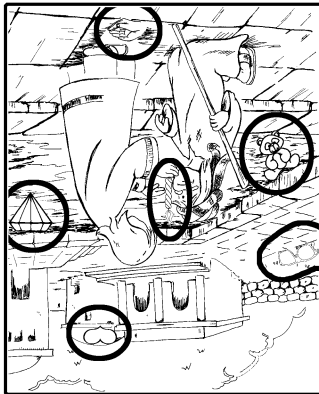## BLIND MAN HEALED, CHURCH LEADERS ANGRY

[Jerusalem] — Jesus caused a big argument the day he helped a blind man sitting by a pool of water. The man had been blind for as long as anybody could remember. Jesus made some mud and put it on the blind man's eyelids. Then he told him to wash off the mud in the pool. When the blind man did it, he could see!

Nobody could believe the blind man had been healed. They said, "He just *looks* like the blind man." But the man said, "No, I was the one you knew before. Now I can see!"

The church leaders were angry when they heard that Jesus had healed the blind man. Jesus had done it on the day when people were not supposed to do anything except go to worship. Since he broke that rule by healing the blind man, the church leaders scolded Jesus. But Jesus scolded them right back. He said, "You're even blinder than the blind man was. Can't you see what great things God is doing? Why do you complain about it?"
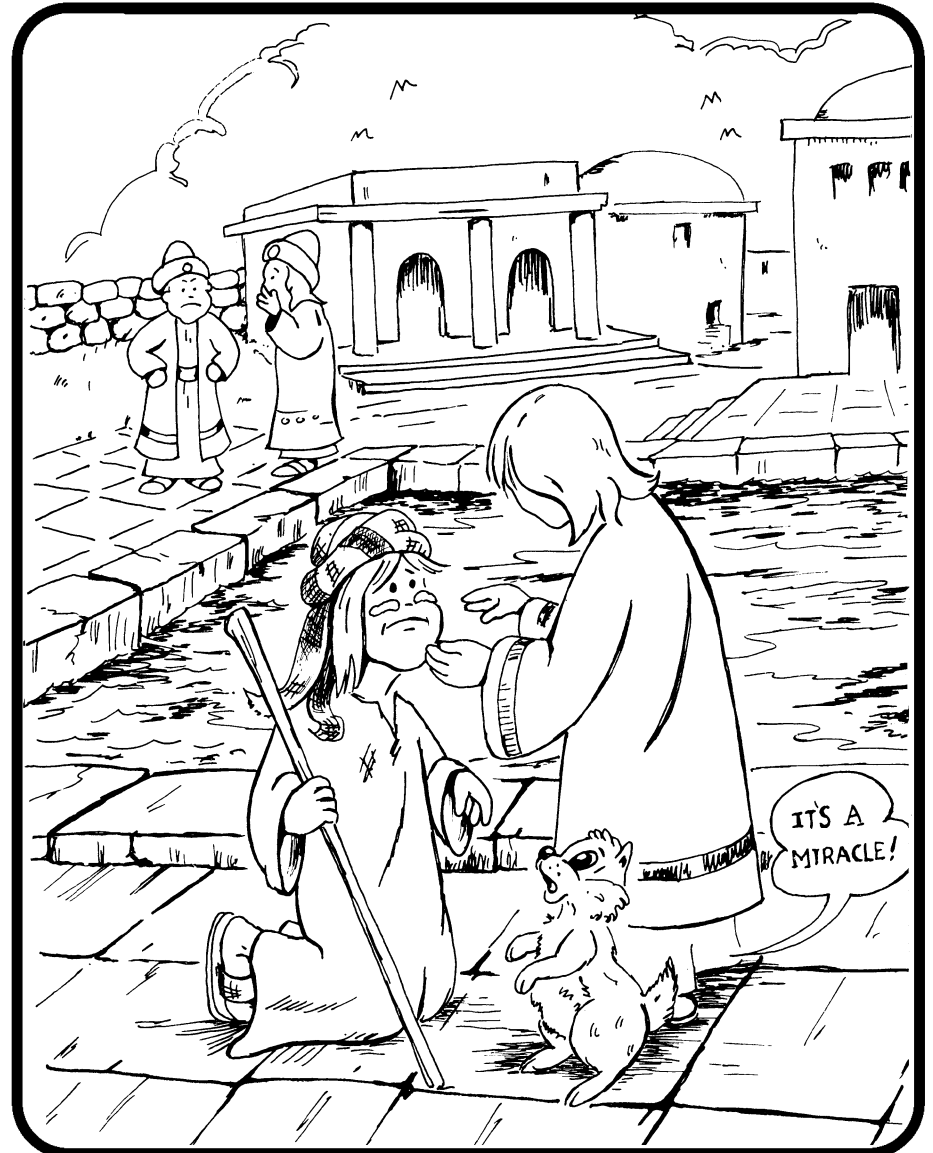
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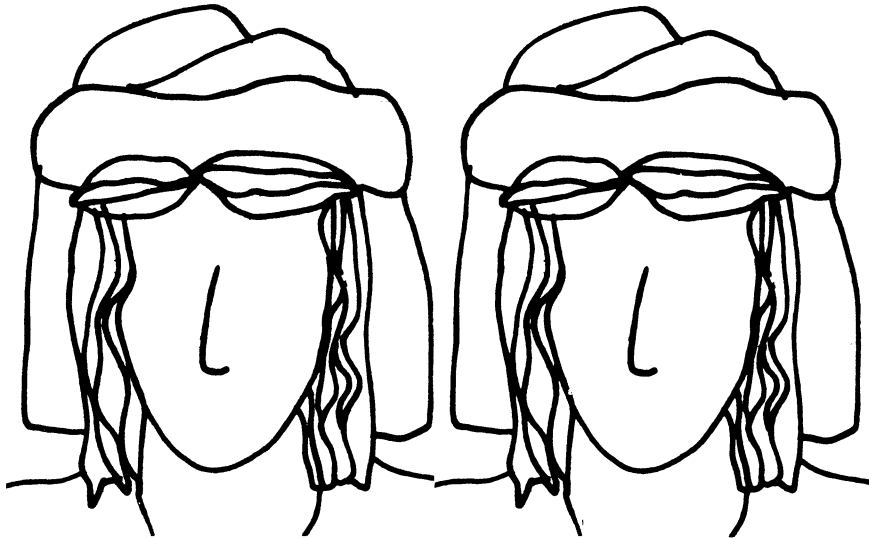The blind man said,
"NOW I CAN SEE!"

ANSWERS

Gospel Grams
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Finish The Faces. Today's Gospel story is about a time Jesus helped a blind man start to see. Below are two faces. Both are the same person, but they need to have you draw in eyes, eyebrows, and mouths. Make the face on the left look the way the blind man looked before Jesus healed him. Make the other face look the way he would have looked after Jesus gave him his eyesight (be sure to make him look surprised and happy).

Coded Message. The blind man was so surprised to get his sight back he hardly knew what to do. What do you think you would have said if you had been in his shoes? To find out what the blind man said, take all the letters with a number "1" to spell the first word. Then do the same for words 2, 3, and 4.

Code:

1	4	2	4	3	3	1	4	3	1
N	S	I	E	C	A	O	E	N	W

Message: The blind man said,

" __ __ __   __   __ __ __   __ __ __ !"
  1 1 1   2   3 3 3   4 4 4

Hidden Things. Jesus did a good thing when he healed the blind man. The picture below shows Jesus and the blind man and 6 things that we have hidden there. Can you find these things: