

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 12

John 9

You can be “blind” in more than one way! But Jesus can heal all types of blindness. Who are the blind people in this reading? How can your own prevent spiritual blindness?

Observation: What does it say?

1. Read John 9. Mark key words: *God/pronouns, Jesus/pronouns/Light of the world/Son of Man/Christ, sin, blind.*
2. What question do the disciples ask about why the man is born blind? What is Jesus' response?
3. What instructions does Jesus give to the blind man when He heals him?
4. What do the neighbors say about the healed man? What do they do?
5. In Jn 9:16, what do the Pharisees say about the healed man? Why was there a “division among them?”
6. What do his parents say when they are questioned by the Pharisees?
7. What does the healed man say about Jesus when the Pharisees question him a second time?
8. After the Pharisees put out the healed man, who comes to him? What happens?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

9. What do the Pharisees mean when they say, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Check out a few of the cross references in the margin of your Bible to help you with this answer. (Luke 13:14 is a good one.)

10. Look closely at Jn 9:39–41. Why does Jesus come into the world? What kind of blindness is He talking about? Use these cross references to help you with your answer: Mt 13:13 and Mt 15:14.

11. What does Jesus mean when He says, “But since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” Use this cross reference to help you: Proverbs 26:12.

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

12. What do you think the healed man did when he “worshiped” Jesus? How do you worship Him?

13. Check out the words of the prophet Isaiah 29:18–19, 35:4–5, 42:5–7. If the Pharisees had not been “blind” what would they have known? What verses in God’s word help you to “recognize” that Jesus is your Savior?

14. You are not blind. What evidence do you have that you are walking in the light and not in the darkness?