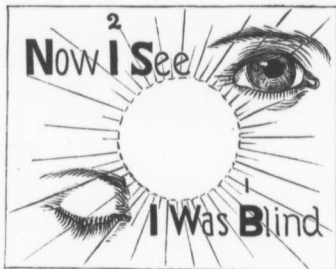


Jesus as your loving Saviour, ready to forgive and make you his. In the Bible we see Jesus. In our hearts we feel him. Can you say, "I see?" Sing:

Teach us, Lord, this precious lesson,
Written for us in thy word;
Help us, Saviour, to remember
Truths that we to-day have heard.
(Air, Dorrance.)



Study and Occupation for the Sub-primary Department.

CHRIST HEALING THE BLIND MAN. John 9, 1-11.

MEMORY GEM: "I am the light of the world." John 9, 5.

LESSON STORY (for the blackboard): Some Jews who did not love Jesus wanted to do him harm. They went to the temple [a square] to find him, so he came out of the temple to get away from them. On his way he saw a blind man [a mark]; you may all close your eyes. What do you see? Nothing. Some people are this way all the time. They are blind. This blind man could not see to work, so the people who could see gave him money when they saw him holding out his hand for it [hold out your hand].

The blind man was saying to himself, "How nice the birds sing! How I wish I could see them! How sweet the flowers smell! How I wish I could see them, and the sky too, and the fields! [Make all as alluded to.] I am so sorry that I cannot see." Jesus will always hear people when they are sorry.

The disciples were with Jesus [several marks]; they had often given the blind man money, and knew all about him. [Repeat verse 2.] Blindness is such a dreadful thing that the disciples thought that God had made this beggar blind because his father or mother had sinned—that is, had done wrong. [Repeat verse 3.] This means: "God let this man be blind so that I, by

helping this beggar, can show that I can do God's work."

Then the disciples began to whisper to one another, and to say, "What do you suppose Jesus will do?" "He has done many things that no one else could do [allude to the miracles]; do you think he can make a blind man see?" "Let us watch him and we will know." [Point to the different disciples, putting in the mouth of each one of the foregoing quotations.]

But Jesus kept on talking. [Repeat verses 4 and 5.] The blind man never saw the light, but he knew it was very nice, for he had often sat in the sunlight.

The disciples and the blind man always thought that the sun was the light of the world, for they knew that this great earth is warmed and lighted by the sun. When Jesus said that he is the light of the world he meant he did people as much good as does the sun—yes, more—and to be without Jesus people are worse off than to be without the sun. [Draw out the children on the blessings of sunlight, speak freely on the advantages of Christianity, and draw the comparison.]

While the disciples were wondering what Jesus would do he spat upon the ground, made clay of the spittle, and put it upon the eyes of the blind man. Then he told him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. The blind man had to feel his way to the pool. He washed. As soon as he did so he looked up—there was something blue over his head. What was it? Yes, the sky. There was something green under his feet. What was it? Yes, the grass.

"I can see! I can see!" he cried. "Jesus has taken away all my blindness! I must go home and see my mother!"

He started for home. He saw a flower [hold one up], and stopped and picked it. He had never seen a flower before, he had only felt of the blossoms and smelled of them before—he could not tell their color, could not tell what they were like. He saw people and houses. Some one cried out: "That blind beggar can see! That blind beggar can see!" Then men, women, and children rushed out of the houses to look at him. He did not now walk feeling his way along, but he walked just like other people, for he could see, and was not afraid of falling.

He reached his own house. He could always tell his mother's steps—he loved her so much. He heard her coming toward him. He looked up. He saw her face for the first time. He threw his arms around her, and said, "O, mother, I can see! I can see! I can see you!"

His mother had always been so good to him. He had felt of her face so many times and wished that he could see it, and now he could.