

Craft – Jesus Heals the Blind Man

MEMORY VERSE

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

John 9:25 (NIV)

Flip Book

The story of Bartimaeus has 4 main elements to his story and this little flipbook tries to reveal 3 of them, sadly it can't shout.

1. his blindness is healed,
2. he leaves his cloak
3. goes with Jesus

It's a great craft for mid to older groups that like fast results with minimum work and makes a fun take home keepsake.

You will need:

- a pair of scissors
 - a bulldog or binder clip
- two pages of the printout. This printout works well in black and white if you don't have colour ink.

Instructions:

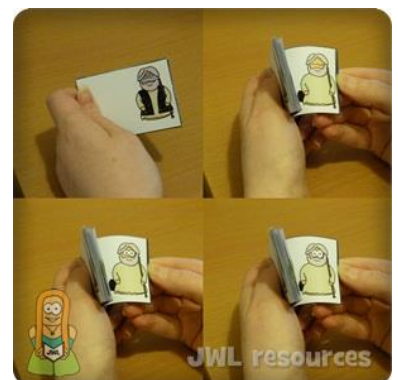
1. Start by cutting out every box. Try and be accurate, younger children may find this activity too difficult if they can't cut straight. If you are worried about cutting then pre-cut into strips along the flip edge (to the image right)
2. Next assemble your 32 images. Make sure they are in the right order and then gently tap the pile on the flip edge to make sure they are all going to flip!

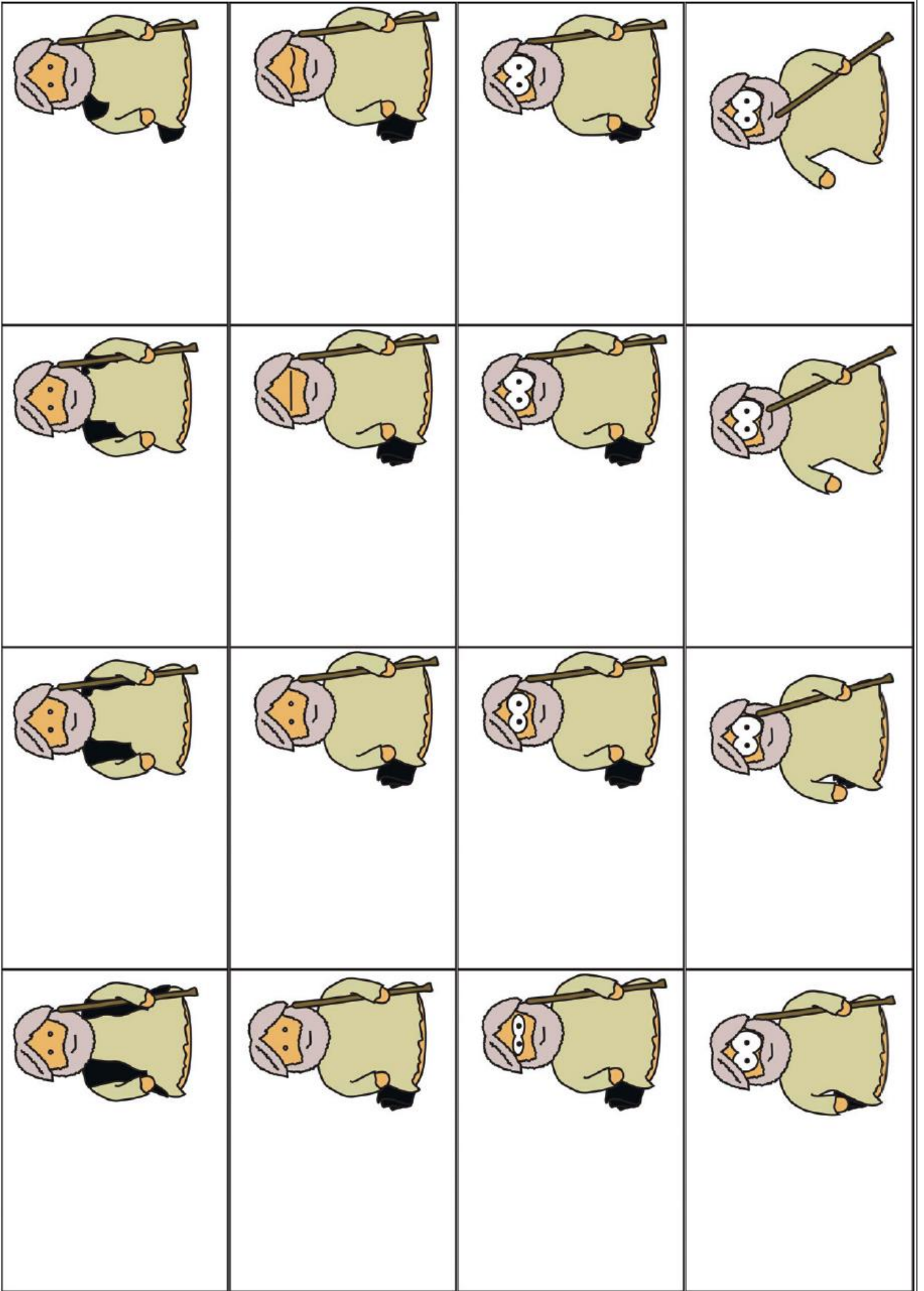
The pictures are not numbered, you can add numbers if you think it will help or get the kids to work out the animation order – it's easier to do than you may be imagining.

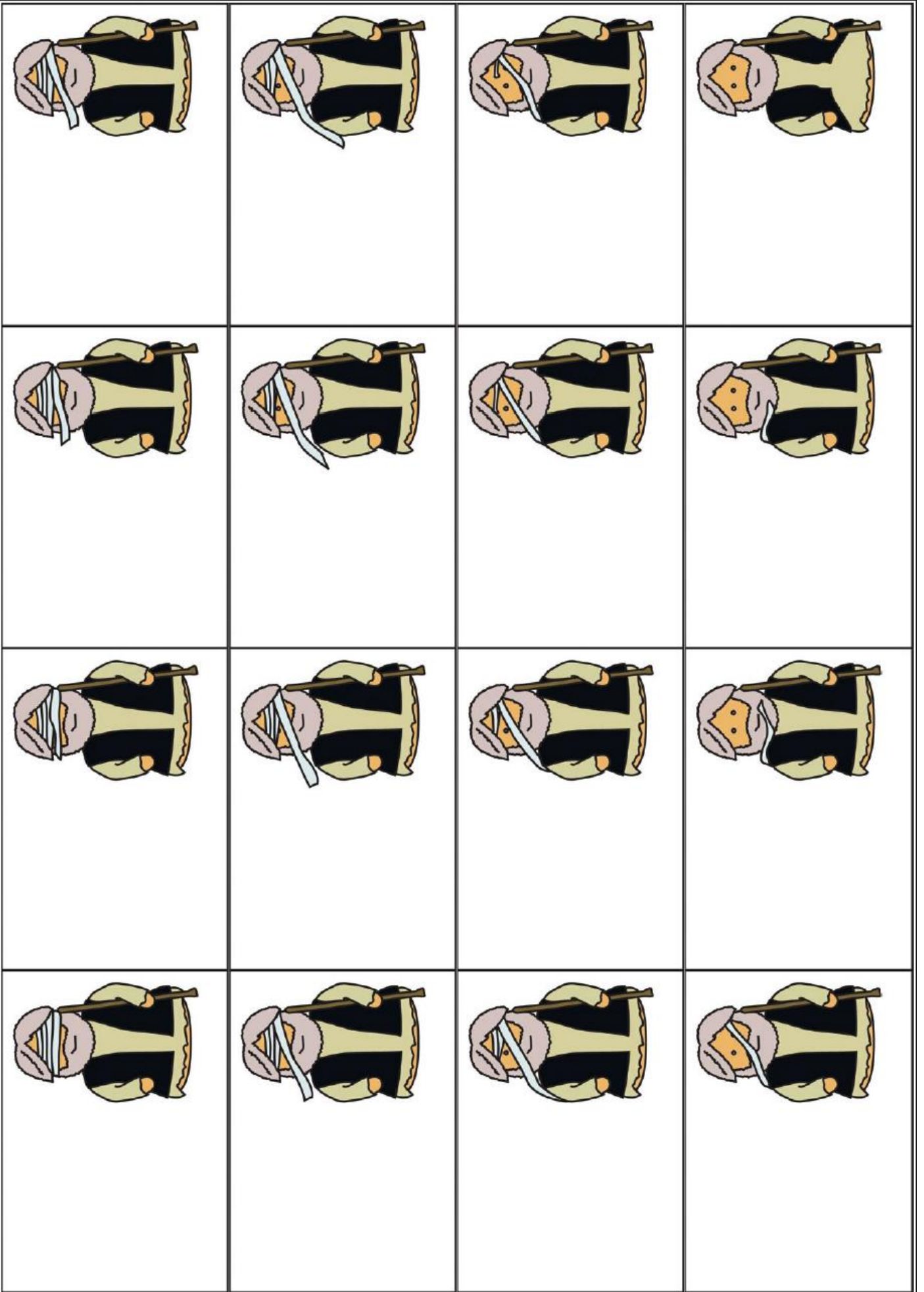
3. Holding the papers securely (so you don't move them) attach a binder clip to the left-hand side. You may find you have to repeat this step.
4. The flipbook is complete. Hold the left side firmly and flip using your right thumb.

To get the best view look from an angle and flip slowly. If you find you only see part of the animation then you probably haven't lined up the edges well. Below is how the animation should look.

You may find yourself with a group who loves the challenge of adding some scenery to the flip book!







POP-UP BOX

With this little pop up box, one moment Bartimaeus is blind and the next he can see! This is one of those really simple and yet really effective crafts for groups that like to be a bit clever and can cut, fold and glue in a straight line. The result is a little hand held box that is addictively fun to press again and again.

Want to turn this into a prayer activity: cover the rest of the box with prayer needs and have the kids pray for something on the box every time they press it down. Talk about how we often close our eyes when we pray but for Bartimaeus, meeting Jesus meant opening his eyes to see God.

You will need:

- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions:

1. Use a craft knife to cut out the window opening
Add any extra decoration, prayer requests or colours first then... Cut the three shapes out – including the window
2. Fold everything, for the box top and tube the folds all go with the ink on the outside. there is no need to score first or be hyper accurate, however, as these pieces slide inside one another bad folds could hinder the mechanism
3. The mechanism looks like this when folded, the two end tabs being folded so the ink is on the inside!
4. Start by making up the tube, this is glued with the tab on the INSIDE
5. Then make up the clever bit, this starts with attaching the mechanism. Put glue on the small strip in the middle of the mechanism. Try not to get too much glue on the rest of the piece
6. This is then glued to the 'top' of the box (behind the writing), ideally this is placed in the middle and straight
7. Now add a little glue to the backside of all the tabs and start constructing the box. The tabs go on the OUTSIDE not the inside
8. Slide the tube inside the box so the mechanism comes through the middle. The tube is a little smaller than the box so this should be simple. Add a little glue to the end tabs and glue them onto the OUTSIDE of the tube. You may need to pull the tube further down so push it further up to so this.
9. Give it a second to dry before testing then give it a push!

Disclaimer – this is not a perfect spring; it will work but has a bit of a knack to it and can be stiff at first!

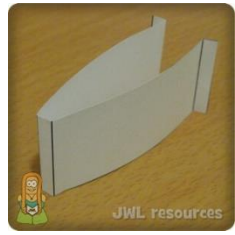
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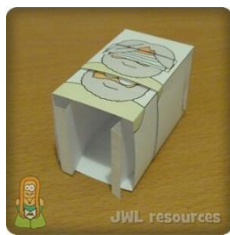
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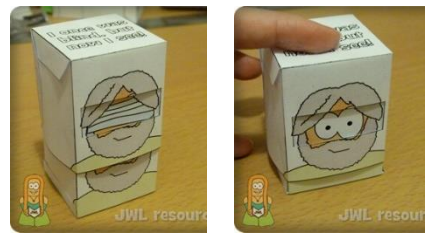
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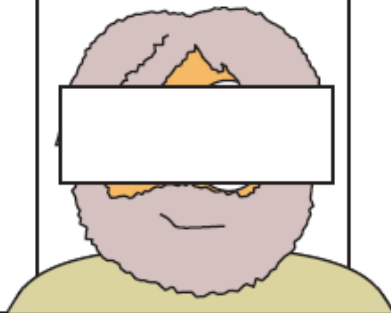
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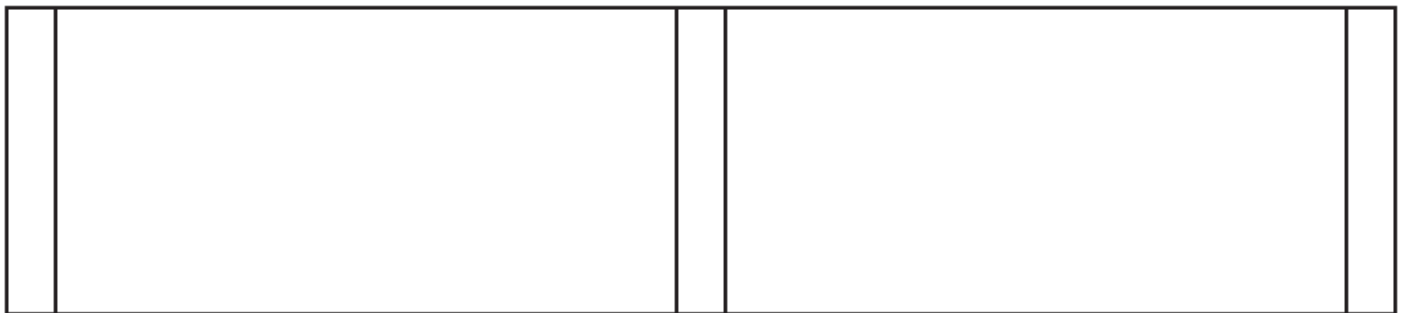
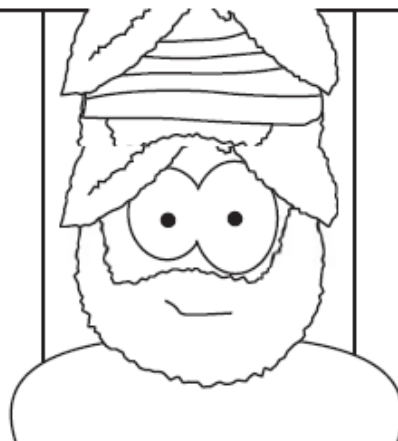
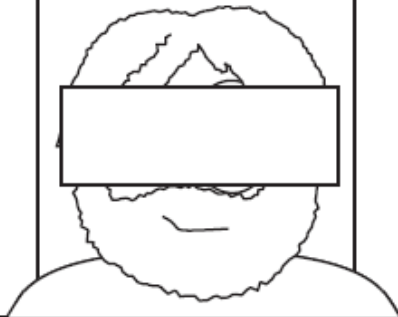


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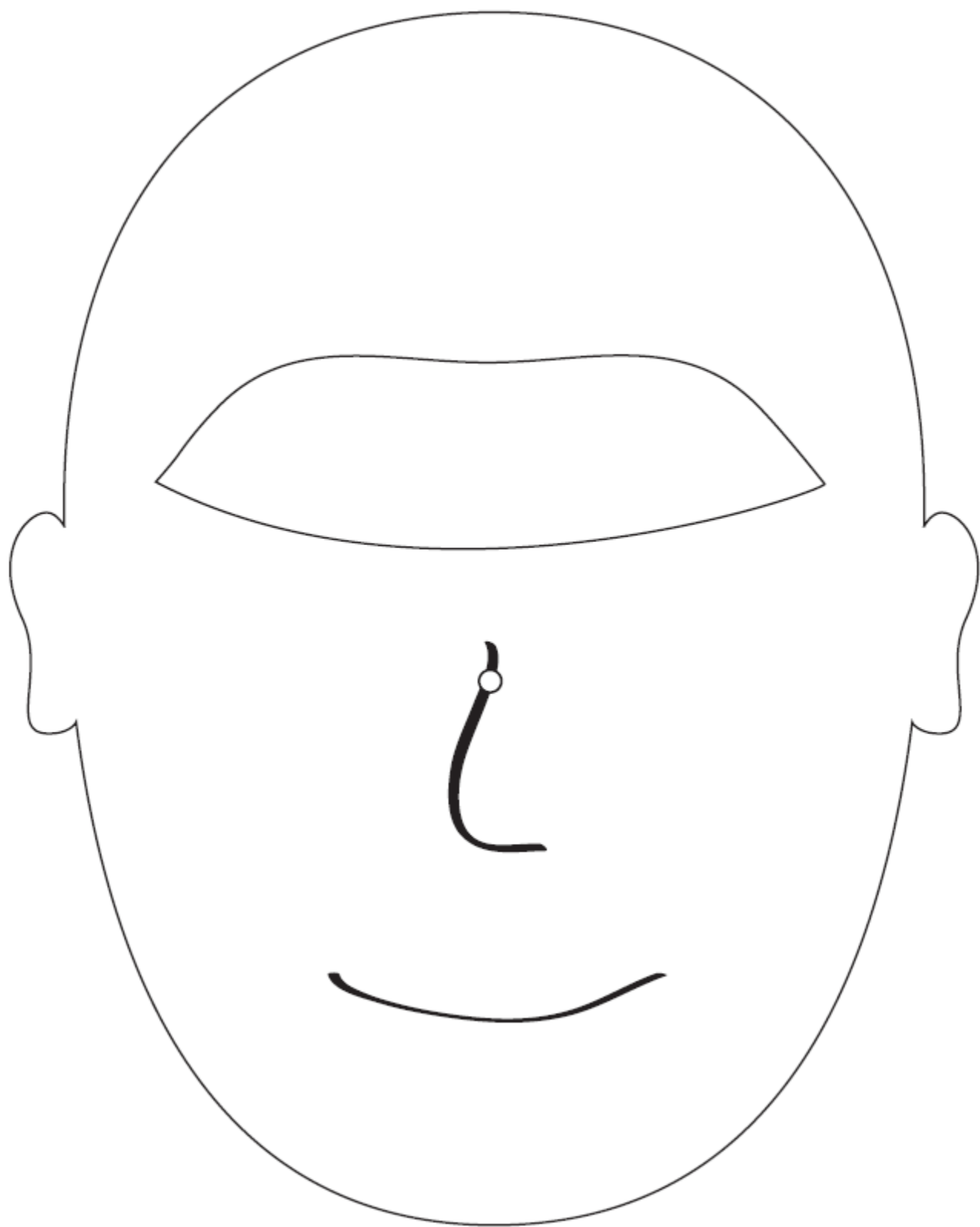
Jesus Heals the Blind Man Spinner

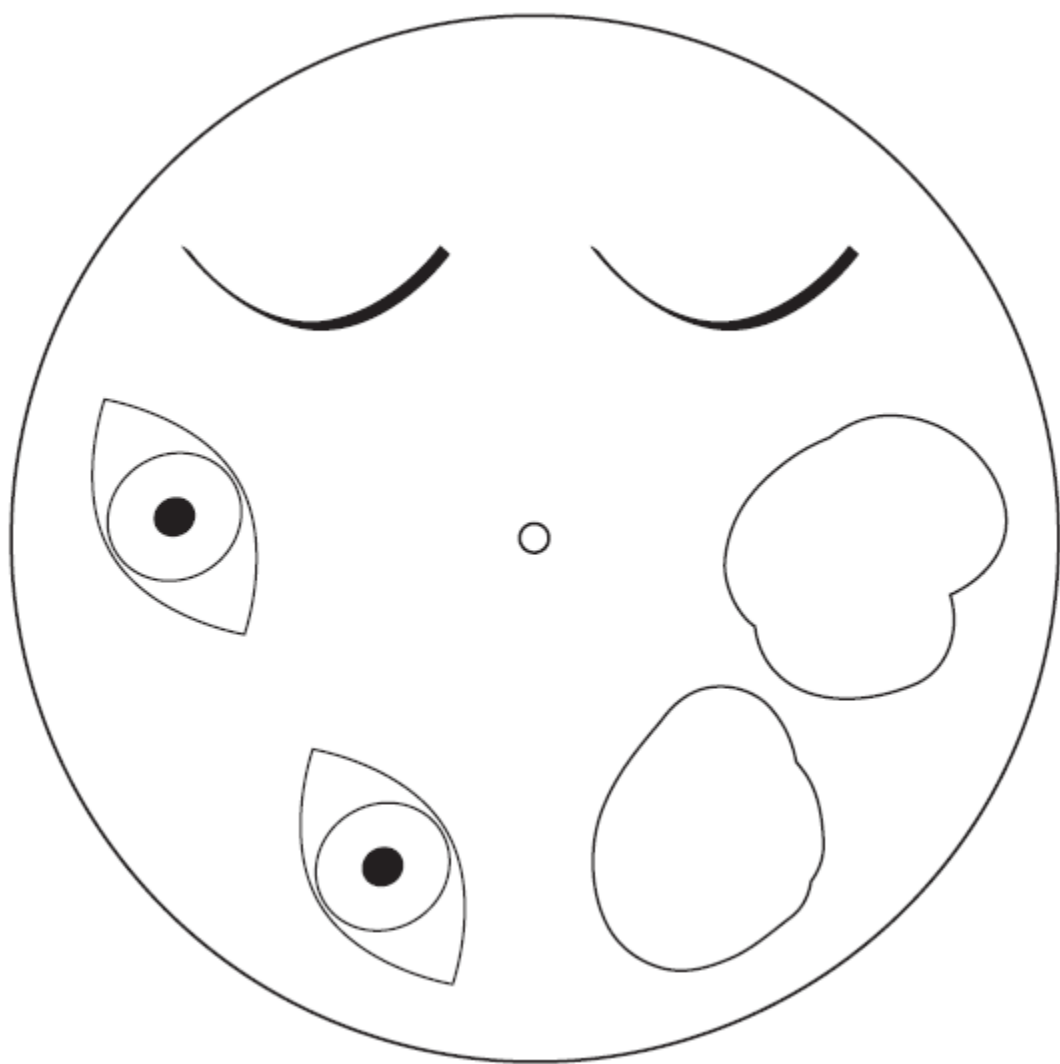
You will need:

- 1 sheet of cardstock
- 1 split pin
- a few feet of hair coloured yarn
- crayons
- glue
- scissors

Instructions

1. Print out the blind man spinner
2. Cut out the face, the hole for the eyes, and the circle with the stages of healing
3. Poke through the tiny hole on the blind man's nose, and the one in the middle of the circle. Using a hole punch will make the hole too big for standard-size split pins. You can always use the end of one side of your scissors or use nice sharp pencil or pen tip might just do the trick, as well
4. Cut the yarn into lots of little pieces to glue on as hair.
5. Colour in the face and the features on the circle. Explain what each picture represents on the circle
6. Use glue to give the blind man hair
7. Place the circle behind the face and thread the split pin through the holes and secure
8. Spin the circle
9. Encourage them to use their completed spinner to help you tell the Gospel story. They have to listen for the right time to turn their circle to the next pair of eyes.

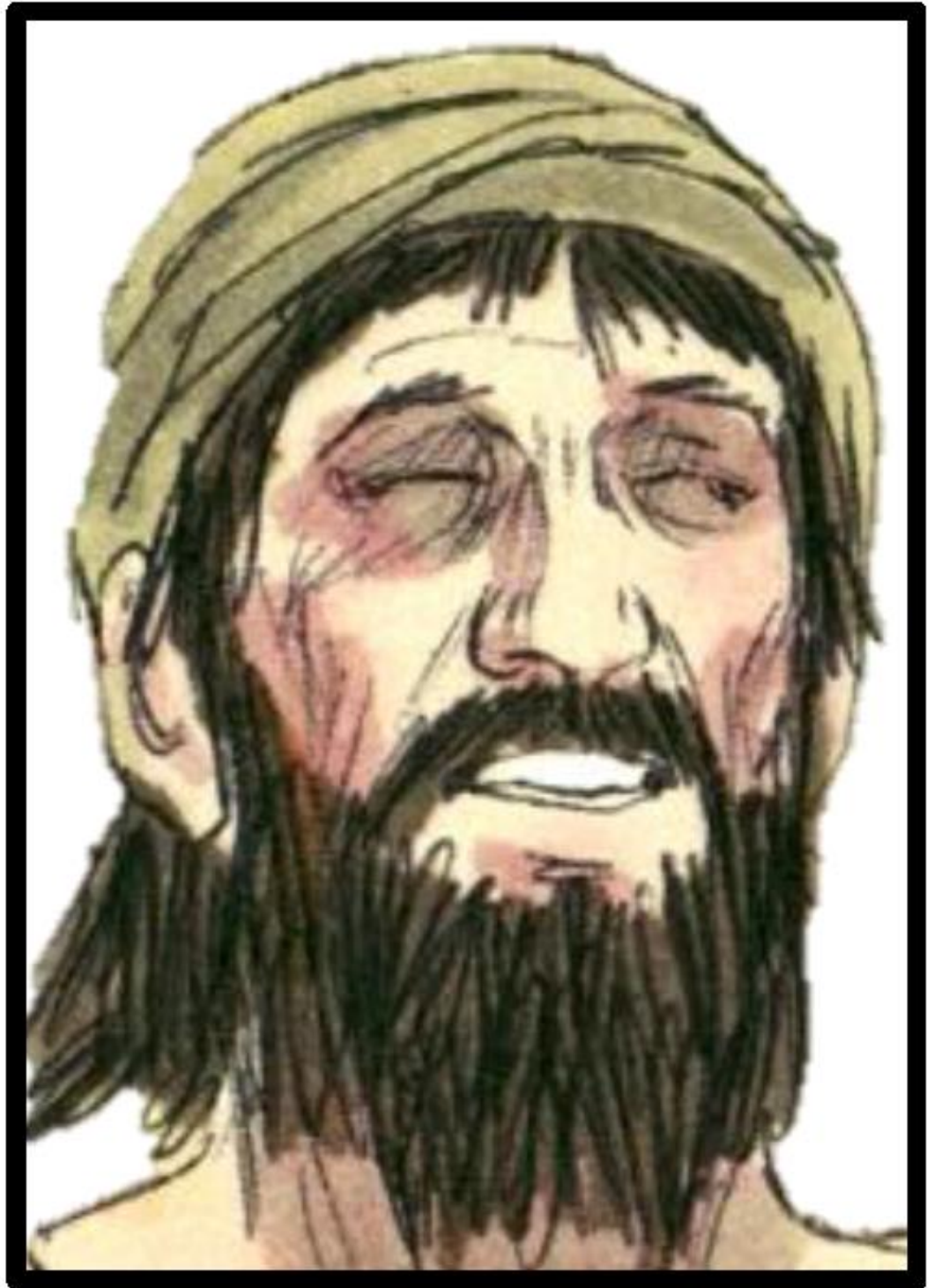




Jesus Heals the Blind Man Flip Picture

Instructions:

1. Print picture and flap
2. Cut out both around border
3. Place flap over eyes, and paste flap at the back of the picture
4. Picture will show blind man when flap is at the back and the man being able to see when folder over eyes







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