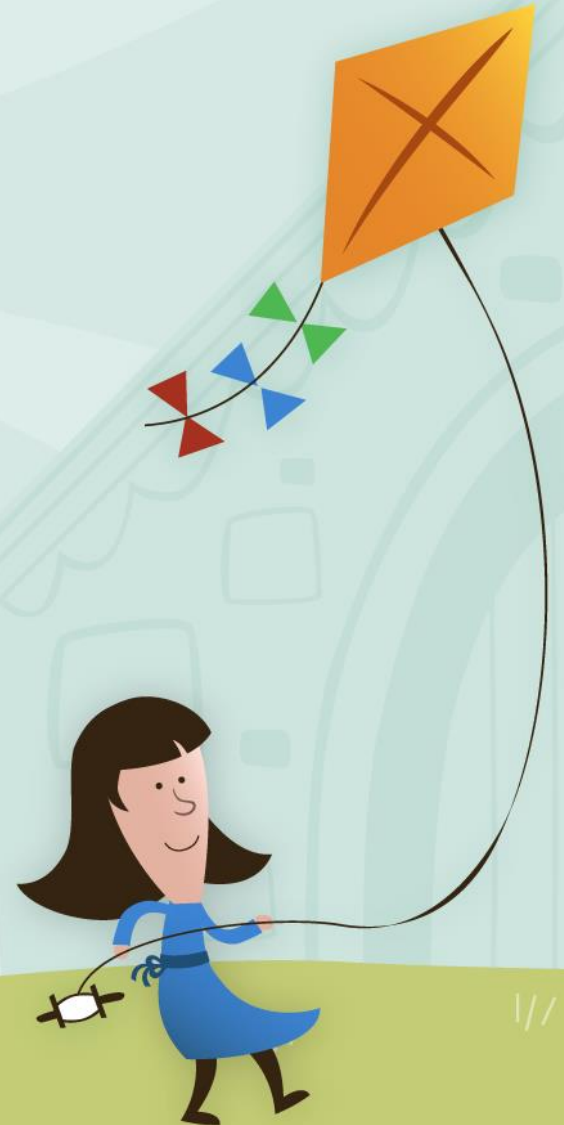


WELCOME THE WORD

THIS SUNDAYS THEME
BLIND and OPEN EYES



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent



We are going to
Listen to God's Word
Share our thoughts
Pray for each other
Then join our parents in Church





Blind



Open eyes



Share which of the two pictures you like most

A colorful illustration of a park scene. On the left, a girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a red dress, is jumping rope. On the right, a boy with a red helmet, wearing a green jacket and blue pants, is skateboarding. The background features stylized green trees and a grey path. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

*As you listen
look out for blind and open*

- As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind
- After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground and made some mud with it. He put the mud on the man's eyes. Then he told the man, **“Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.”** (Siloam means Sent.) So the man went to the pool. He washed and came back. And he was able to see.
- Some people had seen this man begging before. They and the man's neighbours said, **“Look! Is this the same man who always sits and begs?”** Some said, **“Yes! He is the one.”** But others said, **“No, he's not the same man. He only looks like him.”** So the man himself said, **“I am the man.”**



- Then the people took to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. The day Jesus had made mud and healed his eyes was a Sabbath day. So now the Pharisees asked the man, “How did you get your sight?” He answered, “He put mud on my eyes. I washed, and now I can see.”
- Some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man does not keep the Sabbath day. He is not from God!” Others said, “But a man who is a sinner can’t do miracles like these.” So they could not agree with each other. They asked the man again, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man answered, “He is a prophet.”
- They answered, “You were born full of sin! Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw the man out.



- Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. So Jesus found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
- He asked, “Who is the Son of Man, sir? Tell me, so I can believe in him!”
- Jesus said to him, “You have already seen him. The Son of Man is the one talking with you now.”
- He said, “Yes, Lord, I believe!” Then the man bowed and worshipped Jesus.



SHARE

- ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus in this Gospel story?
- What did Jesus do for the beggar?
- What did others think about the blind man?
- Why did they think he had been made blind?
- What did Jesus do when the man was thrown out?
- How did the man react when Jesus told him he had cured him?



- ABOUT US

- When have you ever been in a really dark room?
- How does it feel when you can't see in front of you?
- If you were blind and Jesus came along and made you better how would you feel and what would you do?



LET'S PRAY

FOR OURSELVES

- For all our family and friends who are sick Lord reach out and touch them in your love
- Lord Jesus heal us all
- For those who can't believe in you, help them to believe
- Lord Jesus heal us all



FOR OUR WORLD

- For people who call others names and hurt by their words
- Lord Jesus heal us all
- For people who are hurting about something and holding on to it
- Lord Jesus heal us all



What picture
will you
remember
this week?

