

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Partnered in Christ with
Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Church
Guatemala

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2020 - 11:00 A.M. (ONLINE)

*Jesus then said, "I came into the world to bring everything into the clear light of day,
making all the distinctions clear. . . ."—John 9:39 (The Message)*

Introit

"Shepherd Me O God"

Marty Haugen, Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

One: God is in the water that restores our soul.

All: **And God is in the night when we lose our way.**

One: God is in today and tomorrow, raising up leaders, prophets and dreamers.

All: **And God is in the wilderness with us—every step of the way.**

One: So with confidence we declare:

All: **If God is in those spaces, then God is surely here.**

One: Let us worship the God of creation.

All: **Let us worship the God of wilderness spaces.**

*Hymn 664

"Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Jesus of Nazareth, There are stories of you healing the blind all over scripture. You were constantly opening people's eyes. So today we confess that we often choose to keep our eyes closed. We turn away from injustice in our world, worried you might ask us to work for change. We close our eyes to our privilege, because the truth is uncomfortable. We avoid eye contact with those who are suffering to avoid identifying with their pain. Forgive us for failing to be your Church in the world. Guide us from the depths of our wilderness into your light. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 581 "Glory Be to the Father "

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

(*Pew Bible p. 474 or 501 OT*)

A Moment for Children

Sermon

"John 9"

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 793**

“O Christ, the Healer”, verses 1,2,4, & 5

Announcements

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

***Hymn 718**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

***Charge and Blessing**

Choral Response

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Postlude

“Toccata in D minor”

Johann Ernst Eberlin

** Stand, or remain seated*

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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Office hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00pm

TODAY

11:00 - ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY

8:30 - Finance Team

4:00 - Tai Chi

6:00 - Special Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 - Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - Friends in Christ

THURSDAY

1:30 - AA Ladies

4:00 - Tai Chi

FRIDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

9:00 - American Assoc. of University Women

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

11:00 - ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Weekly Calendar:

Mar 22nd - Mar 29th

WEEKLY PRAYER PEOPLE: Prayers, calls, and notes are encouraged: (please check pdf directory)

Barbara Pickwood, Merritt Roach,

Carl & Sue Schreck, Evans & Sarah Thibodeau

PRAYER CONCERNS: In sympathy: The family of Bob Smith, Buck Bradberry upon the loss of his wife Butch **Pardee:** Ron Hoverson, Nancy Underwood **Home:** Don Widmayer, Barbara Pickwood, Jack Presseau, Nancy Williard, Jan Bridges, Nancy Twitchen, Bud Weeks, Eric McAnallen, Barbara Garrison, Charlie Hunnicutt, Evans Thibodeau, Barbara Nichols, Sue Elsasser, Dan Kincaid, Ann Fennell, Bill and Juliette Blakely, Merritt Roach, Connie Moore Rehabilitation, **Nursing:** Ginny Arkens (CV Med Center); Harry Papazian (Heritage Hills); Jean Gach, Audrey White, Eleanor Beardsley (The Laurels); Alice Gantt, Bob Brackett (CV Care Center);); **Others:** Buck Bradberry, Leigh Ann Faires, Len Domke, Cheryl Stewart-Perryman, Ryan Thibodeau (Sarah & Evans' son), Grover Lewis (Alice McCullough's son-in-law), Jeremy Baker (Sandra Dwork's grandson) and Lisa Merritt (her daughter in law), Joanna Dorsey Duncan (Diane Dorsey Pearce's daughter), Jeffrey Presseau (the Presseaus' son, brain tumor), Tim Dale (Diane Bowers' nephew), Jean Stanfield Walters, Jay, Lorie and Robert Pelc (family of Carole Ball), Don Cunningham, (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

HENDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER UPDATE - If you donated a musical instrument to HCMC and would like to have that instrument back, please contact Susan Mangrum at 828-595-7466 or mangrumsusan@bellsouth.net.

PHOTO CALL - If you have fun fabulous photos of Trinity friends and family, we would LOVE to share them with the rest of the congregation via our website or the Narthex screens. Email your photos to trinitypresbyterianpcusa@gmail.com

CONTACT INFO UPDATES: Thanks to the efforts of Bob Forsythe, Trinity has a brand new member database/directory! But we need your help to keep it up-to-date. Please notify the office of any changes to your contact info. Thank you!

If you would like a NEW up-to-date directory so you can contact ALL your friends during this time, please email Katie in the office at: trinitypresbyterianpcusa@gmail.com

LINENS FOR LENT: Rather than "giving up" for Lent, consider "giving" new blankets, towels, sheets, and other linens much needed by children and adults in Hendersonville. The linens will be delivered to IAM and from there to local children and adults in need in the community. Bring your linens to the Narthex if it is safe to do so - otherwise, consider holding on to them until such time as we can resume normal activities. People will still need washcloths then! :-)

ONLINE WORSHIP TEAM

(just in case you are a NEW virtual visitor to Trinity and don't know our faces yet!)

- **Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley
- **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury
- **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Becky Stanley
- **Music Director/Organist:** Stephen Klein
- **Musicians:** Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo, Beth Pensiero, Ed Tatsch, Jacki Tatsch
- **Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, CP *(with us in spirit during quarantine)*

Sunday | MATTHEW 6:25-34

Do you worry? Doesn't everyone worry? Many of us find ourselves ruminating over issues we cannot control, scenarios that may or may not happen, things that really don't deserve the energy we're investing in them. No matter that intellectually we know that our worry resolves nothing, helps not at all and distresses us, we find we cannot get our minds to stop running on that mental treadmill. This beautiful text poetically nudges us to let go of all that keeps us up at night and makes us anxious. Let's be clear, however, there are those for whom worry about food and clothing and shelter are present, real and pressing. There are also those for whom anxiety is an illness and should be treated as such. These words from Scripture should not be used to shame, dismiss or silence those already in pain. Rather, they should teach us that God's will for all is peace, provision and safety.

This Lent, as we seek to let go of fear and trust God's ability and will to give us what we need, we are called to work in ways that make this promise tangible for everyone. If we go to bed fed and in a safe dwelling, without the need to worry about our next meal or place of slumber, how might we show those in radically different circumstances that they too can be relieved of these worries?

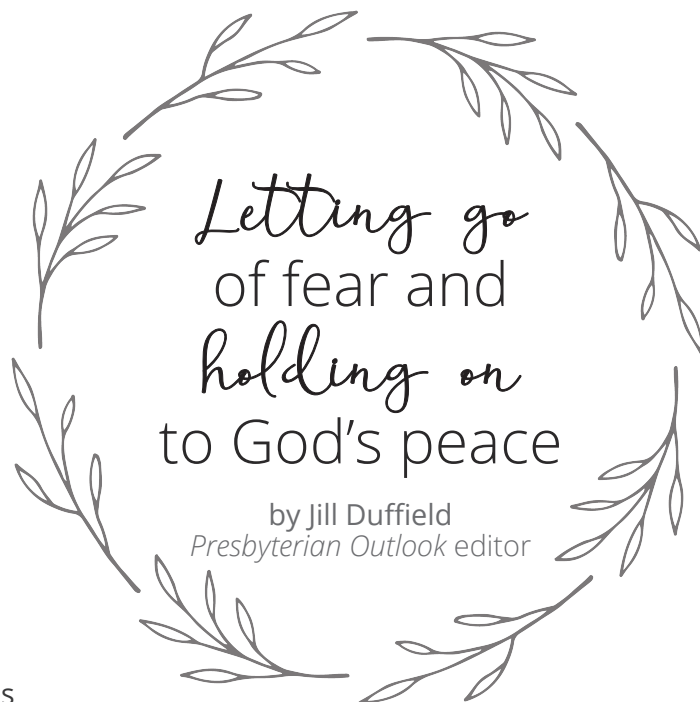
If God does not want us to worry about tomorrow, how can we alleviate today's troubles for those overwhelmed by them? Doing so would be striving first for the kingdom, every day.

Lord, we forget to seek your Kingdom first. We notice what we lack, rather than giving thanks for all we have. We neglect the needs of those without their daily bread, despite having been fed on the bread of life. We ask for your wisdom so that we will focus rightly and live accordingly until no one has cause to worry. Amen.

Monday | ISAIAH 12:2

How often do we think about what it means that God is our salvation? From what and for what are we saved? Salvation is one of those churchy words that we often use without considering what it means or why it matters. What difference does it make to you that you have been saved by God?

God who saves us, who is our strength and shield, our hope and haven, your coming to us and rescuing us from sin and isolation, separation and estrangement, frees us to live without fear and with divine purpose. We thank you for loving us enough to intervene on our behalf so that we can live fully for you. Amen.



Tuesday | PSALM 27:1

What are your greatest fears? List them and then pray through the list. Picture God's light surrounding each one. Remember that God knows them already and right now is present, offering you strength and working for good. Can you turn one of those fears over to God's care just for today?

Heavenly Father, our fears threaten to overtake us. We fear for the state of our world, for those we love, for ourselves. We obsess about what might happen and if resolution to wicked problems will come. Our regrets linger and our hopes remain unfulfilled. At least for today we put down our burdens and rest in your promise of light and love. Amen.

Wednesday | 1 JOHN 4:18-19

We love because God first loved us. Use this verse as a breath prayer throughout the day. Breathe in "we love," and breathe out "because God first love us." As you find yourself stressed or distracted, breathe in "I love," and breathe out "because God first loved me." Pay attention to how this practice impacts your attitude, emotions and perspective.

Lord of love, you loved us first. You knew and loved us even as we were being knit together in our mother's womb. You called us by name, said we belong to you and stopped at nothing to be in relationship with us. Recognizing the magnitude of this gift, we want to love you and others with our whole being. Amen.

Thursday | 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

How do God's power, self-discipline and love go together? How might they go together for disciples of Jesus Christ? Loving requires intentionality, effort, practice, God's power and our self-discipline. How do you see these three things working together in your life and faith community? Where do you need most to practice self-discipline in order to be more loving?

God of power and might, we often lack self-discipline and fail to love as we ought. Self-centeredness replaces self-discipline. Selfishness overtakes your call to serve you and others. Forgive us for trusting in our own power, rather than relying on yours. Strengthen our self-discipline so that we can love you and our neighbors fearlessly. Amen.

Friday | JOHN 14:27

Peace is illusive, ineffable and so much more than the absence of violence. Jesus gifts us with his peace. Where do you find and feel Jesus' peace that passes understanding? How can you cultivate a deep sense of Jesus' peace in ways that impact the people and places around you? Read the headlines and pray for peace for those without any this day.

Prince of Peace, in a world too often overflowing with violence, cruelty and war, we long for your inexplicable peace, not only for ourselves, but for all of creation. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. May your offspring increase exponentially until all the earth is enveloped by your peace. Amen.

Saturday | ISAIAH 54:10

What in your life feels tumultuous, as if the very earth beneath your feet is shaking? Reflect on your faith journey and remember other seasons of upheaval. How was God present? Looking back, where do you see that God was at work? Can recalling those times give you comfort and assurance now?

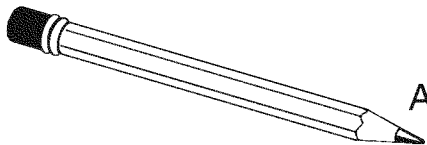
There are seasons, Lord of all, when nothing in our world seems stable or certain, the foundations on which we stand shake and tremble and we wonder what will be left standing when the tumult stops. Remind us, compassionate God, of your unfailing covenant and persistent compassion. Help us to hold on to you when everything else is crumbling. Amen.



Jesus asked the man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man asked who it was. Jesus told him that it was He. What did the man say then?

Write the letter that is missing from the second word on the line.

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in TENOR	but not	RENT		___
in REST	but not	SET		___
in DEAR	but not	ARE		___
in RIDE	but not	RED		___
in BARGE	but not	GEAR		___
in GLEE	but not	LEG		___
in LADLE	but not	LEAD		___
in LILAC	but not	CALL		___
in TEAM	but not	MAT		___
in VAST	but not	SAT		___
in ROUTE	but not	TOUR		___."



And he worshiped Him!

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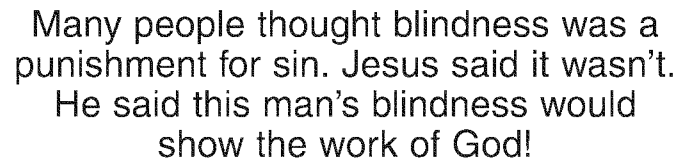
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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

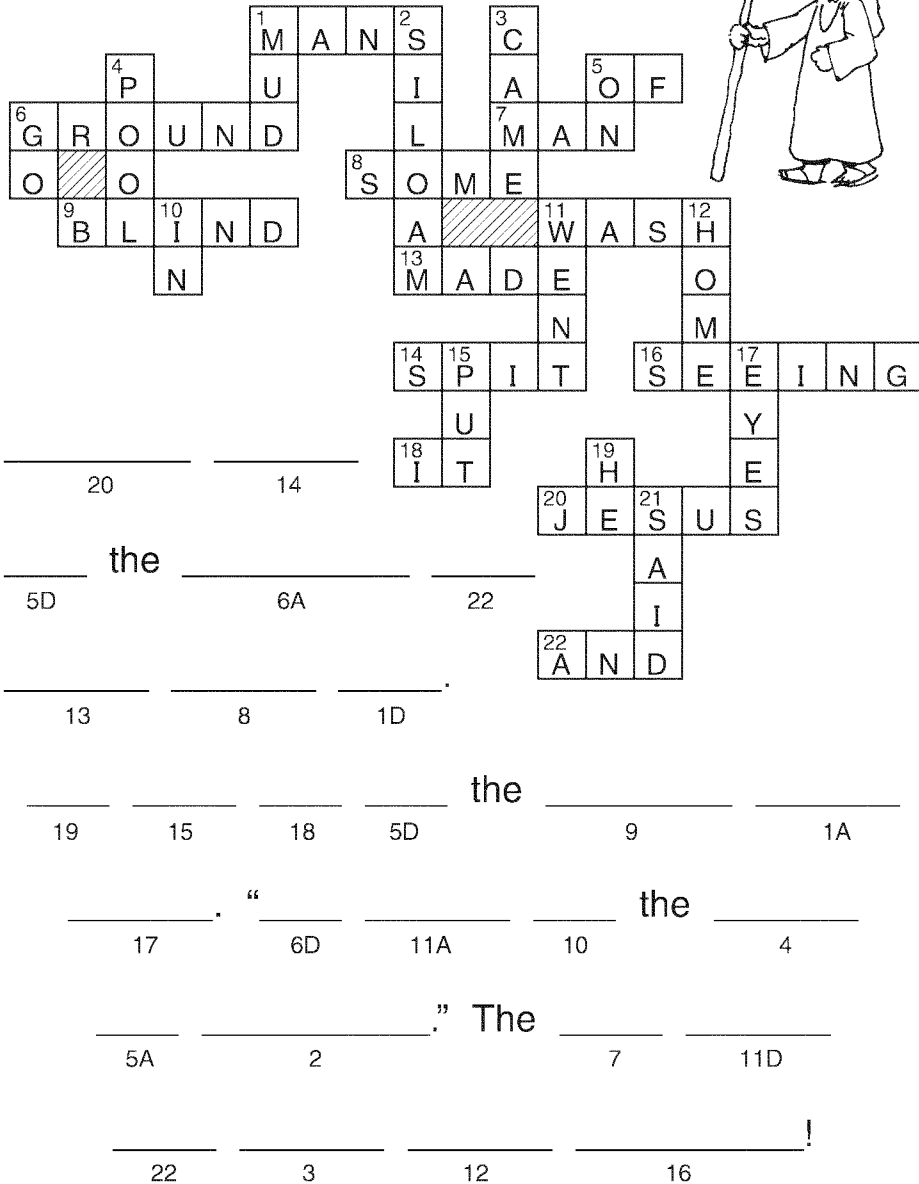
As Jesus and His disciples went along, they saw a man who was blind from birth.

Complete this picture of Jesus meeting the blind man.





Copy the words from the crossword puzzle onto the lines to find what happened next.



The Pharisees questioned the man about Jesus. They said Jesus must be a sinner because He had healed on the Sabbath. What did the man say?

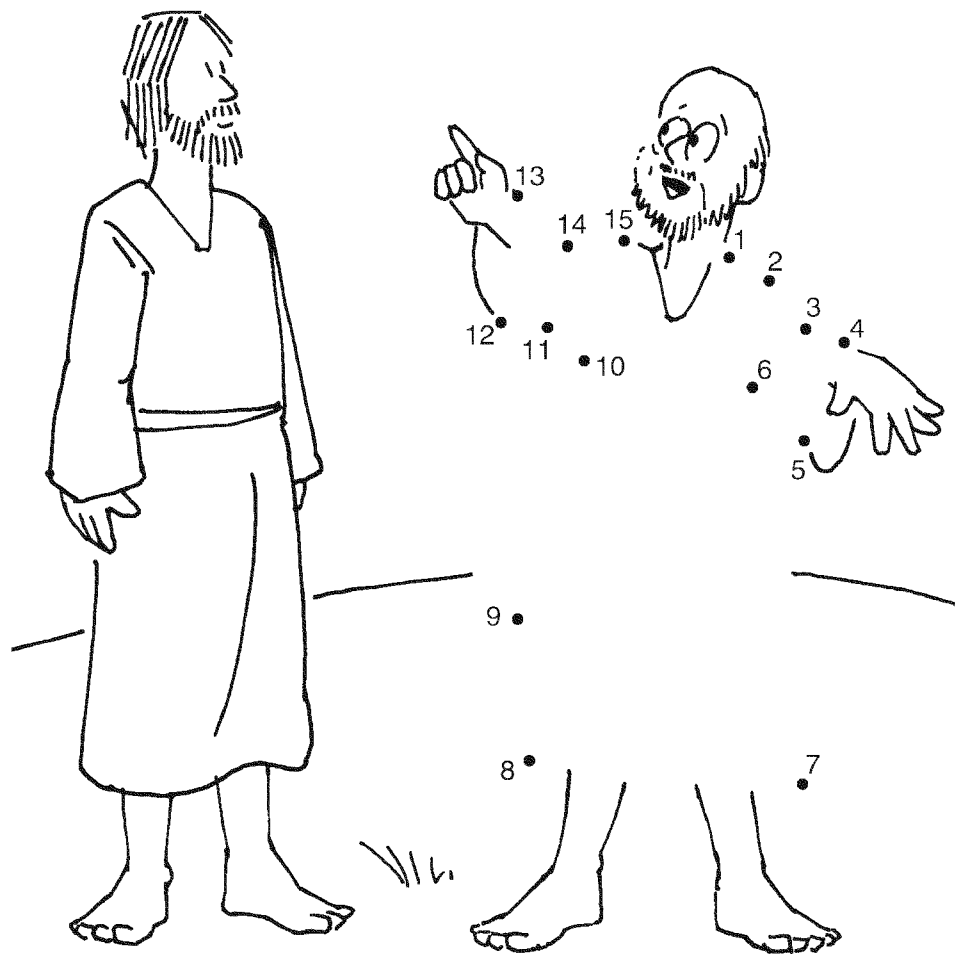
Use the Braille alphabet to find the answer.

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Later, Jesus saw the man again, and He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
"Who is He, sir?" the man asked.

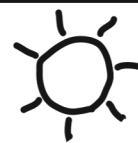
Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



Jesus said, "You have now seen Him; I am the Son of Man." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him.

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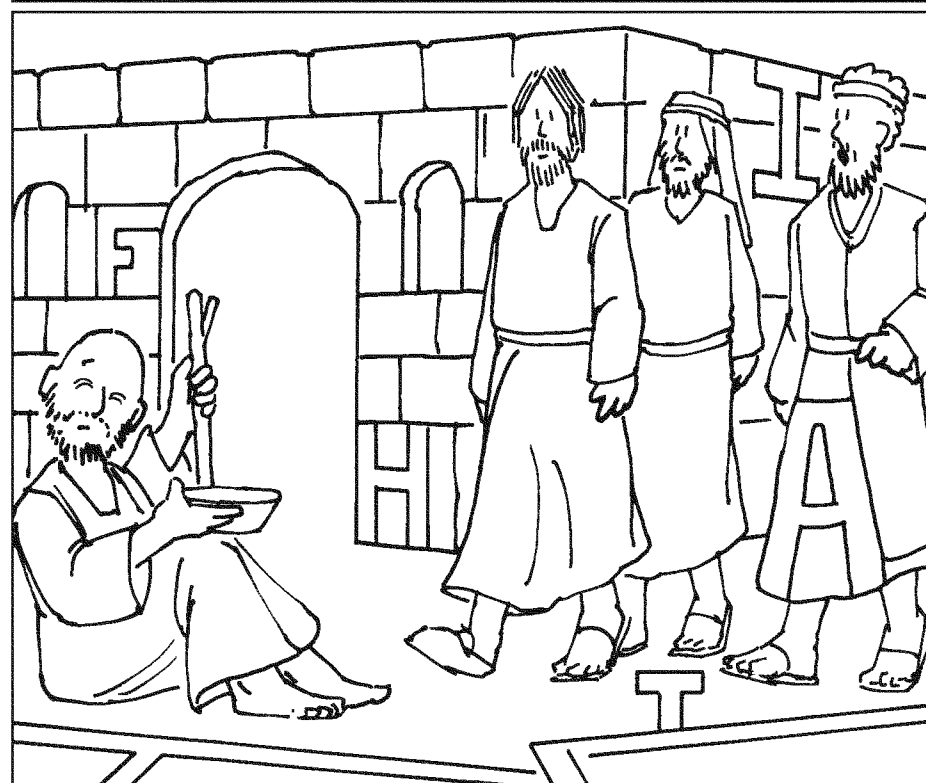
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Jesus saw a man who was blind.

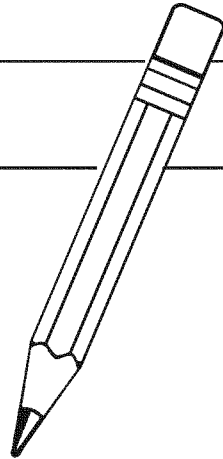
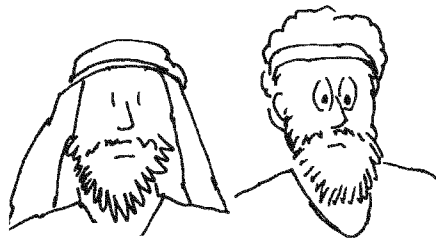
Circle the hidden letters. F A I T H



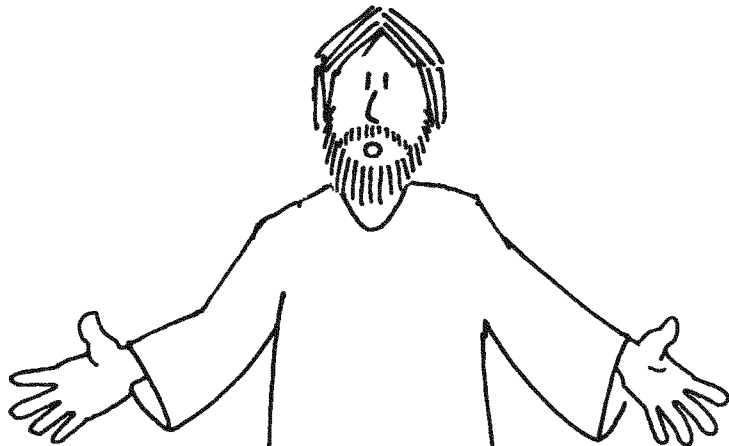
The disciples asked Jesus, "Is this man blind because he or his parents sinned?"

"No," said Jesus. "But because this happened, God's goodness can be shown through him."

Trace the letters.



God's
goodness



Then Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and told him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man washed and was healed.

Circle

5 differences in the 2nd picture.

