

LESSON 21

JESUS HEALS PEOPLE

Mark 7:31-37; John 9:1,6-7

Jesus did wonderful miracles - he used God's power to help people. This lesson is about two of these incidents.

A deaf man was brought to Jesus. He could not speak clearly, because he had never heard people speaking. The people asked Jesus to make him better. Jesus took the deaf man away from the crowd, and gently put his fingers in the deaf ears and touched his tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Be opened". Immediately the man could hear and speak clearly.

One day, when Jesus was walking along the road, he saw a blind man begging. He had been blind since he was born, so he had never seen anything. Jesus spat on the ground and made some clay, and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The blind man did as Jesus told him, and straightaway he was able to see everything.

ACTIVITY

Find pictures in magazines of things which can make sounds (e.g. animals, clocks, vehicles) and paste them around the ear. Similarly, find things you like to see and paste them around the eyes. Alternatively, draw pictures. Colour or paint the ear and eyes.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Discuss the implications of being deaf or blind. Thank God for these two senses.

Act out the story of the deaf man.

Make musical instruments and use them when singing. Maraccas - seeds in plastic bottles. Wrist bells - milk bottle tops threaded onto hat elastic. Drums - ice cream containers.

Play listening games - eg recognising household sounds which have been taped.

Mouth words for children to lipread as if they are deaf.

Collect some soil and water. Allow children to mix these together to make clay as Jesus did.

Blindfold half the children, and make the other half lead them, to see how hard it is for blind people.

While still blindfolded, give children an object which they must identify.

Jesus did many wonderful miracles.

