

John 8:1-11; John 9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins.
1 John 1:9*

Readings this week:

- S John 7:32-52
- M John 8:1-11
- T John 8:12-30
- W John 8:31-47
- Th John 8:48-59
- F John 9:1-34
- S John 9:35-41

A man born blind

Read John 9 together.

Look more closely at verses 39-41. Do you think the Pharisees were blind in some way?

Blind or seeing?

What do you learn from 1 John 2:10-11 and 1 John 1:8-9 about how you can be blind and how you can have sight? Look at John 9 to find verses that show how the blind man could see spiritually.



How can Jesus make us see?

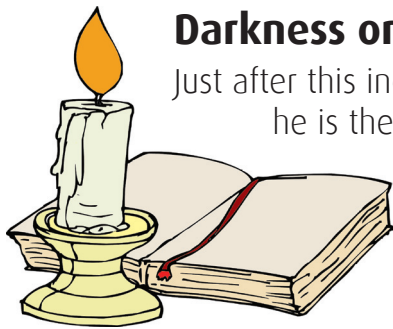
What do you know about God's forgiveness?

Look up these verses and discuss what you think they tell you. Isaiah 55:7; Psalm 103:1-12,13,17; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18,19



How do the Pharisees show that they are blind, in John 8:2-11?

How does Jesus help them to see?



Darkness or light?

Just after this incident, in John 8:12, Jesus tells his disciples he is the light of the world. How does this light help people to see?

What other functions does the light of Jesus have for us?

Sight check

Get your eyes checked, and wear your glasses if you need them!

Make sure your spiritual eyesight is good, and that you don't do anything which might impair it.

You too can be a light

Look in Luke 11:33. What does the light represent here?

How can you make your light shine so people can see it?

Digging Deeper - Jesus and his brothers

Sometimes we are not sure of the sequence of the events of Jesus' life, but John records that after Jesus fed the 5000 and healed the blind man there was a feast of tabernacles in Jerusalem.

Read about the start of it in John 7:1-5.

What do you think of what the brothers thought of Jesus?

Mark 3:20-21 tells us a bit more about what they thought.

Matthew 28:9-10 gives us an idea what Jesus thought of them.

What happened after the ascension of Jesus?

(Look at Acts 1:12-14; Galatians 1:19; Acts 12:17; 15:13)

Ask God to help you to see his message clearly.