

Family Connections

Sunday of the Blind Man

Acts 26:1,12-20 and John 9:1-38



If we are to see again, a miracle must take place. Jesus must touch our eyes as He touched the eyes of the man born blind. Then we will begin to see. Then we will come to realize that without Jesus no man can truly see and with Him no man can be truly blind. He is the opener of the eyes of the soul, and without Him it is always darkness. —from Gems from the Sunday Gospels in the Orthodox Church by Anthony Coniaris

EXPLORE TOGETHER:

Blindfold, Please—Take turns blindfolding different members of your family and having another family member guide them around.

After everyone has had a turn, discuss what it was like not being able to see. Discuss how we can be spiritually blind and how we can work to see properly as Orthodox Christians.

Support—As we learn in today's Gospel there are often many misconceptions regarding people with disabilities. When questioned by the disciples as to whose sin caused this man to be born blind, Jesus states, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.” How can the works of God be revealed through our weaknesses? To learn answers to this visit www.goarch.org and search for “special needs” for resources to support those who have children with special needs but especially read Parenting a Child with Special Needs: One Mom's Perspective by Presvytera Melanie Distefano.

**Before church next week, read the scripture passages for the
Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Acts: 20:16-18, 28-36 and John 17:1-13**

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