

Preschool Story 6

A man born blind (John 9)

Warm up to this story with some "Open-shut them" actions, covering and uncovering your eyes. If you have parents/carers and children together in your group encourage the children to stand behind their grown up and cover and uncover their eyes, as well as swapping and covering the children's eyes. During the story, at the start of each verse. Cover and uncover your own eyes on 'open' and cover your eyes on 'blind' or 'blindness'.

You may also want to introduce the actions on Spit (hand to mouth and 'spit' it away), mud (mime scooping up some dirt) and power ('stir' the pretend mud around in the palm of your hand, then open out both palms upwards.) Prepare this sequence before you start – or leave it til the end, practice it together, and tell the story a second time incorporating these actions. Children will always appreciate a repetition of a story.

Eyes wide open
Jesus can see
A man born blind
And not treated fairly.
Some people say
that he is to blame
He must be so bad,
and his family's the same

But Jesus knows better
He knows that blindness
is not one person's fault
And should lead us to kindness
And so with some spit
and some mud
and God's power
The man's eyes are opened by Jesus that hour.

Eyes wide open
This man can see
The sky and the sun
A house and a tree
And he knows the man Jesus
Made his eyes to see clear
With some spit, mud and power
That must mean God is near.

Eyes wide open
These men are so shocked
A Blind man is healed
But their world has been rocked
And who's this man Jesus
Made his eyes to see clear
can his spit, and his mud
mean that God is near?

Eyes wide open
It's the Mum and Dad
of the man who was blind
and who people thought bad
but they don't know Jesus
Made his eyes to see clear
With some spit, mud and power
that means God is near.

Eyes wide open
This man can see
That Jesus is God
Who else could he be?
For he knows it was Jesus
Made his eyes to see clear
With some spit, mud and power
that means God is near.