

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“Then they reviled him, and said,
Thou art his disciple;
but we are Moses’ disciples.”
John 9:28*

The Cost Of Discipleship

The young man stumbled along, sometimes grasping the hand or shoulder of another person to guide him. Never would he be a craftsman or even an ordinary laborer. It was his destiny to remain in the darkness that surrounded him and beg for coins from those who passed by. People in town knew him as the blind beggar.

But this day destiny came calling. Jesus had just been thrust out of the temple by an angry and belligerent religious group who questioned his claims of being alive before Abraham. Jesus slipped out of their midst and noticed the blind beggar beside the road. **“Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?”** asked his curious disciples. Jesus did not hesitate with his answer, **“Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him”** (John 9:2-3).

The disciples watched as Jesus spat on the ground, scooped up the wet dirt, and formed a ball of clay. He walked over to the blind man and placed it on his closed eyes. **“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,”** was Jesus’ simple command. Before long, the man returned- seeing!

People in the neighborhood were so confused they didn’t even know if it was the same man. They took him to the temple and the Pharisees began throwing angry questions at him, “Who did this?” How did it happen? What do you think of the man who healed you?” Again and again they questioned him. Finally, in exasperation the formerly-blind man said, **“I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?”** With that, the Pharisees cast him out of the temple! Nevertheless, the man knew what Jesus had done for him and gladly stood up for him in spite of the harshness of his critics.

There is often a great price to those who choose to serve Jesus rather than follow the crowd or popular opinion. Even religious people, like the Pharisees, will claim to be disciples of one kind or another, but may rebel in anger when the truth of God’s Word is presented to them. But for those who are true disciples the blessing that comes from serving Jesus is worth it all!

Family Prayer: *Jesus, help me to be strong and stand for You and the truth of Your Word in spite of the opinions of others. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Additional Challenges

Were the waters in the pool of Siloam special? Why did the blind man wash there?

Why were the blind man's parents called?

Why were the parents afraid to answer regarding the healing of their son?

When the blind man was called in again what was he told?

His response: (Verse 25) He _____ and said, _____ he be a
_____ or no, I _____ not: _____ thing I _____, that, whereas I
was _____, now I _____.

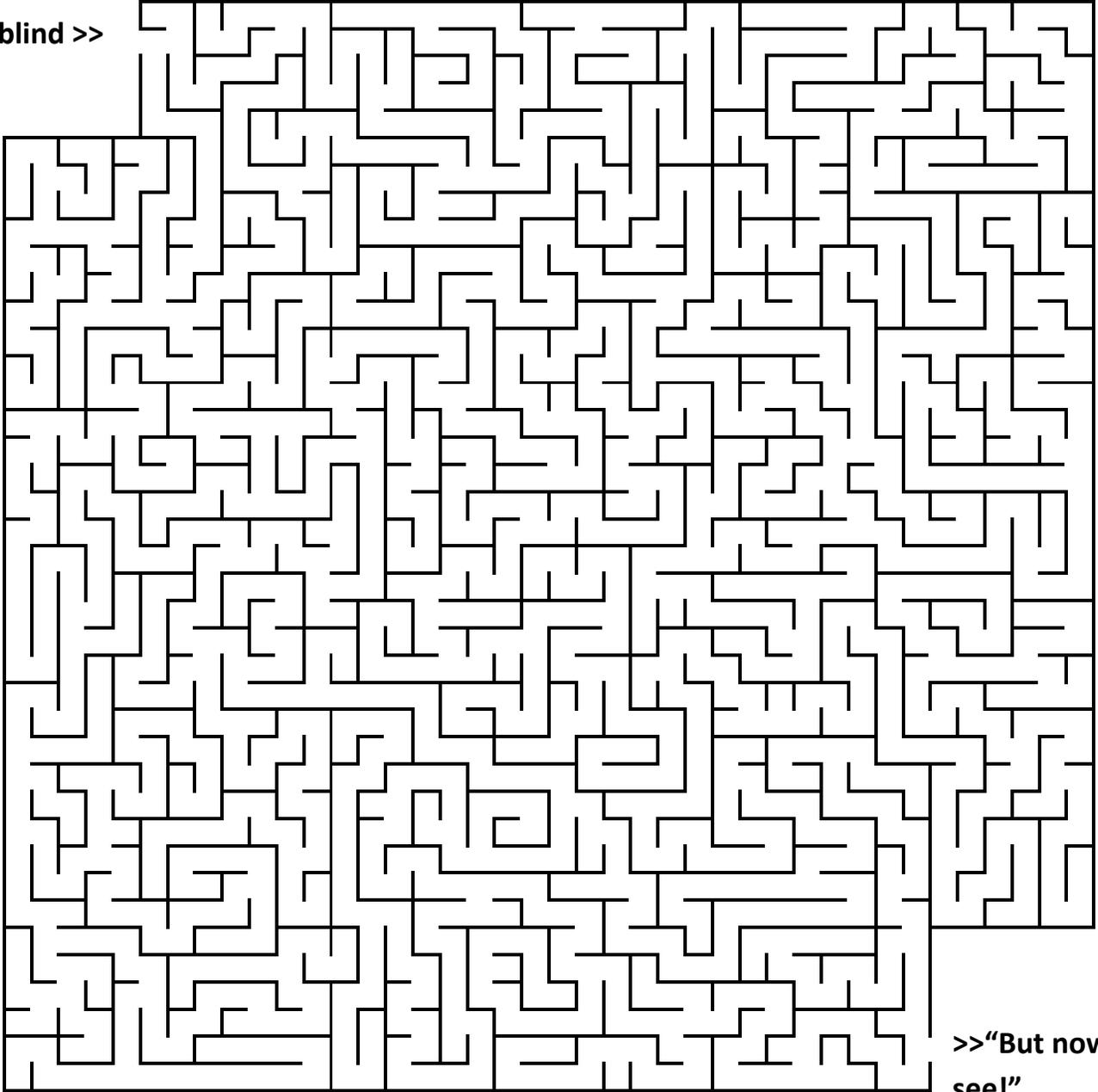
(Verse 30) The man _____ and said unto them, Why herein is a
_____ thing, that ye know _____ from whence he is, and _____
he hath _____ mine _____.

How were his responses different from his parents?

When Jesus told the man he was looking at and talking to the Lord, how did he react?

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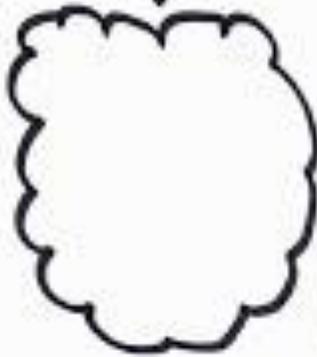
“Was blind >>



>>“But now I see!”

Following Jesus

This week
I will follow
Jesus by
doing this



Colour in
the foot
day by
day as you
follow Jesus!

Lord God
help me to be a
disciple this
week.
Amen