


# Good News


## We Believe in Jesus


Use the clues to complete the word squares. The word at the top of each square is already there. Start the next word with the first letter of the top word.

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- Season before Easter
- Jesus' one commandment
- Opposite of good
- What to do with Jesus' Good News

- What Jesus' followers are like
- Something that says STOP or EXIT
- Left behind by Peter and Andrew
- Playthings for children

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- Symbol of God and Jesus
- Bush with purple flowers
- The way Jesus died
- What Capernaum and Nazareth are

Make your own word puzzle.


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# Looking for Spring

“I’m bored, Mom,” said Cody, looking out the window at the rain. “Why doesn’t spring come, so I can play outside?”

“It’s not raining much now,” Cody’s mom said. “Let’s take a walk. Maybe we can find spring.”

“Where do you look for spring?” asked Cody. He put on his slicker and pulled the hood over his head.

“I always look around the corner at Mr. Miller’s house,” said his mom.

Cody and his mom walked down the street. They stopped in front of Mr. Miller’s house.

“Do you see the flowers under the front window?” asked his mom.

“Where? I don’t see anything,” said Cody.

“Little green leaves are pushing up through the brown leaves. They have white flowers. They are snowdrops. They bloom even before the snow is gone.”

“Wow,” said Cody. “I couldn’t see them at first.”

“You have to learn to find spring,” said his mom.

“Where else do you look?” asked Cody.

“I check the yellow house with the green fence,” his mom said.

Cody and his mom walked down the block to the yellow house. Cody ran ahead. He stopped at the fence and pointed.

“I see reddish spikes in the snow.”

“Those are tulips. Look how they melt the snow around them,” said his mom.

“Let’s look for spring at our house,” said Cody. He ran ahead again. “Look, Mom, our tree is full of birds.”

“The robins love the mushy crab apples in the spring,” said his mom.

“That gray bird isn’t a robin,” Cody said. “It has a funny beak, and its colors are different than a robin’s.”

“It’s a grosbeak,” said his mom. “Let’s look at Grandpa’s bird book. He used to write in the dates when he saw the birds arrive each spring.”

“I will write today’s date by the grosbeak picture,” said Cody. “Now my eyes can see spring.”



## KNOW

- 1 Why doesn’t Cody see spring at first?
- 2 What signs of spring do you see in your neighborhood?





# SUNDAY GOSPEL

4th Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

## Seeing and Believing

**Narrator:** On the Sabbath, Jesus saw a man who had been blind since he was born. Jesus told the man what to do so he would be healed. The man did what Jesus told him to do.

**Neighbor:** Aren't you the man who used to sit and beg?

**Man:** I was blind, but now I can see. The man named Jesus put mud on my eyes. He told me to wash in the pool of Siloam. I did, and now I can see.

**Pharisee:** I bet you were never blind.

**Narrator:** They brought in the man's parents.

**Neighbor:** Is this your son?

**Father:** Yes, he is our son.

**Pharisee:** Was he blind?

**Mother:** Yes, always.

**Neighbor:** Then how can he see now?

**Father:** Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.

**Neighbor:** Tell us. How can you see now?

**Man:** I already told you. A man named Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. Then he told me to wash it off. I did, and now I can see. Do you want to be his disciples too?

**Pharisee:** If you follow that man, then you can't worship with us.

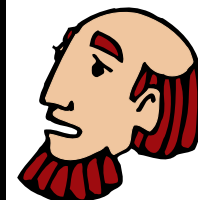
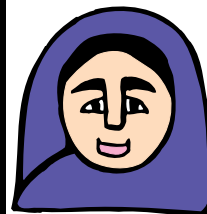
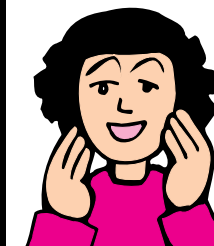
**Narrator:** Jesus heard about what happened. He went to talk to the man he had healed.

**Jesus:** Do you believe in the One who comes from God?

**Man:** Who is this person?

**Jesus:** You have seen him and are speaking with him now.

**Man:** I believe in you, Jesus!



## KNOW

- 1 Who made the blind man see?
- 2 Why weren't people happy for him?
- 3 What does the blind man believe about Jesus?



## Gospel Puppets

Cut out the Gospel puppets on this page. Glue them on strips of paper to make finger puppets or tape them to craft sticks. Retell the story of the man born blind to a partner.

Neighbor



Connecting **GOSPEL**  
and **DOCTRINE**

# Our Belief Grows



Blind man

The blind man begins to see who Jesus is and believes in him. As we learn about Jesus, we grow to trust him and want to be like him. We grow in our belief that Jesus is God's Son. We grow in our belief in the teachings of the Bible and the Church. At every Sunday Mass, we pray a **creed** to state what we believe about God.

Mother



## Catholic Faith Word

**creed** A creed is a statement of belief. The word *creed* comes from the Latin word for "I believe."

Go to pages 15 and 6 of your Catechism handbook to learn more about the Apostles' Creed.



Teacher

## Activity

# I Believe in the Father, Son, and Spirit

I believe in the  even when  hide it.

I believe in  even in the daytime.

I believe in God, the \_\_\_\_\_, who made the world.

I believe in Jesus, God's \_\_\_\_\_, who became one of us.

I believe in the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, who helps us to be holy.

I believe in the Church, the community of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

I believe that we will live with God in Heaven forever and ever.

Father

Jesus

### Family Corner

Scan here for parent resources. 



### Question of the Week

If you were blind and could suddenly see, who or what would you be most excited to see?

### Family Prayer

God, open our eyes so that we will see you in all of Creation. Amen.



Pray before going to sleep every night.



Pray to God every day.