

## **John 9:6**

John chapter 9 is the account of Jesus giving sight to a man who was born blind.

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Think about [John 9:6-7](#)

*Having said these things, he (Jesus) spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.*

Think about [Genesis 2:7](#)

*then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

- In these two accounts where something was created, what is similar?
  - What do you think; why did Jesus use dirt to cause this man's eyes to work?
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The Sabbath day is the last day of each week. The Jew's had a law that said they were to rest and do no work on Sabbath days.

Think about [Deuteronomy 5:12-14](#).

*(Moses said to Israel) Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.*

- Why did God command the Jews not to labor on Sabbath days?

Think about [Mark 2:27](#).

*And he (Jesus) said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*

- What do you think Jesus meant by this statement?
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Think about [John 9:14-16](#).

*Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.*

- Why did some religious people condemn Jesus for healing this blind man?

- What do you think; why did some of the Jewish religious leaders hate Jesus?  
[Mark 15:9-10](#) *And he (Pontius Pilate) answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him (Jesus) up.*
  - Some people asked, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" How would you answer their question? (See John 9:14-16 quoted above.)
  - Between whom did Jesus cause a division? (See John 9:14-16 quoted above.)
  - Why would Jesus divide people?  
[Luke 12:51-53](#) *(Jesus said) "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*
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Think about [John 9:17](#).

*So they (the Pharisees) said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."*

- What did the man who was born blind believe about Jesus after Jesus healed him?
  - What is a prophet?  
[2Peter 1:21](#) *... no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*
  - Why did the healed blind man believe Jesus was a prophet?  
[John 10:25, 38](#) *Jesus answered them, ... "The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ... if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."*
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