

Jesus Heals a Blind Man on the Sabbath, Causing an Uproar

About 5 minutes, from John 9

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

John	
Voice (of Jesus)	
Blind man	
Pharisee	
Prompter	Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.
Echoes	Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.
John	Master, this man has been blind from birth. Who sinned, this man or his parents, to cause him to be born blind?
Voice	It is not because anyone sinned, John. Neither this man nor his parents. It was to let the power of God be displayed!”
John	Jesus astonishes every one by what he does next. He spits on the ground, makes clay and applies it to the man’s eyes!
Voice	Go wash in the pool of Siloam.
John	The pool of Siloam is filled from an underground channel; it is Jerusalem’s water supply. The man goes and returns, having washed. Oh, look!
Prompter & Echoes	He can see!
Pharisee	Then he is not the same man that was blind. You do not fool us Pharisees! He just looks like the blind man.
Blind man	Yes, I am he who was blind.
Pharisee	So how did you come to see? What happened?
Blind man	A man called Jesus did it. He put clay on my eyes and told me to go wash.
Pharisee	Aha! That Nazarene Jesus did this on the Sabbath. He worked on the holy day of rest! He violated God’s law, so he is a sinner!
Prompter & Echoes	Oh, no!
John	But how could an evil sinner do such a miracle?
Pharisee	Anyone who labors on the Sabbath is a sinner, isn’t he? You there, who say you were healed, what do you say about that man Jesus?
Blind man	He is a prophet.

Pharisee Aren't these your parents who accompany you?
 Pardon me, sir. Is this man your son that was born blind?
 How does he now see?

John They reply that the man is their son and he was blind from birth,
 but they do not know how he was healed.
 They tell the Pharisees to ask their son, since he is of age.

Pharisee You are dodging our question.

John The parents fear the Jews.
 If anyone says Jesus is Messiah,
 they throw him out of the synagogue.
 They'll have no place to worship.

Pharisee You who were blind, give glory to God.
 The man whom you say healed you is a sinner.

Blind man I don't know if he is a sinner or not;
 but one thing I know: I was blind, but now I see.

Pharisee How did that man Jesus open your eyes?

Blind man I already told you! Do you want to hear it again?
 Do you want to become his disciples, too?
 God does not hear sinners;
 He could do nothing if He were not from God!

Prompter & Echoes He is from God!

Pharisee Who are you to teach us?

John The Pharisees become angry and throw the man out of the synagogue.
 Jesus hears about it, finds the man, and asks him a question.

Voice Now that you can see, do you believe in the Son of Man?

Blind man The Son of Man? Who is he, Lord?
 Tell me, so I may believe in him.

Voice You have seen him; he is the one who is talking with you.

Blind man Lord, I believe!

Prompter & Echoes Joyful faith!

Voice I came into this world to put men to the test,
 so that those who do not see may see,
 and that those who see may become blind.

Pharisee We are not blind too, are we?

Voice Were you blind, you would have no sin;
 since say you see, your sin remains.

John Wow! It is dangerous to be a religious know-it-all.

Prompter & Echoes Lord, remove our spiritual pride!