

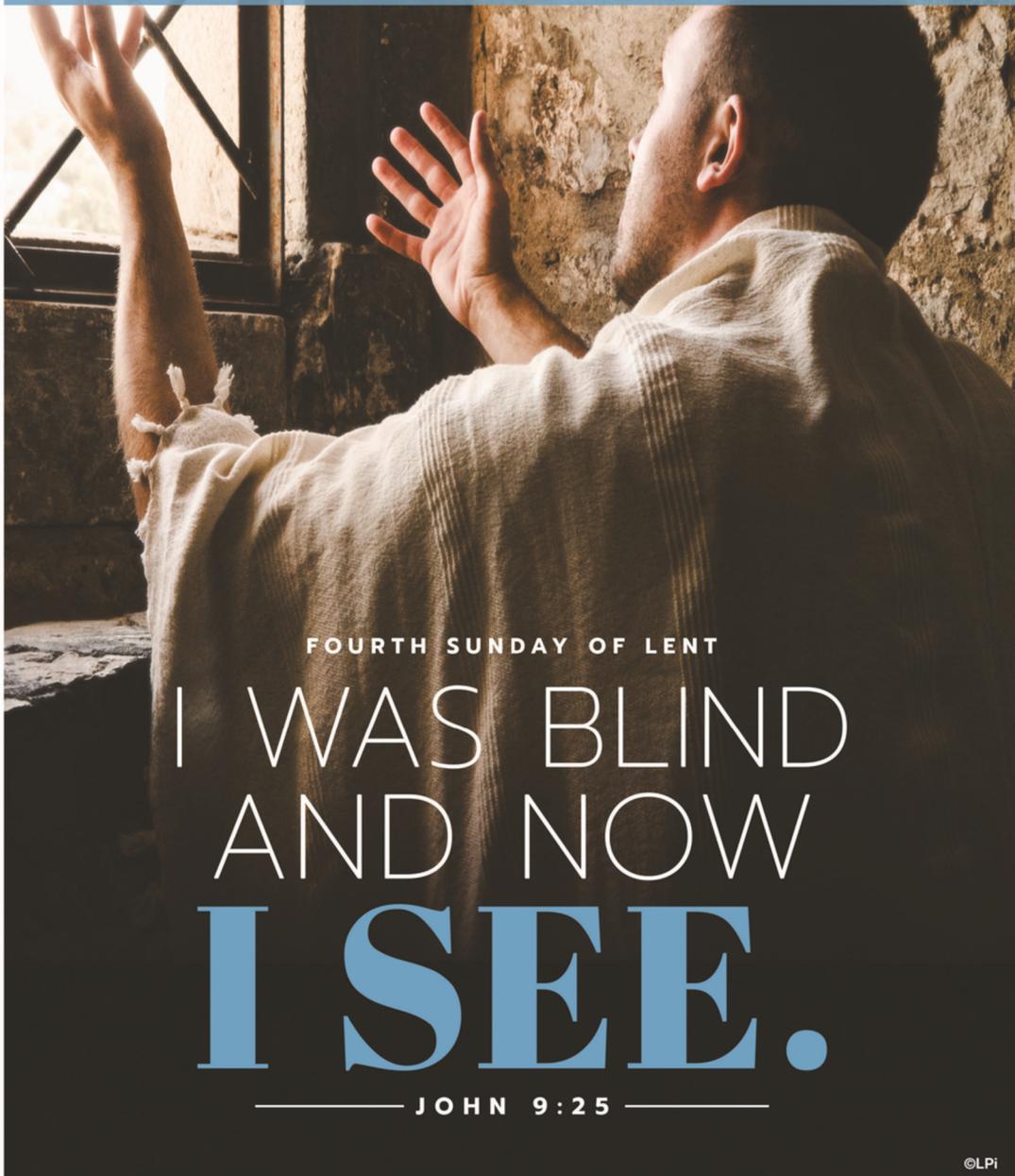


## **THE MISSION STATEMENT**

*We, the members of Divine Savior Parish, called in Baptism by the Holy Spirit to be a people grounded in Word and Sacrament, strive to reach out to all peoples. Through collaboration and sharing of talents and gifts we are dedicated in prayer and in the works of justice to making the Kingdom of God present among all peoples, races and cultures.*

Sunday, March 15th, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND  
AND NOW  
**I SEE.**

JOHN 9:25

# Parish Information

## CONTACT US

**Website:** WWW.Divinesaviorparish.net

**Address:** 6700 Main Street,  
DownersGrove, IL 60516-2799

**Phone:** 630-969-1532

## STAFF

**Fr. Agustin Ortega**, Pastor, 630-574-9751

**Luis Gonzalez**, Business Manager, 630-574-9734  
*Luis@divinesavior.net*

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*pastorala@divinesavior.net*

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## JOIN THE CHURCH!

Are you interested in becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic faith? Contact the Religious Education office at 630-574-9740.

## JOIN THE PARISH!

Stop in the parish office during business hours to register.

## CONFESSIONS

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSIONS. 630-969-1532**

## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office.

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please mail submissions to [bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:bulletin@divinesavior.net) 10 days before the publication.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** 8:30a.m.Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8a.m.,10:00a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Holy days:** Check the bulletin or website

## BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**

Closed on Weekends and Holidays

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Phone:** 630-574-9740

**E-mail:** [dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net)

**Office hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

Once a month at a Baptism service. Arrangements must be made one month in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the pastor at least six months to one year in advance and before all other arrangements are made. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

## QUINCEAÑERAS

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración de una Quinceañera debe comunicarse con la Sra.Plazola al menos 6 meses antes la fecha deseada. Todas las familias debenser miembros activos dentro de la parroquia y las señoritas deben haber recibido el sacramento del Bautismo, la reconciliación, la primera comunión y el sacramento de la confirmación o estar asistiendo en nuestra clases/programa de Confirmación por 1 año antes de la Quinceañera. Horas de servicio y un retiro

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



*March 18th through March 22nd*

Wednesday: 8:30am Susan Zelenka

Thursday: 8:30am David Schaberth

Friday: 8:30am For the Parishioners

Saturday: 4:00pm Berenice Walters

Sunday: 8:00am Alma Ortega

10:00am For the Parishioners

12:00pm Jose Guadalupe Preciado, Jose Estrada, Socorro Arellano y Salud Hilda Preciado



### Prayers for the sick:

Rafaela Botello	John Robinson
Maureen C.	Anthony Gnutek
Mark. C.	Norbert Wierzbicki
Terry R.	Besty
Sherry Toman	Pete Cushion
Steven G.	Bev. G
Joann Costa	Emri R.
D. Woods	Elsie Bestvina
Fr. Bill Conway	Paul Czech
Ellaine Gialogo Jimenez	Kathy S.
Grace P.	Carolyn Heinrich
Herb G.	Erna Eubanks
Kelly M.	Kathy Hamilton
Justin Pratt	Angelica Collazos
	Melissa Weidner

Please call the office at 630-969-1532 if you would like the parish to pray for someone. Please secure his/her permission prior to being included in the prayer request.



The Tabernacle will be lit for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aurelia & Marty Britt

### Announcements:

Lenten Reconciliations - Wednesday  
March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by soup and bread in the parish center.



# WE ARE HIRING!

*Join our team*

**Position Needed – Parish Secretary**

Divine Savior Parish, 6700 Main St. Downers Grove IL, is seeking a Part-time Bilingual Parish Secretary (20 hours a week) to provide a variety of general administrative duties for the parish, including but not limited to:

- coordinating arrangements for funerals, baptisms and weddings, sacramental record keeping,
- parish database record keeping,
- coordinating the parish calendar and assisting the needs of the pastor, parishioners and parish staff, as needed.

This position requires one to be fluent in English and Spanish. Please send a resume to [luis@divinesavior.net](mailto:luis@divinesavior.net) or call the Business Manager, Luis Gonzalez at 630-574-9734.

**Divine Savior**

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Every **Tuesday during Lent**, the church will be open from **noon to 6pm** for personal prayer and reflection. Come and spend some minutes with Christ during this holy season.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6*



# Divine Savior Parish Easter Egg Hunt

To make this celebration meaningful and fun for our kids, we are asking for your generous support through donations.

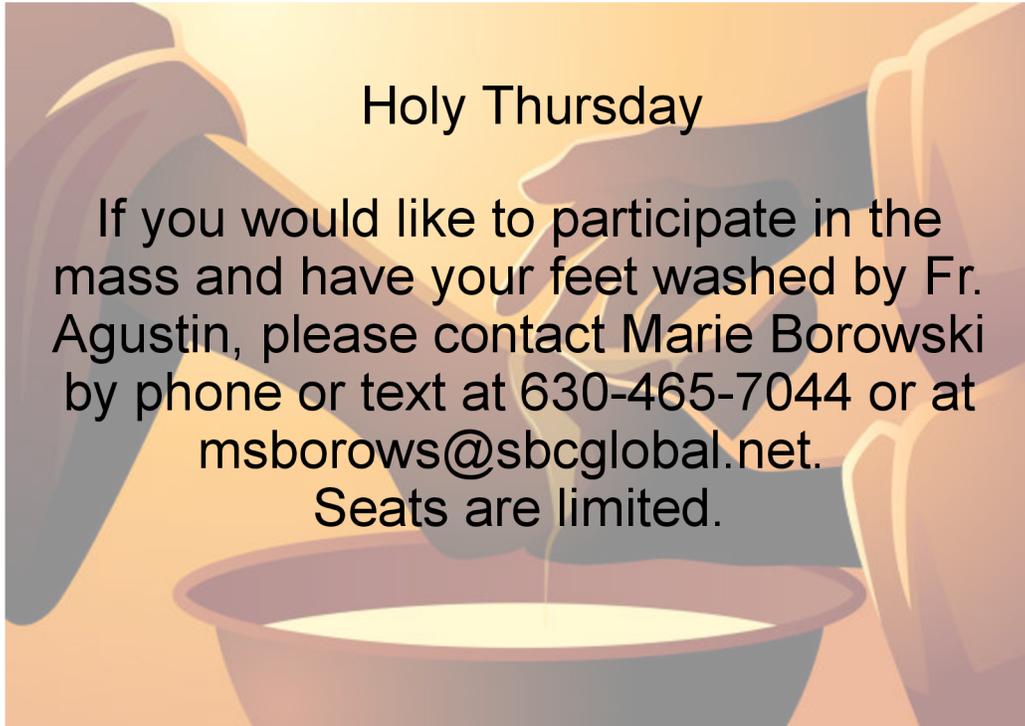
Contact Bianca  
If you would like to volunteer or have any questions  
630-574-9740  
[dre@divinesavior.net](mailto:dre@divinesavior.net)

**🙌 We Are Accepting Donations For:**

**Save the date!  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- **Easter eggs & nut free candy**
- **Children's prizes & small toys**
- **Refreshments**
- **Monetary donations to support children's activities**





## Holy Thursday

If you would like to participate in the mass and have your feet washed by Fr. Agustin, please contact Marie Borowski by phone or text at 630-465-7044 or at [msborows@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msborows@sbcglobal.net).  
Seats are limited.



## Divine Savior Blanket Ministry

Come join us for our monthly meeting in the church conference room.

The ministry consists of volunteers who can knit, crochet or tie lap blankets. We work on these projects at home and come together once a month for fellowship and prayer.

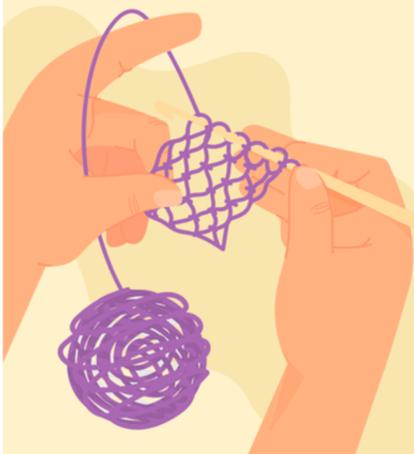
Thursday, March 19th  
at 1:00pm

We can all use prayers and part of our ministry is to pray for special intentions, especially for those who are in need of healing. We always welcome new members and any donations of materials. Please join us for a for a "feel-good" afternoon.

For more information contact Linda Lahey at 708-305-5471 or [lin627.lahey@gmail.com](mailto:lin627.lahey@gmail.com)



Can't knit or  
crochet, no  
problem,  
join us to pray  
the rosary!





## Fr. Miguel's Mission of Love in Ethiopia.

Construction in progress on new buildings and Fr. Miguel with his young members





The ladies from the blanket ministry serving soup & bread this past Friday.



Adoration of the Eucharist



Scrutiny during the 4pm mass on Saturday March 7th.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

### Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
Jn 7:40-53

### Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (**John 9:2**) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (**John 9:5**). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

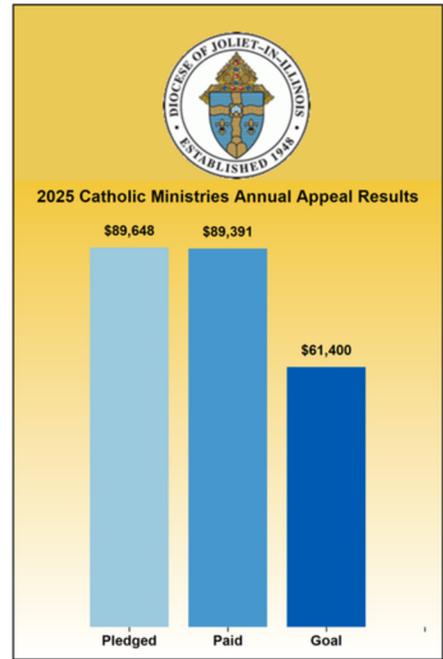
— *Father John Muir*

**2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report**

Results through 1/4/2026

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	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$61,400	\$56,800	\$4,600	\$56,800
Amount Pledged	\$89,648	\$70,294	\$19,354	\$70,294
Amount Paid	\$89,391	\$69,734	\$19,657	\$69,774
Balance Due	\$258	\$560	(\$303)	\$520
Donors	200	224	-24	224
2025 Rebate	\$19,593			



2025 Parishioners	
<b>2,119</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$448.24</b>	<b>1,919</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>48</b>

\*\*\*For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report\*\*\*

Giving Circles	2025 Donors	2024 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	1	0	1
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	1	-1
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	1	1
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	3	2	1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	9	11	-2
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	185	209	-24
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>-24</b>

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Fr. Agustin and the staff of Divine Savior Parish thank you for your generosity.

March Stewardship							
2026	Envelopes	Loose Currency	E-Giving	Sub Total	Blue Envelopes	Special Collection	Total
1ST	\$14,318.00	\$2,236.77	\$2,405.14	\$18,959.91	\$285.00	\$585.85	<b>\$19,830.76</b>
8TH	\$5,534.00	\$2,269.00	\$2,809.00	\$10,612.00	\$415.00	\$533.75	<b>\$11,560.75</b>
15TH							
22ND							
29th							
Month Total	\$19,852.00	\$4,505.77	\$5,214.14	\$29,571.91	\$700.00	\$1,119.60	<b>\$31,391.51</b>
<b>2025/26 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$237,155.61</b>	<b>\$71,368.17</b>	<b>\$88,532.12</b>	<b>\$397,055.90</b>	<b>\$25,311.00</b>	<b>\$86,673.70</b>	<b>\$509,040.60</b>

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners may include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to [Bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:Bulletin@divinesavior.net). Please notify us when the service person returns home.

***WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS***

Jeremiah Curtis - Taji  
Elisabeth Carrillo - National Guard  
David Blazin - US Army  
Kevin Przybocki - US Army  
Rachael Vicha - Navy  
Madison Demos - US. Coast Guard  
Ray Roberto, Jr. - Navy  
Lt. Jack O’Sullivan, MD - Navy

Lynsey M. Gabrielson - Navy  
Major Jose E. Perez - US Army  
Eric Jones - Army Reserves  
Michal Kazmierczak - US Navy  
Jon Black - US Army  
Juanita Iris Mejia - Marines  
Christopher Bianchi - Army  
Brendan O’Sullivan, MD - Air Force



**She drove hours just to hear Mass.  
Then everything changed.**

As a member of the deaf community, Diana longed for more than a seat in the pew. She yearned for genuine spiritual connection, for a liturgy where she could truly encounter Christ. That longing led her to the Deaf Formation Ministry — and your generosity to the CMAA helped make that possible.



Happy Birthday  
Amanda!



**Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community**

# Kids Corner

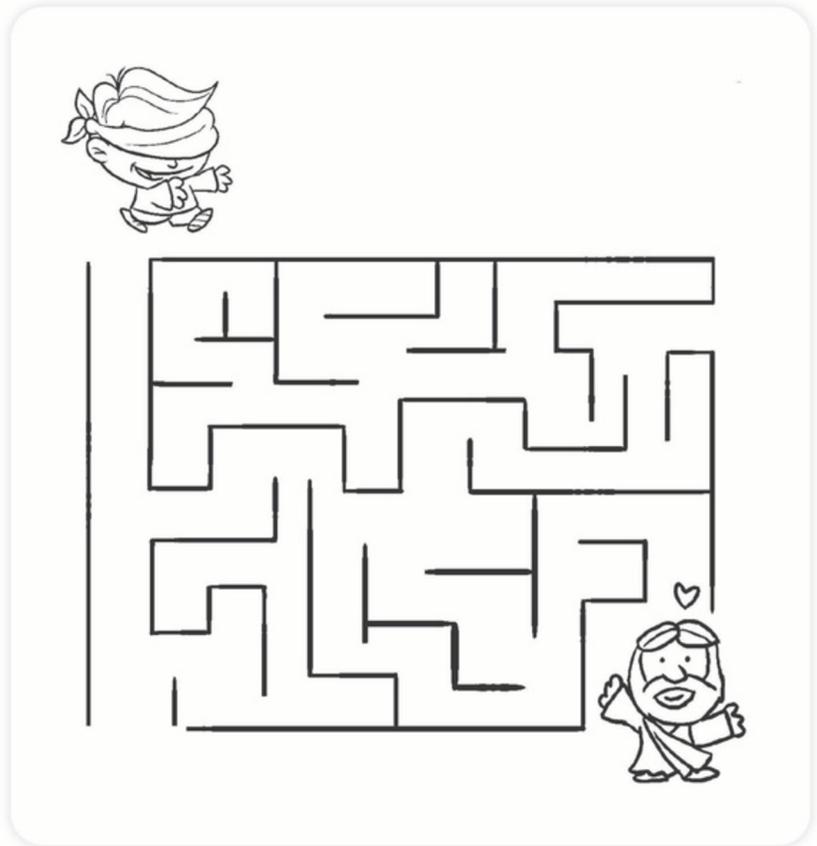
## Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

## Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

Help me to find God!



## Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Now color the picture! →

