

## Session 2

# Seeing Jesus more clearly

### Bible reference

Mark 8:22–25

### How does this session help people grow in Christ?

Meeting with Jesus was a life-changing experience for the blind man, but he didn't see the whole picture instantly. We often have distorted images of ourselves, other people and situations; it is only when we let Jesus take control that we are able to see things more clearly.

### Messy team theme

- Encourage people to talk about how they view themselves – warts and all.
- Discuss how others may see them.
- Which famous people/places would people most like to meet/see?



## Activity

**You will need:** pearlescent single-sided 300 gsm A4 card cut in half to A5 size; funky foam; pencils; mosaic self-adhesive 13 mm mirror tiles; stickers; feathers; flowers; buttons; tissue; scissors; all-purpose glue or glue sticks; thin ribbon; sticky tape

Cut a 9 cm funky foam square and draw on it a frame of 16 small 1.5 cm squares on which to lay mirror tiles (prepare this in advance where necessary). Stick self-adhesive mirror tiles into the frame and then glue the completed foam square on to the card. Decorate with various materials. Make a loop of ribbon to form a hanger and tape it to the back of the card.

## Celebration

You might choose one of the following:

Hold completed craft projects up and discuss what people see. Our mirror view is slightly distorted; we need to look beyond that to appreciate the full picture.

Project or show a hard copy picture of someone appearing to hold the Eiffel Tower or other well-known landmark. People and situations are not always as they appear. To see life in all its fullness, we need to ask Jesus to open our eyes.

Retell the story from the blind man's perspective. He came to healing gradually and with effort. How does that reflect our lives?

Take in various strengths of inexpensive glasses and ask for a volunteer who has good vision to put them on one at a time, starting with the strongest first. Ask them to describe what it feels like as vision becomes clearer.

### Song suggestions

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
Lord, the light of your love is shining  
Come on and celebrate  
Be thou my vision  
Open our eyes Lord