

'I Am' *the Light of the World*

The group will each need pen/pencil & paper, plus a Bible. Also a marker pen and flipchart sheet for the group, and a scarf or two as blindfolds.

- Split the group into two teams, one member of each team to be blindfolded. After this is done, arrange an obstacle course in the room. Each team is to direct their blindfolded player across the room and back using only the words FORWARD, LEFT, RIGHT. (NB not backwards) Try it with different people blindfolded, the best of three races wins!
- Get them to talk about what it is like not to be able to see. Aim to bring out things like dependence on others, uncertainty and fear, etc. Imagine what it would be like to blind all the time.
- Write a list of things that we can do because we can see which would be almost impossible if we could not.
- Jesus met several blind people. In the passage we are going to read, He talks about changing darkness to light as He heals him. Read John 9 verses 1 to 9 and verses 26 to 41.
- Get two or three members of the group to try to summarise the passage in no more than 30 words.
- Who were the key people in the passage? Who else is in it?
- What do you think Jesus means in verse 5 when He says "I am the light of the world?". How does the story of the healing help us to understand what He means?
- Together write down a list on the flipchart of what 'light' means. When you have done that, see if these verses and phrases add any other words to your list:
 - ◇ As the teacher explained it, light dawned on him and he understood
 - ◇ Psalm 119:105
 - ◇ she lights up my life
- Look at your list and look back at verse 5. Does the list help you to understand more about what Jesus was saying?
- Look at verse 39.....can anyone explain this verse?
- Think carefully about whether Jesus has become *your* light. Look at the list you have written and ask if Jesus is any of those things to you. Choose three of them that you can say



"Jesus is like a _____ in my life" about.

- Tell each other which three you have chosen.
- Try to get everyone in the group to make up a prayer about what you have been talking about.