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Tuesday	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
Wednesday	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
Thursday	1 John 2:3-11	A warning against spiritual blindness
Friday	2 Peter 1:3-9	Avoiding spiritual blindness
Saturday	Psalm 146	The Lord gives sight to the blind
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

Scripture Verse for this Week:

You used to be like people living in the dark, but now you are people of the light because you belong to the Lord. So act like people of the light and make your light shine. Be good and honest and truthful. Ephesians 5:8-9 (CEV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for the Week:

"Jesus, light of the world, please give me sight to see and follow you. Amen." (John 9:5)

For Throughout the Day:

"Lord Jesus, I believe. May all I do today be an act of worship to you. Amen." (John 9:38)

Mealtime Refrain:

"We are light in the Lord: Let us live as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)

A Blessing to Share:

"May the work of God the Father show in your life; may Christ the light shine on you; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good, right and true. Amen." (John 9:3,5; Ephesians 5:9,14)

Mealtime Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen."



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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you found it hard to see. What happened?
- Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). How does he help us see?
- How can we shine as lights for Jesus?

Devotional Practices:

Find a candle to serve as your "Christ Candle", and gather an additional candle for each family member. Begin your family devotional times this week by saying "Jesus, you are the light of the world." As you do, light the Christ Candle. Then have family members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each does, say together: "You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others."

Rituals and Traditions:

Go for a night walk as a family, guided by flashlights, candles or a lantern. As you do, talk about how Christ is the light of the world, and what this means for you.

Service:

This year Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) celebrates its 100th anniversary. Visit the CBMI website to learn more about this organization (www.cbmi.org). CBMI acts upon the needs and rights of people with disabilities, supporting more than 1000 programmes in 113 countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. Eighteen million people worldwide benefit from CBMI's support. Plan to make a donation to support the work of CBMI, or plan a fundraiser to assist their work. Pray for persons with disabilities during this week.

Parent Toolbox: Passing On Values

Our values act as an internal navigation system – helping us choose from the myriad of options and opportunities the world offers. We may assume that our children will grow up sharing our values, but that's not necessarily the case. Children today are influenced by many other sources of values that are often in competition with those of parents. It is important that parents take the time to directly communicate their own values to their children and talk with them about values. Try these action steps:

1. Make a list of five to six values that are important to you. Share these with your children, and ask them to make a list of their own values.
2. Intentionally start conversations with your kids about honesty, friendships, giving to others, etc.
3. Draw connections between your values and actions wherever possible. Say "The reason I did that was ...".

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