



WALK IN THE DAY OR AT NIGHT

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Imagine: **Slide 2** It's night, you have a walk in the forest on your own. You can take **Slide 3** either a sandwich, **Slide 4** either a compass or **Slide 5** a torch? Which of these 3 items will you choose? **Slide 6** The sandwich, compass or torch? It's okay, did you make your choice? Okay! **Slide 7** Me too. I take the torch; I do not want to be like a blind man; I want to see where I'm going and not take the wrong path. I need light. One day someone said:

Slide 8 - I am the light of the world!

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but **Slide 9** he will understand how to behave in life, he will have the light that gives life:

- Do you know who said that? **Slide 10** It's Jesus! He is the light of the world. But, do you understand what he means?

We will listen to Celine, she will enlighten us with this story that you will find at **Slide 11** chapter 9 of the **Slide 12** Gospel of John. Open up your ears.

Slide 13 JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Slide 14 In the streets of Jerusalem, there's a lot of movement back and forth. Jesus and his disciples circulate in the middle of the crowd. They see **Slide 15** a man sitting on the ground, a beggar. He was born blind. This man has never seen the light, or what surrounds him. All is black; he has always lived in darkness. Days, nights, everything is the same:

Slide 16 - Lord, ask the disciples, why was he born blind? Did he commit a sin? Did his parents sin?

Slide 17 - It is not because of sin, Jesus answers, but it is so that everyone can see what God is able to do. **Slide 18** I am the light of the world.

Jesus spits on the ground, **Slide 19** then he bends down, and with his fingers he mixes his saliva with the dust, he makes mud, he takes some **Slide 20** then approaches the blind man and a **Slide 21** applies it to his eyes:

Slide 22 - Now go to Siloam and wash yourself with the water from the reservoir! He said to him

Without asking any questions, **Slide 23** the blind man obeyed, **Slide 24** groping his way to Siloam. **Slide 25** He takes water in his hands and washes his face to remove the mud.

Slide 26 While he is straightening up, the light dazzles him! **Slide 27** He can see! For the first time in his life, he is not in darkness. He discovers everything that surrounds him. He sees perfectly! It's a miracle! God has he come near him?

Slide 28 He quickly understands that his life will not be the same, everything lights up, now he will live in the light! With a decided step, he sets out happily and goes find his family.

Slide 29 As they see him walking in front of them, people are surprised:

Slide 30 - But, but ... but isn't it the blind man!

- Yeah, it seems to be him, he was still sitting there begging.

- Yes, yes, it is him, I recognize him!

Slide 31 - No, come on, it can't be him!

- Anyway, if it's not him, it's someone who looks like him!

Slide 32 - Yes, but yes it's me, it's me! he said to them

- But, how is it possible that you see now?

- Tell us what happened!

Slide 33 - Well, the man we call Jesus made a little mud, rubbed my eyes with it, then he said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash yourself". I went there, I washed up and suddenly I saw clearly:

Slide 34 - And where is this Jesus?

- I don't know, he answers them.

Slide 35 Some men are unhappy; they bring him before the religious, the Pharisees who question him:

Slide 36 - This individual, this Jesus, they say, he does not respect our religion; he made mud knowing however that today is the Sabbath. Everyone knows that it is forbidden to work during the day of the Sabbath. **Slide 37** This Jesus cannot come from God!

Slide 38 - But still, say others, how could a simple man accomplish such miracles?

They argue.

- Come on, you, they ask the blind man, what do you say about this Jesus?

Slide 39 - To perform such a miracle, it is surely a prophet, a messenger of God, he answers.

Slide 40 His parents are summoned to come:

Slide 41 - Is that your son? Was he really born blind? How can he see clearly now?

Slide 42 - He is indeed our son, they say, and he was indeed born blind, but how he was healed, ask him, he's old enough to answer!

The Pharisees are more and more angry; even in front of this miracle, they do not want to admit that Jesus is from God.

Slide 43 They question the blind man again:

Slide 44 - Since the world has existed, he told them, we have never heard that anyone has healed a blind man from birth. If this man who healed me was not from God, he couldn't have done anything. **Slide 45** They curse him and kick him out. Jesus learns it.

Slide 46 He goes to find him and asks him:

Slide 47 - Do you believe in the promised savior who is to come?

Slide 48 - Who is this savior so that I believe in him?

Slide 49 - It's me! Jesus said to him.

Slide 50 - I believe that you come from God, I believe in you, said the man, bowing down before Jesus and worshipping him.

Slide 51 **1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

When someone explains something to us, and we understand, we often say:

Slide 52 - *Yes, I see what you mean.*

Of course, it is not our eyes that see, that are illuminated, but our intelligence. This is exactly what happened to this blind man.

*Once healed, he sees clearly, he knows **Slide 53** where he is going, he sees the path in front of him, and he knows where he is going. He sees with his eyes but he also sees with his heart; his intelligence is enlightened. **Slide 54** He understands that Jesus is really the promised savior, the Son of God.*

Slide 55 *And for you, who is Jesus? I suggest you think about it.*

Slide 56 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

Slide 57 When our baby is born, he cannot see clearly, but his sight improves quickly,

Slide 58 he sees the light and makes out the faces of his parents.

The vision that our children **Slide 59** have of Jesus, the light of the world, will become clearer over time. As they hear the Word of God. Encourage them to read the stories of the gospel, to pray alone and with you.

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