

Thursday

Prayer Leader:

Yesterday, we learned that even when we feel uncomfortable things like being nervous or embarrassed, Jesus is with us and He wants us to feel His peace and love.

In our story so far, a blind man was delighted to be healed by Jesus, but the Pharisees were not so happy. They began interrogating the man about Jesus, saying all sorts of bad things about Him.



Reader:

The Pharisees started shouting again at the man, saying he must have lied about being healed. They even asked his parents if it was really true that their son had been blind and then been healed!

The man explained again to the Pharisees how he had been healed by Jesus and said, “Jesus is from God, if He wasn’t, He wouldn’t be able to do a thing!”

This made the Pharisees really angry and they said, “Are you trying to teach us?”

They called him a sinner and forced him away from them and the whole community.

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Prayer Leader:

At this time, Jewish people believed that if you were born with something unusual about your body, this was because you or your family had had been bad and done something wrong.

The blind man had probably felt hurt and rejected all his life, until Jesus accepted, loved and healed him. But the Pharisees were not happy he been healed – they still rejected him, shouted at him and thought he was blind because he must have sinned.

I feel hurt and
rejected



Prayer Leader:

Close your eyes for a moment.

Can you picture a time when you felt hurt and upset, or rejected by others?

Let's look through God's eyes:

Jesus never rejects or hurts you – He loves and accepts you, just as you are.

All:

Jesus, thank you for loving and accepting me just as I am.

Help me to love and accept others as they are and not reject them just because they are different.

Amen

