

# The Blind Man



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To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.  
Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!  
Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.  
Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!

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# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. Why did the man need help crossing the street?
2. What did the man hear as he crossed the street? What could he smell?
3. How did the man say that he could read?
4. Think of at least five ways in which blind people are just like people who can see.

## Conversation Time

1. Many people have certain challenges that make doing everyday things a little more difficult. Sometimes people cannot hear. That is called being deaf. Sometimes people cannot see. That is called being blind. Sometimes people have difficulty walking or talking or learning the same way in which most people do. These people are just like anyone else on the inside. They laugh and cry and feel the same kinds of feelings as people who do not have these challenges.
2. If you see or know someone who has special challenges or needs, it is kind to help them in any way you can. Best of all, you can be their friend. Get to know them. You will find that people who have special needs also have special gifts to offer. These special gifts can be things like love, talents, faith, happiness and friendship.
3. Is there anyone you know who has special needs? Do you have a friend, neighbor, grandparent, brother or sister who needs help in any way?

## Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



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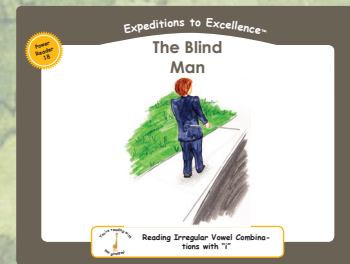


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