

Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9

Story:

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I always like to begin with a simple recap of “God created the world and it was perfect. Adam and Eve sinned (sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God) and everyone after them also sins. This separates us from God, but God has a plan to have a relationship with people. And that plan is Jesus - His Son. He sent His Son to die and offer forgiveness. When we accept this forgiveness, we can live with God forever. Today’s story is about Jesus when He lived on Earth and a story of how He healed a man and this proves that Jesus is God and the Messiah to save us.”

One day, as Jesus was leaving the temple, he saw a man who was blind begging by the roadside. This man had been blind since birth.

His disciples asked him, “Who had sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

There was a Jewish belief that if someone had any kind of physical disability from birth, that the parents must have sinned. We know, of course, that this is not true.

Jesus told them that neither this man nor his parents sinned. He told them that the man’s blindness came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him.

After he said these things he spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. Jesus then told the man to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. So, the man left, washed, and came back being able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit begging?” Some said, “He’s the one.” Others were saying, “No, but he looks like him.”

He kept saying, “I’m the one.”

So, they asked him how he got his sight.

He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me to go wash in the pool of Siloam. When I went and washed, I received my sight.”

The man was brought to the Pharisees. (Remember that the Pharisees were Jewish leaders who didn't like Jesus very much.) The Pharisees asked him again how he received his sight.

"He put mud on my eyes," he told them. "I washed and I can see."

The Pharisees did not believe that he was blind and received sight. So, they called for his parents to ask them.

They asked them, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

The parents told them that, yes, this was their son and that he had been born blind.

But they said they didn't know how it was that he could now see. They told the Pharisees to ask him because he was an adult and could speak for himself.

So, a second time they summoned the man who had been blind and told him, "We know that this man is a sinner."

The man who had been healed by Jesus answered, "Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!"

Then they asked him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

"I already told you," he said, "and you didn't listen." The man told them "Throughout history no one has ever heard of someone opening the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he wouldn't be able to do anything."

★ **Notes - Feel free to incorporate as you are able and the kids understand:**

- Connections to the overall Story of God:
 - God created everything and it was perfect.
 - Man chose to sin and this brought diseases and disorders to humanity.
 - Jesus came to save our souls and save us from the power of sin. Even if our bodies are broken, he can bring peace and salvation and hope.
 - Like this man was healed, we will all be healed when we enter Heaven (and we only get there if we follow Jesus).
- Theological:
 - Jesus - while a man on Earth, spent his time proving that He was God in human form (fancy theological word is hypostatic union)

- There are certain things that the Jewish people believed that only the Messiah could do.
 - **Cleansing a Leper:** In Jewish tradition, healing leprosy was considered a divine act, as it was viewed as a divine punishment that no human, even a prophet, could cure.
 - **Healing the Person Born Blind:** Reversing a congenital defect was believed to be a miracle reserved solely for the Messiah.
 - **Casting Out a Dumb Spirit:** While Jewish exorcists existed, they required the spirit to identify itself, making it impossible to cast out a demon that rendered its victim mute.
 - **Raising the Dead After Four Days:** According to Jewish tradition, the soul hovers near the body for three days but departs on the fourth, making a resurrection on the fourth day a uniquely miraculous act of the Messiah. (Ever wonder why Jesus waited to go raise Lazarus?)
- Historical:
 - In the past, the people truly believed that blindness came from parents sinning.
 - In 2004, archeologists discovered the Pool of Siloam. It's a real place.
 - The Pharisees had the job of investigating odd religious events and this healing certainly counted!

Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
 - Comprehension Questions:
 - Did you know that there were four things that the Jews knew could only be done by the Messiah? One of those things was that he would be able to give sight to a person born blind.
 - Why did Jesus say that the man's blindness came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. (This man was used by God to show everyone that Jesus had to be the Messiah.)

- Why do you think that the Pharisees did not want to believe Jesus was the Messiah? (They had a different idea of what the Messiah would be like.)
 - Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?” Possible answer (kids may have another answer): God is a healer. He made us perfect and desires us to be healed – both our bodies and our souls.
 - Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?” Possible answer (kids may have another answer): Humans – even when they see a miracle – can have hard hearts. We have the choice to believe or not believe.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?” God isn’t asking us to spit in mud or in each others’ faces. He is asking us to see how He does things for the glory of God. He is asking us to look for opportunities to obey Him and praise Him.
- ★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy, -- Isaiah 35:5-6a (CSB)

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Worksheets & coloring pages
- ★ Crafts
 - Watercolor Reveal: Use white crayons to draw on white paper, then have kids paint over it with watercolor to reveal hidden drawings
 - Mud to Sight!: Color the portion above the eyes on the template so it shows as mud when you slide the eye paper around.



★ **Sensory:**

○ **Visual**

- Blindfold Reveal: Show a blurred picture, then remove blur or blindfold to reveal the clear image.
- Light vs. Dark: Use a flashlight in a dark room to symbolize Jesus bringing sight/light.
- Blind Art: Children draw simple pictures while blindfolded to understand the difficulty of not seeing.

○ **Smell**

- Mud Scent Station: Let kids smell clean “mud” (dirt + water) like what Jesus used.
- Essential Oils: Smell calming oils while discussing how Jesus cared gently.

○ **Touch**

- Clay Mud Activity: Kids feel and roll clay to represent the mud placed on the man’s eyes.
- Touch & Feel Guess Bags: Blindfolded students guess objects by touch.

○ **Movement**

- Blindfold Guide Game: Partner kids—one blindfolded, one guiding (connect to trusting Jesus). Blindfold one child and have a partner give verbal directions to guide them, highlighting the need for trust.
- Walk to the “Pool of Siloam”: Create a short obstacle path.

○ **Sound**

- Listening While Blindfolded: Identify sounds without sight.
- Audio Storytelling: Play dramatic reading with sound effects.

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Then Jesus came to him and asked him if he believed in the Son of God. What did the man say?

Put the words in alphabetical order. Then place the boxed letters in order below.

queen	label	alive
bored	disco	pinch
	river	

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b o r e d
d i s c o
l a b e l
p i n c h
q u e e n
r i v e r



Lord I believe

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Jesus met a man who had been blind from birth. What did Jesus say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

- pencil - l =
- cera - a = am
- road + ors = the
- yard - oat + a = light
- wit + rog = of
- imbi = the
- hale - range + amb = world

What happened next?

Use the braille code to find out.

Braille code for the alphabet: A-Z, a-z, and punctuation.

Jesus put mud on

the man's eyes

and told him to

go wash. The man

did so and could

see!

The man's neighbors wondered how he was healed. When he told them, they did not believe. Find out what they said.

Find the missing half of the words in the box and write them on the lines below.

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"Give glory to God... We know

this Man is a sinner."

Then the man who was healed by Jesus said, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

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I'm waiting on the monthly graphic.

We will copy this for you and place in each room.

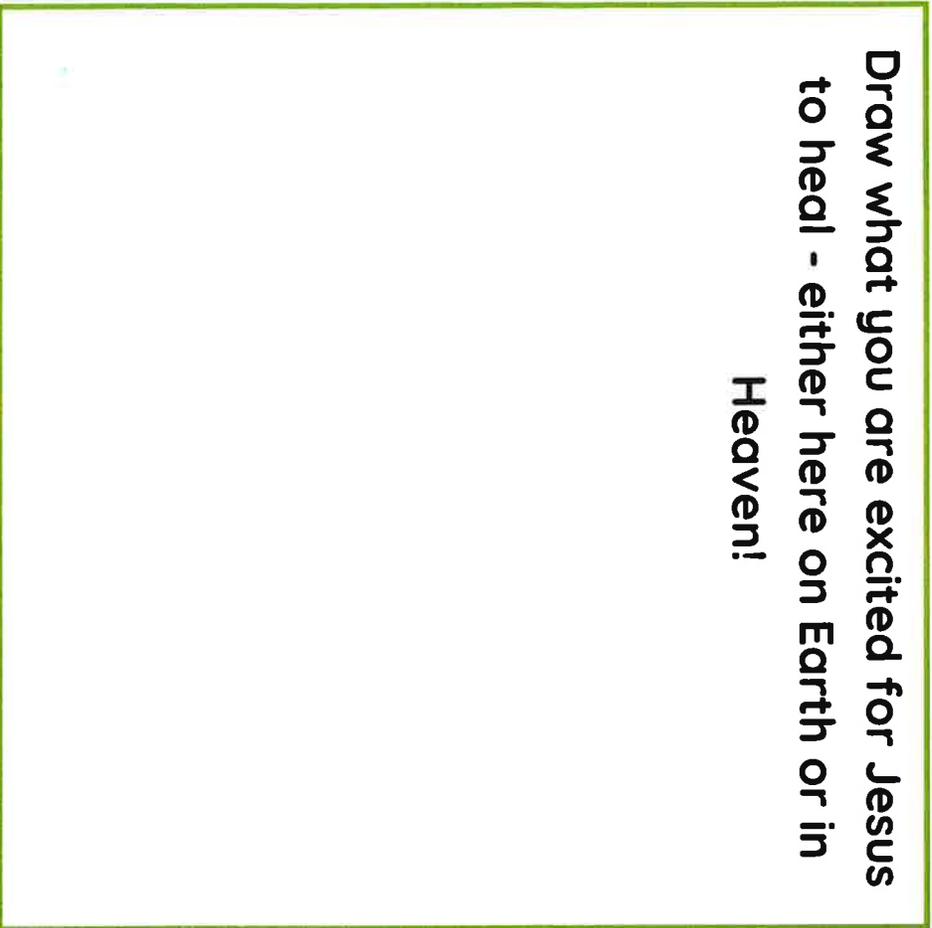
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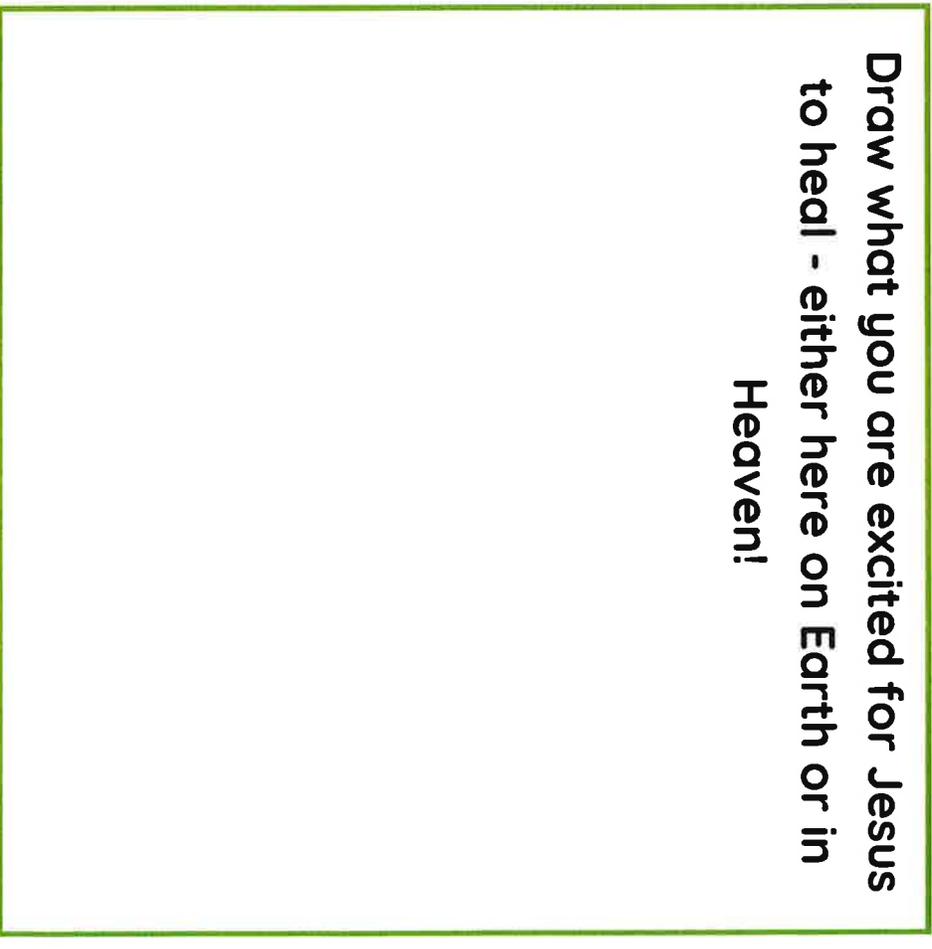
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John 9:1-41

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One day, Jesus saw a man who had been blind his whole life. The man had never seen grass or the sky or his mom's face. Jesus took some dirt, spit in it, and made some mud. Then Jesus put the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to wash his eyes in a pool of water. The man went and washed his eyes just like Jesus said. Then the man could see!

When the man got home, many people were amazed. Some people asked, "Isn't this the same man who couldn't see, the man who used to sit and beg?"

Others said, "No, he only looks like that man."

But the man who had been born blind said, "I am the one. Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. Then Jesus told me to go and wash my eyes in a pool of water. So I did, and now I can see!"

Only a man of God can do miracles.

Connect the dots.

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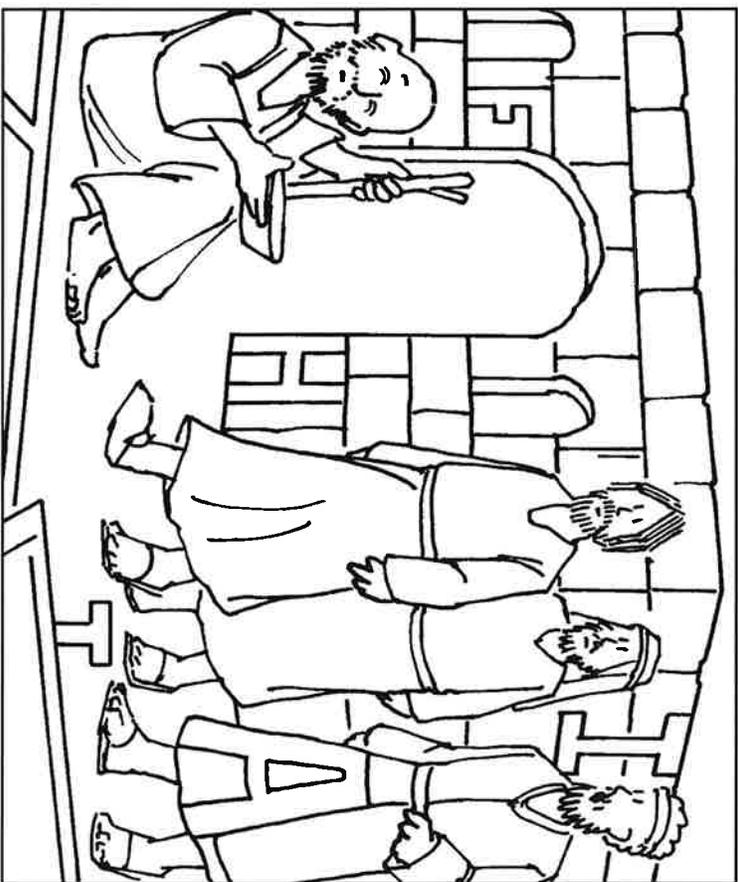
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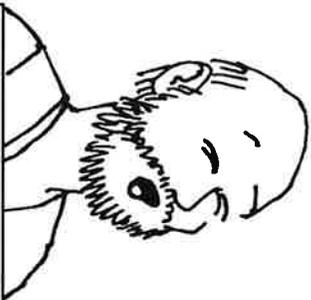


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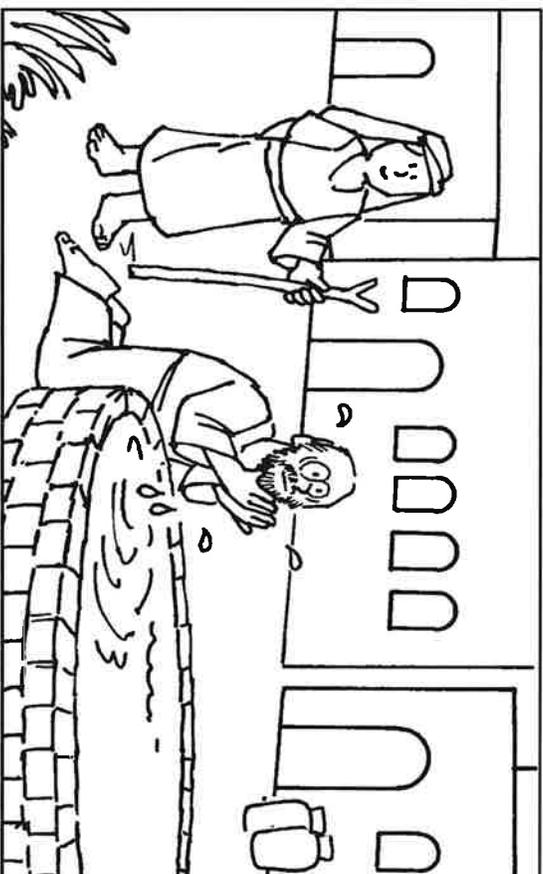
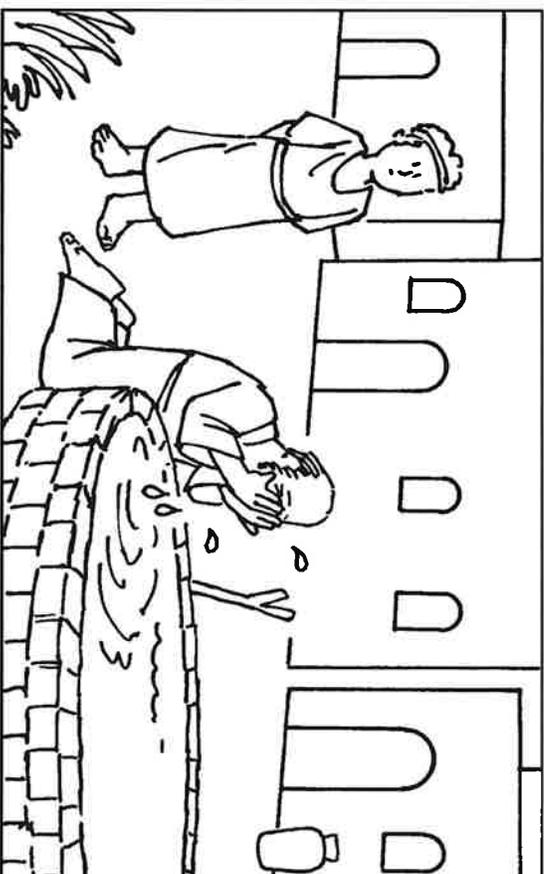
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The man washed and was healed.

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What happened next?

Use the braille code to find out.

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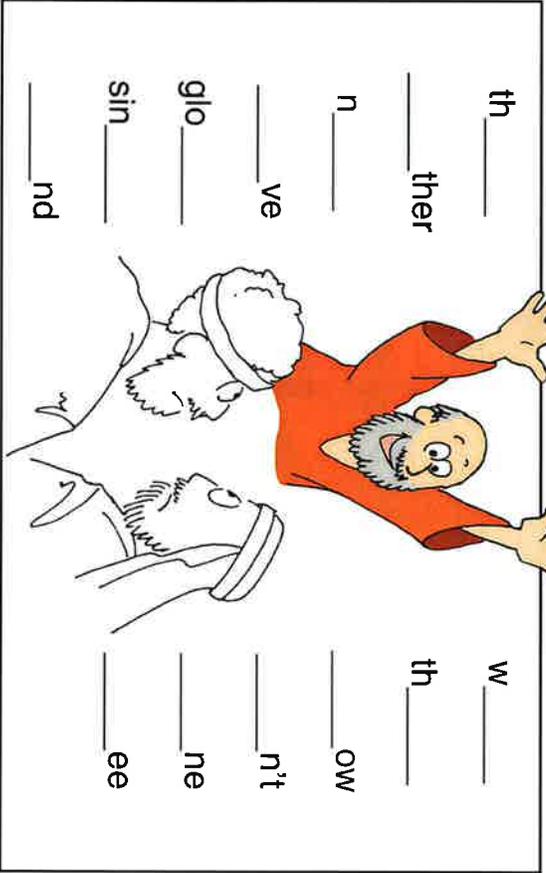
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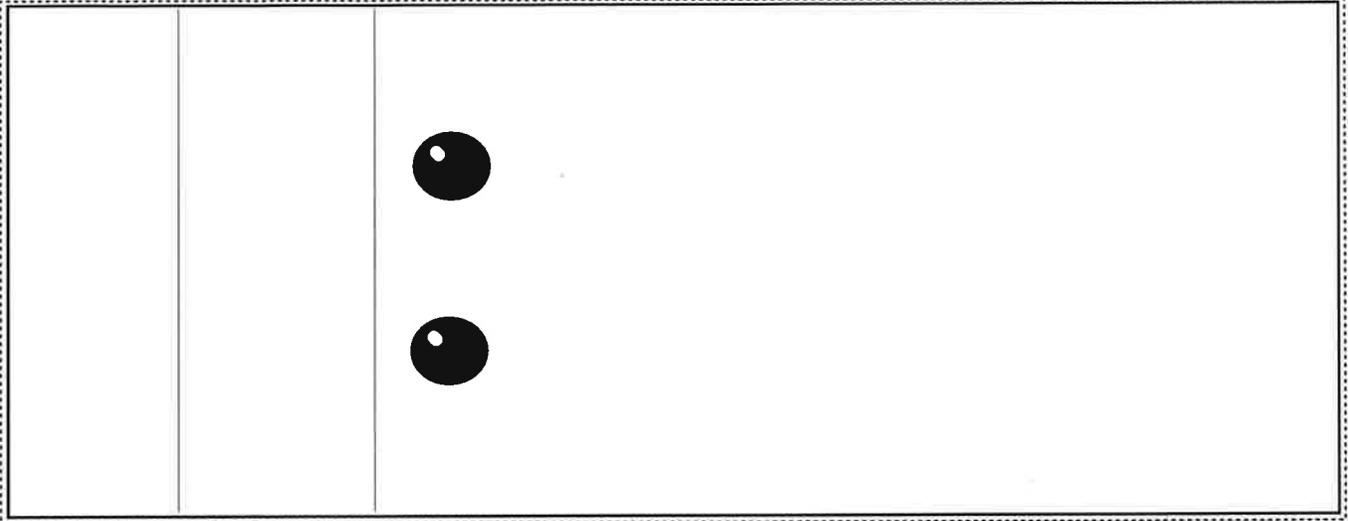
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