

**Mark 8:22-25****The Best Kept Truth**

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

<sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

<sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

**Children's Message: The Truth of the Squares**

[Play magic game of pointing to squares]

One person must know the secret truth behind the squares.

There something that lets you understand how something works.

It is a secret that explains everything.

But if you have the wrong idea or wrong expectation,  
you may be misled or even think wrong things.

This isn't magic.

This isn't even spiritual.

It is a simple piece truth.

There are truths that the Bible teaches that not everyone  
understands or believes.

Some even don't want to believe it.

That God is real.

That Jesus is God.

That God loves us.

If you know these three things, you will begin to know the truth.

### **Simple yet Mysterious**

This is a very simple passage that contains a very deep mystery.  
Jesus heals a blind man.

That is the simple part.

Well, inasmuch as healing a blind person is simple!

In fact, it is spectacular! A miracle!

Mind blowing!

If someone did that today, we would think that is the mystery.

But then Jesus does something else.

He tells the man not to go back into the village.

Some manuscripts say that he said don't go back to the village  
and tell anyone there.

So the big mystery or question is: Why?

Why did Jesus want to keep his healing a secret?

I mean, he fed the 5000 and then the 4000!

He healed hundreds of people, cast out demons.

Why, for this one blind man a secret?

If you read the passage further, something is about to change.

You can only answer the question by looking forward, not back.

He is about to reveal the secret of his identity and his mission.

He is the anointed one - the Messiah, the Christ.

He will accomplish the work of God by dying.

Not by becoming powerful and famous

- but by being shamed, humiliated and seemingly defeated.

How do you think people react to that kind of Gospel?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

You see, the Gospel comes only to those who loves the God  
who stoops to conquer.

What has God shown you that you keep close to your heart  
and make you wonder?