



Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -



Read Mark 10:46-52 from your Bible or from below.

One day Jesus was leaving Jericho with His disciples. A large crowd was following them on the dusty road to Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar. Bartimaeus was probably not able to work due to his blindness so he would sit by the road and ask people to help him.

Bartimaeus heard the noise of the large crowd walking past him. He wondered who was walking by. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, “Jesus, please help me!” Many people in the crowd warned him to be quiet, but he cried out even louder. “Son of David, please help me!”

Jesus stopped. “Call him,” Jesus said. So the people called to Bartimaeus to get up. “Don’t be afraid. Jesus is calling for you!”

Quickly Bartimaeus threw off his coat. He jumped up and hurried to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. “My Master, I want to see,” the blind man told Jesus. Jesus looked at Bartimaeus with love and said “Go, your faith has saved you.”

Immediately Bartimaeus could see! He began to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

Say: *Have you ever stopped to think about what life would be like if you were not able to see? What would be different for you?*

Today, people who cannot see can still do many things. They can read using Braille. They can have service dogs who help them in their daily activities. Blind people can have jobs and families. While these people still cannot see, this doesn't mean they cannot learn and grow. In Bible times, however, life was much different for blind people. Those who could not see often could not work, so they spent their days begging for money from those around them.

In the Bible story this week, we meet Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who is in great need of help. When he hears Jesus is on the way through town, Bartimaeus cries to Him for help. In the midst of the busy crowd, Jesus stops when He hears Bartimaeus' cries. Not only does Jesus stop, but He also shows great love and compassion to Bartimaeus by giving him the ability to see again.

People probably often overlooked Bartimaeus. After all, he was a blind beggar. He spent his days sitting on the side of the road begging people for money. He was not popular. He was not welcomed. Yet, Jesus stopped for him. Jesus cared for him. Jesus loved him.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you are from. You are important to God. He has a special plan just for you. Just like Jesus had time for everyone (from blind beggars to tax collectors), He wants us to share His love with those we meet.

It can be easy to look past people who are different than you. God wants us to open our eyes and see people as He does—important and valued. This week, if you have the chance to talk with people who are different from you, stop and spend a little time with them. You might be the only person who shows God's love to them.

Preschool Life Point: *All people are important to God.*

Kids Life Point: *All people are important to God.*

Preschool Review Questions:

1. Why did Bartimaeus cry out to Jesus from the side of the road?
2. How did Jesus heal Bartimaeus?

Kids Review Questions:

1. What were some challenges Bartimaeus faced being blind?
2. How did Jesus respond to Bartimaeus' cry for help?
3. Do you find it hard to believe that all people are important to God? Why or why not?

Pray: *God, thank You for loving all people, no matter who they are or where they are from. When I see others who are different from me, help me look at them through Your eyes—important, valued, and special. Amen.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.

PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): Jesus told the good news of God. *Mark 1:14*

KIDS: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. *1 John 4:9*



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- SING -

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.