



Lesson Seven

Jesus Gives Sight

Heart Preparation

Blind Bartimaeus needed help and he called out to Jesus, the Son of David, the only One who could give him the kind of help he needed. Jesus heard his cry of faith, his call for mercy. And in the midst of the jostling, impatient crowd, Jesus stopped in his tracks and lovingly focused on the man and his suffering.

Jesus saw the faith God had given the blind beggar, and he extended the mercy of the kingdom of God to Bartimaeus. “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.”

With the eyes of faith, the blind man had rightly recognized Jesus as God’s instrument of deliverance: As the Son of God, Jesus had the power to heal; as the Savior, he willingly delivered Bartimaeus from his blindness.

What a glad day for the healed man! Luke tells us that in response to this great mercy, Bartimaeus followed Jesus, praising God in a way that led others who had witnessed the miracle to praise God as well.

Having experienced the great kindness of the Savior in our own lives, we can do no less: the Lord *has* heard our cries, and he wants us to never forget to call on him for help. Through faith, we can trust him to provide for our needs and guide us through all our troubles. Nothing is too hard for him to handle.

May you affirm the words of the psalmist—“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry” (Psalm 40:1)—and glorify God for his saving help.

Bible Background

By identifying Jesus as the “Son of David,” Bartimaeus was acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and King. The popular title was taken from Old Testament references to the Messiah of God’s people who would come from the line of David (Jeremiah 23:5; Ezekiel 34:23–24; Micah 5:2).



Bible Truth

Jesus showed compassion by healing a blind beggar who cried out to him in faith.

Scripture

Mark 10:46–52 (see also Matthew 20:29–34 and Luke 18:35–43)



Lesson Focus

Jesus wants his children to call on him in faith.

Goals for the Children

- State that Jesus healed a blind beggar to show people he was God.
- State that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Name specific kinds of help to ask Jesus for.



Memory Minute

[Jesus said] “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”

Luke 8:39a

Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus.

Mark 10:46–52



☆Let's Talk

ASK What do you see in the picture?

SAY When Jesus was passing by, a blind man named Bartimaeus shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" People told Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he shouted still louder. He had faith that the Savior could help him.

ASK What do you think Jesus did?

SAY Jesus did a miracle. He said to Bartimaeus, "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

ASK Why did Jesus heal Bartimaeus?

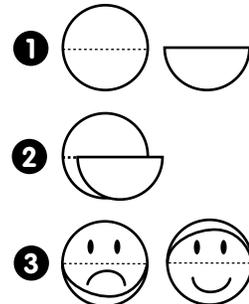
SAY Jesus showed love and concern for Bartimaeus, who cried out to him in faith. Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.

ASK What do you think Bartimaeus did when Jesus healed him?

SAY Bartimaeus was very glad he could see. He followed Jesus along the road, praising God as he went. All the people who saw the miracle Jesus did praised God too.

☆Let's Make

- 1 Give each child two circles of **construction paper**. Fold one circle in half.
- 2 **Glue** the bottom half to the lower half of the other circle.
- 3 Draw Bartimaeus's sad face on the circle folded and Bartimaeus's happy face on the open circle. Point out that Bartimaeus was sad at first when he was suffering. Then Bartimaeus was happy when Jesus healed him. Jesus cared for Bartimaeus, and Jesus cares for us!



☆Let's Sing and Pray

1 Sing "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know."  **Toddler Sing-Along With Me CD**

2 Have the children bow their heads, close their eyes, and listen as you pray this prayer.

Dear Jesus, we need you every day. Thank you for loving us and taking care of us. Help us to follow you gladly. We praise you for being our Savior. In your name we pray, Amen.



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