

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Preparing for Worship

In today's story, blind Bartimaeus is sitting by the side of the road. First a murmur then a shout passed through the crowds who were going into Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus was coming up the road! Scripture tells us Bartimaeus began shouting when he heard Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47).

Bartimaeus continued to call to Jesus until He responded. Many people around Jesus tried to quiet Bartimaeus, but Jesus took time to speak with this blind beggar. Bartimaeus asked Jesus to heal him, and Jesus replied, "Go! Your faith has healed you."

Life brings about unique circumstances for each of us. It is tempting to give up on praying for help, if help does not arrive quickly. In every situation, God has the power to save and heal us. God wants us to have faith like Bartimaeus—faith that God can help us, regardless of our circumstances.

Worship Time Planner

CHECK TO USE	Activities	Curriculum Resources	Other Materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship Through Music	<i>Great Big Praise 1</i> songbook, CD or cassette	
	Worship Through Movement		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blind Memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Who Is Jesus?		Balls
<input type="checkbox"/>	Listen and Find		Blindfold
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Box		Large appliance box, blanket, pictures from a magazine, tape
<input type="checkbox"/>	I Want to See!		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blind Bartimaeus		Night eye mask
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blind Drawing		Cardboard box, blindfold, various household items (three per child)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sightless Snack		Baby carrots, crackers, napkins, adult helpers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bartimaeus Sees	<i>Worship Time Connections</i> , Sheet 1	Crayons
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer		

CONNECTING WORSHIP TO LIFE ■ BIBLE TIME WORSHIP ■ ACTIVE WORSHIP music & movement

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MAM, Unit 1

BIBLE STORY

Mark 10:46-52

"I Want to See!"

UNIT BIBLE VERSE

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

MATTHEW 16:16

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is God's Son.

WORSHIP GOAL

To help children know Jesus, God's Son, has the power to heal.

WORSHIP WITH YOUR KIDS

Young children often have remarkable faith. If you show them you believe Jesus is powerful, they will likely believe it too. Make your faith in the power of God a part of everyday conversation, and let the children see you earnestly pray.

TIPS & TOOLS



WORSHIP TIPS

Teaching tips for a lesson activity.



30-SECOND SKILLBUILDER

General teacher training helps.

Active Worship

music & movement

Worship Through Music

Music is a great way to bring children together. Use the *Great Big Praise 1* songbook and CD or cassette to sing the following songs:

- “I Like to Sing About Jesus,” No. 9
- “O How He Loves You and Me,” No. 93

- *Great Big Praise 1* songbook, CD or cassette
- CD or cassette player



Worship Through Movement

Blind Memory

During worship, gather the children in a circle. Say the verse two times together. Then have children place their hands over their eyes as you lead them, one by one, a short distance across the room. Help them say the Bible verse as they walk. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). Explain that our story today will be about a blind man who knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Who Is Jesus?

During worship, say the first line to the children, then have the children respond with the second line. Repeat several times. Then have the children divide into pairs and repeat the chant as they toss a ball back and forth.

Line 1: Who is Jesus?

Line 2: He’s the Son of God!

- balls (one per two children)



Listen and Find

Before worship, clear all obstacles from the center of the room.

During worship, choose one child to be “It.” Put a blindfold on him or her. Have the rest of the class spread throughout the playing area. Have the child who is “It” close his or her eyes and say, “Marco.” The rest of the children should answer, “Polo.” The child who is “It” will follow the sounds of the children’s voices in order to find and tag another child. When “It” touches a classmate, the classmate may say, “Jesus is God’s Son!” and move to the side of the room to wait for all of the children to be “caught.” Allow each child to participate in this game. To shorten the game, have each “It” catch one or two children instead of the whole class. Let each child have a turn to be “It.”

- blindfold



Bible Time Worship

Black Box

Before worship, lay a box on its side so there is an opening next to the floor for children to get inside. Tape various pictures to the insides of the box. (These should be

- large appliance box
- blanket
- pictures from a magazine
- tape



things children would easily recognize, like a playground, animals, or toys.) Cover the opening of the box with a heavy blanket to block out any light.

During worship, say, *I have made a special black box for you to play in today. Each of you will have a turn to go inside the black box. I will count to five, then you need to come out of the box.* Have children take turns going inside the box. Once everyone has had a turn inside the box, say, *Did anyone see anything while you were inside the box? It was dark and very hard to see because there was no light. There were pictures on the insides of the box. Because it was dark, you couldn't see them. Today you will hear about someone who was blind. If you are blind, you can't see anything. Let's find out what happened when the blind person met Jesus.*

I Want to See!

Bartimaeus was blind, so he could not work for money. He sat on the side of the road, outside the city of Jericho. Whenever Bartimaeus heard someone walk past him, he would beg for money.

Jesus and His disciples left the city of Jericho. Crowds of people followed Jesus wherever He went. They loved to listen to His teachings. Bartimaeus heard the people coming down the road. As they came closer and closer, Bartimaeus could hear the people were talking about Jesus. He had heard about Jesus too. He knew Jesus had the power to heal! Bartimaeus began to shout as loud as he could, "Jesus! Jesus! Help me!" The people around Bartimaeus told him to be quiet. But Bartimaeus kept calling out to Jesus.

Then Jesus stopped walking. He said, "Call him." The people told Bartimaeus, "Jesus is calling you!"

Bartimaeus was so excited! He threw off his coat and jumped to his feet. People guided him to Jesus. Then Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Bartimaeus told Jesus what he had always wanted. "Jesus," Bartimaeus said, "I want to see!"

"You are healed. Because you believed that I could make you see again, you can now see." Bartimaeus opened his eyes. He could see!

Blind Bartimaeus

During worship, have the children sit in a circle. Say, *Let's pretend each of you is Bartimaeus. Before Bartimaeus met Jesus, he was blind. When you get the eye mask, put it over your eyes and say something you remember about Bartimaeus before he met Jesus.* (He was a beggar. He could not work. He sat on the side of the road. He was sad.) *Then take off the mask and say something you remember about Bartimaeus after he met Jesus.* (He could see. He was happy.)

Pass the eye mask around the circle, giving each child the opportunity to remember the old and new Bartimaeus.

- night eye mask



WORSHIP TIP

If you do not have a night eye mask, have children close their eyes while they remember the old Bartimaeus and open their eyes while they remember the new Bartimaeus.

Blind Drawing

Before worship, place all the items in the box.

During worship, say, *Each of you will have a turn to put on the blindfold and guess what is in the box. The goal is to guess what it is by feeling it with your hands. You aren't allowed to look at it. Just like Bartimaeus couldn't see, you won't be able to see,*

- cardboard box
- blindfold
- various household items (three items per child)



WORSHIP TIP

Examples of various items for the box: cotton balls, ball, apple, blanket, stuffed animal, hanger, book, sunglasses, scarf, crayon, scissors

either. You will get to draw out three things from the box. When you guess what the item is, the rest of the children will say together, "Jesus healed Bartimaeus!"

Give each child a turn to be blindfolded and guess what is in the box. As the child draws an item from the box, help him or her to keep the item in the box as they feel it, so the rest of the children do not give away the secret.

Connecting Worship to Everyday Life

Sightless Snack

During worship, say, ***I want to see if you can discover what you are eating before you see it with your eyes. Close your eyes and hold your hands out. Someone will place a snack in your hands. When you feel the snack, keep your eyes closed. Don't take a bite until we tell you to eat. Keep your eyes closed while you eat.*** Have the adult helpers give a carrot to each child. Then, tell the children to eat. Remind the children to keep their eyes closed while they eat. After a minute, say, ***Can anyone guess what they are eating? Open your eyes and see if you were right.*** Then, give each child a few crackers.

- baby carrots
- crackers
- napkins
- adult helpers

You'll need

While the children are eating, say, ***It must have been hard for Bartimaeus to eat without being able to see! When Jesus healed him, he could see again. He could see what he was eating! Let's thank God for His healing power. Jesus was not an ordinary Man. Jesus is God's Son. Because He is God's wonderful Son, He could help the blind man see.***

Bartimaeus Sees

During worship, give *Worship Time Connections*, Sheet 1 and crayons to each child. Say, ***There are two pictures on your page. One picture shows what Bartimaeus could see before he met Jesus. The other picture shows what Bartimaeus could see after he met Jesus. Color the picture of what Bartimaeus sees.***

- *Worship Time Connections*, Sheet 1
- crayons

You'll need

Prayer

Lead the children in a prayer, thanking God for healing Bartimaeus. We can praise God for His power to heal us. Pray for any specific requests the children mention.

