

BARTIMAEUS CAN SEE AGAIN

Mark 10:46-52

FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

This video tells the story of Bartimaeus from Mark 10:46-52. Bartimaeus is a blind man begging by the road outside Jericho. When he hears Jesus is passing by, he shouts for help. People tell him to be quiet, but he shouts louder. Jesus stops, calls him over, and heals his eyes.

Children can learn that Jesus listens when we call to him, even when others don't notice us. Bartimaeus kept asking and trusted Jesus, and that trust is what faith means. Once he could see, he followed Jesus with joy. Children can also learn to welcome and encourage people who need help.

VERSES TO READ TOGETHER (WEB)

Mark 10:51-52. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I may see again." Jesus said to him, "Go your way. Your faith has made you well." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

Mark 10:47-48. When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, "You son of David, have mercy on me!"

Psalms 34:15. Yahweh's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.

Jeremiah 33:3. 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know.'

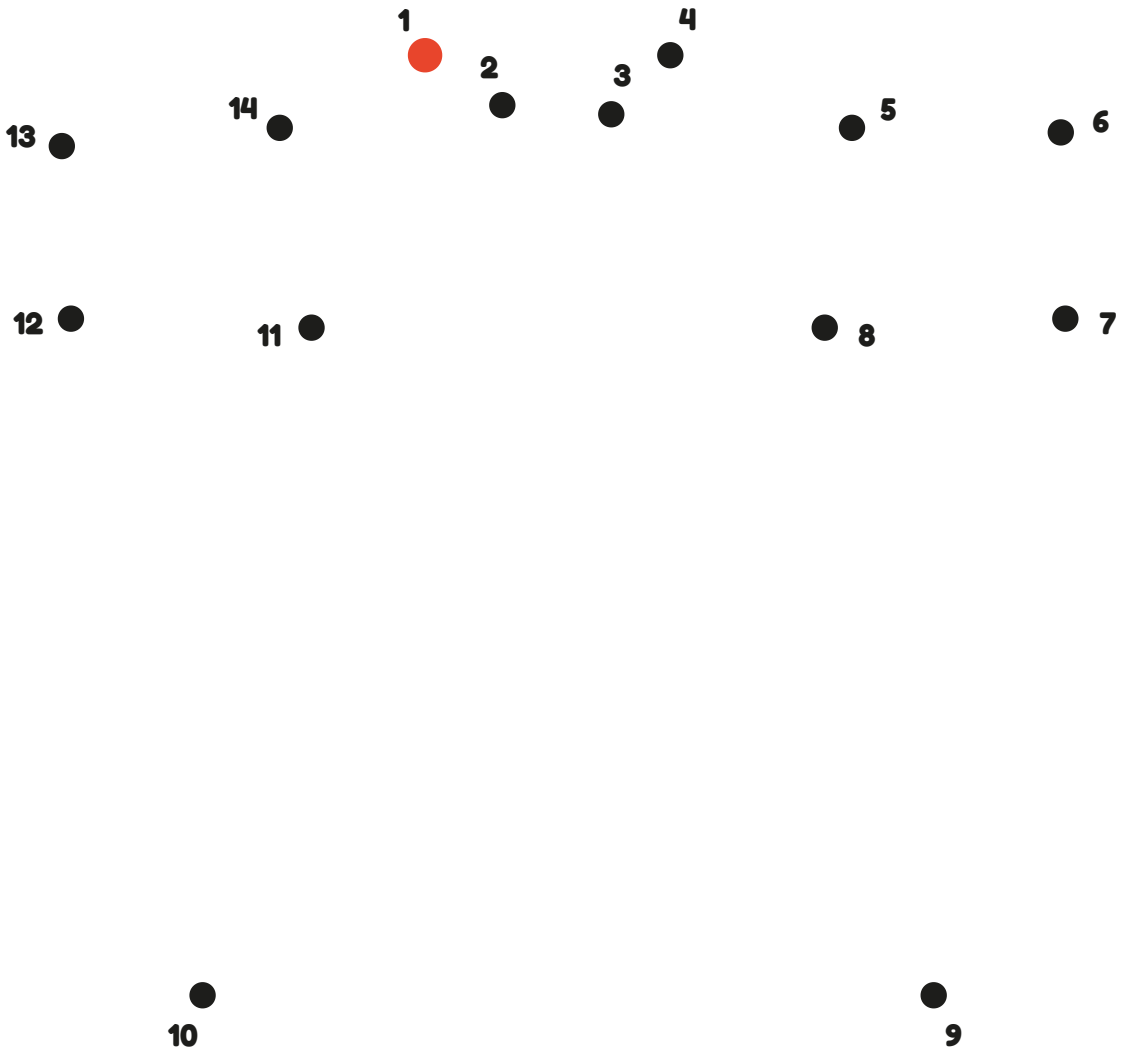
Psalms 146:8. Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind. Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down. Yahweh loves the righteous.

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

1. Where was Bartimaeus sitting when Jesus walked by?
2. What did Bartimaeus do when people told him to be quiet?
3. How do you think Bartimaeus felt when Jesus called him?
4. What did Bartimaeus ask Jesus for?
5. How do you think he felt when he could see the sun and all the colors?
6. What would you like to tell Jesus today?

CONNECT THE DOTS

Follow the numbers from 1 to 14, starting at the red dot. What do you see?





How it looks

A COAT

LET'S COLOR!

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CRAFT

Bartimaeus's Now I Can See Plate

Children make a dark paper flap that lifts to show a bright, colorful world, just like when Jesus healed Bartimaeus's eyes. While they work, talk about how Bartimaeus couldn't see the sun or any colors, how he kept calling to Jesus even when people told him to hush, and how Jesus heard him.

You'll need

- [ ] 1 white paper plate
- [ ] 1 sheet of black construction paper
- [ ] a handful of colored tissue paper scraps or magazine scraps
- [ ] glue stick
- [ ] crayons or markers
- [ ] clear tape
- [ ] safety scissors



How it looks

Step by step

1. Draw a big yellow sun, blue sky, and green grass on the front of the paper plate.
2. Tear small pieces of colored tissue paper.
3. Glue the colorful pieces around the plate to make flowers and a rainbow.
4. Trace around the plate on the black paper and cut out the dark circle with an adult.
5. Draw two closed eyes on the black circle with a white crayon or light-colored marker.
6. Tape the top edge of the black circle to the top of the plate so it opens like a door.
7. Close the flap and shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
8. Lift the flap and say, "Now I can see!"

> **For the grown-up:** Before class, trace and pre-cut the black circles for the youngest children, and tear a pile of tissue scraps so little hands can start gluing right away.