# SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE (NT)

# **LESSON 4: BARTIMAEUS SEES JESUS ☆**

Lessons in this series: 1 2 3 4 5 Overview

In this lesson, the children will learn that they can see Jesus, when they seek Him with all their heart.

#### TOPICS

Bartimaeus, Faith, Healing, Miracles

# **AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)**

#### The Eyes of the Heart (Coloring Activity) Click here

Have crayons or markers available so children who arrive early can spend some time coloring the activity page.

# **WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)**

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### **BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)**

# "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

Explain to the children what it means to seek Jesus with all of their heart, and how it is different than looking for something that is visible.

# **BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)**

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story about Bartimaeus right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Our Bible story today is about a man who was blind. His name was Bartimaeus.(Bar-tih-MEE-uhs) But Bartimaeus didn't let being blind keep him from seeing Jesus. Let's read our story right from the Bible to find out what he did.

#### Read Mark 10:46-52 (Bartimaeus Receives His Sight)

# **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What was the name of the blind beggar sitting by the road? (Bartimaeus.)
- 2. When Bartimaeus saw Jesus, did he call out to Him, or did he stay quiet? (He called out to Jesus.)
- 3. When Jesus heard Bartimaeus cry out, did He stop, or keep on walking? (He stopped.)
- 4. Why did Bartimaeus throw aside his coat? (So he wouldn't stumble getting to Jesus.)
- 5. What did Bartimaeus want Jesus to do for him? (Let him see.)
- 6. Did Jesus heal the blind man? (Yes.)
- 7. Jesus said Bartimaeus was healed because of faith. Faith is believing. Do you think Bartimaeus believed Jesus could heal him? (Yes.)
- 8. After he was healed, did Bartimaeus go back home, or did he follow Jesus? (Followed Jesus.)

# **FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)**

From the Heart (Puppet Skit) Click here

# **ALTERNATE FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)**

Jesus Helps Me See (Game) Click here

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for how he provides wonderful things in miraculous ways that we can eat and enjoy. Provide cookies or other foods that are not too messy. Ask the children to close their eyes for a while and imagine what it would be like to be blind. Have them keep their eyes closed and picture Jesus in their mind as they enjoy their snack.

# **CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)**

Bartimaeus Can See (Song) Click here

# **NEXT WEEK**

Come back next week to learn about more special people in the Bible.

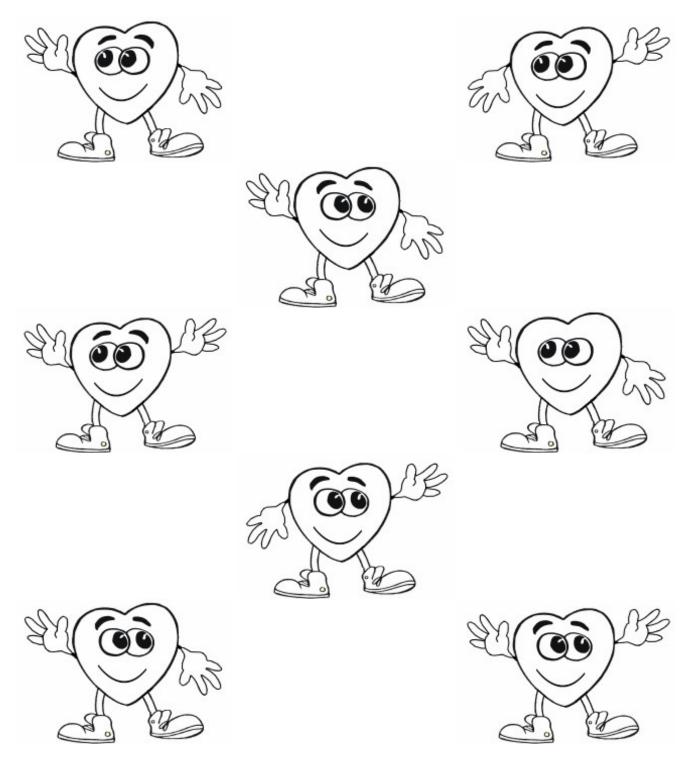
# **TAKE HOME PAGE**

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. Click here

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# The Eyes of the Heart

Circle the two heart figures that are the same. Then color them all.



"...That the eyes of your heart be enlightened, so you may know the hope for which He has called you..." *Ephesians 1: 18*