

## Bartimaeus has his eyes opened



**Bible verses:**

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus heals a blind man



**Aim:**

To know what happened when Bartimaeus met Jesus



**Today's fruit:**

Joy



In today's session we find out what happened when Bartimaeus met Jesus.

Bartimaeus was blind, but he recognised Jesus' voice and called out to him. When Jesus healed him, Bartimaeus opened his eyes and was filled with joy. Just like Bartimaeus, we can call out to God, and he will listen.

Bartimaeus would have known joy when he had his sight restored.

### Each child will need:

- Memory verse wristband
- Pens/pencils and A4 paper
- Cut out speech bubble
- *Explore It ideas* handout

### You will need:

- Today's fruit sign: *Joy*
- To watch *Ferocious beings paper project (easy paper crafts, DIY crafts)* by Maison Zizou (3:55) - see Action it
- *Speech bubbles* handout, cut out a bubble for each child



## Start it

**Say:**

This month is all about sight; we will be exploring how we use our eyes to see the world in

the way God sees it. To get us started today, we're going to play a game that is all about sight. Watch the clip and see if you can guess the Disney character just from a picture of their eyes.

The clip is over 14 minutes long and has 50 questions. The timings for a much shorter version of the quiz are shown below; or increase the playback speed in the video settings for a speedier play – just don't forget to reset afterwards!

**Questions 1-10:** 0:00-3:06

**Questions 1-20:** 0:00-5:55

## Video

*Guess the Disney character by the eyes* by The Quiz Channel (14:40)



## Sing it

Display the *Joy* sign.

### Say:

Our story today is full of joy. Bartimaeus was filled with joy when he met Jesus. We'll find out why Bartimaeus was so joyful in a moment, but first let's sing a song all about joy.

## Song

'I've got joy' by Parent Cue (2:57)



## Tell it

### Say:

As Jesus travelled around to different places, he met many people in need. As Jesus was coming near the city of Jericho, there was a blind man sitting begging on the roadside. After meeting Jesus, this man's life would never be the same again. Let's watch the clip to find out what happened.

## Video

*Blind Bartimaeus (Kids Animated Bible – Mark 10:46-52)* by The Prayer Covenant, uploaded by Kids Church Library (4:33)

### Ask:

- How did Bartimaeus react when he realised that Jesus was on his way?
- Why do you think Bartimaeus was so keen to get Jesus' attention?

- The people around Bartimaeus told him to be quiet. Why do you think they reacted this way?

**Say:**

Despite the crowds blocking him, Jesus heard Bartimaeus's shouts and came to find him in the crowd.

**Read:**

**'Jesus stopped and said, "Tell the man to come here."**

**So they called the blind man. They said, "Cheer up! Get to your feet. Jesus is calling you." The blind man stood up quickly. He left his coat there and went to Jesus.**

**'Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"**

**'The blind man answered, "Teacher, I want to see again."**

**Jesus said, "Go. You are healed because you believed." At once the man was able to see again, and he followed Jesus on the road.'**

(Mark 10:49-52 *ICB*)

**Ask:**

- What question did Jesus ask Bartimaeus?
- Do you think this was a strange question to ask a blind person? If so, why?

**Say:**

Jesus wanted to hear from Bartimaeus exactly what Bartimaeus needed. Jesus wants us to do the same when we pray to him.

**Ask:**

- How did Bartimaeus react once he was healed?
- If you could sum up his reaction in one word, what word would you choose? Explain your choice.

**Say:**

Bartimaeus was filled with joy and wanted the whole world to know what Jesus had done for him. Let us make sure that we share the joy of Jesus with everyone we meet, just like Bartimaeus.

## Action it

**Say:**

In our story today Bartimaeus was sitting begging on the roadside. Bartimaeus was unable to see Jesus because he was blind.

**Ask:**

How did Bartimaeus get Jesus' attention?



## Read:

**‘Then they came to the town of Jericho. As Jesus was leaving there with his followers and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting by the road. He heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking by. The blind man cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, please help me!”**

**‘Many people scolded the blind man and told him to be quiet. But he shouted more and more, “Son of David, please help me!”’**

(Mark 10:46–48 *ICB*)

## Say:

Even though Bartimaeus could not see Jesus, he called out to him and recognised who Jesus was. Bartimaeus had faith in his heart that Jesus would be able to help. Our memory verse for this month reminds us that, just like Bartimaeus, we can turn to God when we need help. He wants to hear from us.

Give each member of the group a memory verse wristband and share the memory verse together.

## Memory verse

**‘May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.’**

(Psalm 19:14 *NIV*)

The children are going to make their own picture with a giant mouth containing the words of Psalm 19:14. The clip provided gives some examples of how the craft method works but is centred around ‘ferocious beings’. The children are not making ‘ferocious beings’ and the clip is supplied for the leader’s use only. Instead of an angry fish, the children can create a giant mouth or a face like the yellow emoji shown in the clip. Inside the mouth, they can write the memory verse for this month.

## Video

***Ferocious beings paper project (easy paper crafts, DIY crafts)*** by Maison Zizou (3:55)



## Pray it

### Say:

Bartimaeus called out to God for help. God wants us to do the same. Whenever we need him, we can call out to God; we can tell him what we need and he will listen.

Give each child a speech bubble and explain that they can write the prayer that they would

most like God to answer. They can take their prayer speech bubble home to help with an Explore It ideas activity. If needed, a piece of music is provided to use during the reflection time. When the music finishes, some of the children may want to share their speech bubble prayers.

## Listen

'I will pray' (official music video from Taste and See Yancy & Little Praise Party) by YancynotNancy (2:54)

## Explore it

Remember to send home the *Explore It ideas* for children and families.



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Here are some ideas for you to explore at home.



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This week you wrote a speech bubble prayer. Take time to call out to God and read your prayer aloud every day this week.

You could also listen to the 'I will pray' song as part of your daily reflection time.

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### Discover

We read all about the story of Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52. The story is also found in Luke 18:35-43. Ask someone at home to help you read through the two versions of the story.

What are the similarities and differences between the way Mark and Luke told the story of the day Bartimaeus met Jesus?



### Song for the week

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## Start it

In the busy crowd, Jesus heard someone calling his name. It was Bartimaeus, a blind man begging on the street. Jesus healed him and changed his life for ever. Bartimaeus was filled with joy and told everyone what Jesus had done for him.



## Tell it

Share a child-friendly version of Mark 10:46-52.

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- How did Bartimaeus react when he heard that Jesus was on the way?
- What did the crowd do when they heard Bartimaeus shouting? Was this a kind way to respond to Bartimaeus?
- Why do you think Bartimaeus wanted to meet Jesus?

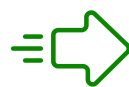
- What amazing thing did Jesus do for Bartimaeus?
- How did Bartimaeus react? What one word describes how he felt when Jesus healed him?



## Sing It

**'If I were a butterfly'** (lyrics and music)  
**'The butterfly song'** by Brian Howard,  
uploaded by Unreached Corners (3:09)

**'Wonderful Lord'** (official video) by Doug Horley (3:13)



## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- In the story, Bartimaeus shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David! Please help me!' See how loud you can shout it.
- Think of one thing you would like to ask Jesus for and act it out for the rest of the group to guess.
- With your friends, act out the scene where the crowd tried to stop Bartimaeus from meeting Jesus.
- Jump around the room full of joy, just like Bartimaeus did when he was healed; or draw a picture of Bartimaeus jumping for joy.