



Bartimaeus Believed

Principle: Jesus recognized the faith of the blind man, Bartimaeus. Jesus demonstrated His power over sin and physical disability.

Verses: Teacher can prepare by reading Mark 10:46-52, Luke 17:35-43

Introduction: **Discuss:** Jesus is God. He has the power to heal people. Last week we learned about how he healed the man who could not walk. Today we will read about a blind man that came to Jesus for help.

Bible Story: **Read:** The Adventure Bible Mark 10:46 **Discuss:** We know two things about Bartimaeus...he is poor, and he is blind. He has nothing to give Jesus, but he still calls out to Him for help.

Activity: Use the provided blindfolds for children to take turns experiencing what it would feel like to be blind. Use the items in the bag for each child to take a turn identifying (while blindfolded) **Discuss:** the challenges of blindness.

Continue Reading: Mark 10:47 **Discuss:** Bartimaeus knew that Jesus could heal him. He even called Jesus "Son of David." This showed that he knew Jesus was sent by God to save people.

Continue Reading: Mark 10:48 **Discuss:** Bartimaeus trusted that Jesus could heal him. He didn't care what people thought of him, he continued to shout out to Jesus

Continue Reading: Mark 10:49-50 **Discuss:** Bartimaeus did something that showed he believed that Jesus could heal him. Remember Bartimaeus is poor and has very little. He throws off his coat and goes to Jesus because he believed that even though he had nothing to give, Jesus would heal his eyes.

Finish Reading: Mark 10:51-52 **Ask:** After Jesus healed Bartimaeus, what did Bartimaeus do? (immediately followed Jesus along the road.)

Craft activity: Complete the craft activity using the provided instructions.

Prayer: Prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to save people who believe.