

The Blind Bartimaeus

Bible Readings: **Mark 10: 46-52 & Luke 18: 35-43**

Aim: Jesus talked kindly to Bartimaeus and healed his eyes.

Objectives:

- Jesus Christ is the greatest Lord to the sick, especially the blind people who find it hard to have control over their bodies.
- The great faith of the blind, so he managed to see his God

Memory Verse

**Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.”
And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.**

(Mark 10: 52)

Introduction:

Start the lesson with following game;

BLIND GAME: One student is blindfolded while other classmates take turns giving directions to the "blind man". This will help the students to understand what being blind can be like and will ALSO show them how blind WE are too sometimes to the blessings we have all around us.

The lesson Outline of the Blind man of Bartimaeus;

When Jesus was teaching his disciples and followers, he went to Jericho and saw a great multitude coming to Him. There was a man sitting and begging at the gate of the town of Jericho. That blind man name was Bartimaeus, he was the son of Timaeus. Because he could not see; he had no job and the only way for him to get money was to beg people to give him some.

One day Bartimaeus heard people walking on the road and making noises. Curiously he asked: “What is going on?”

Someone shouted back, “Jesus of Nazareth is coming by..”

Bartimaeus heard about Jesus Christ and the miracles He has done to many people.

So the blind man started to cry out to Our Lord: **“Jesus. Son of David, have mercy on me.”**

Then the multitude warned that blind man not to cry out.

“Be Quiet” they said!!

So, what did that blind man had done, he kept shouting loudly **“Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me.”** until Jesus Christ had heard him.

What did Jesus Do?!

Jesus did not ignore the cry, He stopped and said: **“Bring Me that man who is shouting out My name!!”**

According to the scripture;

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment (cloth), he rose and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni (My Lord), that I may receive my sight (I want to see).”

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Conclusion:

- Jesus Christ knew the blind man had great faith which he showed to Jesus in front of everyone of the great multitude. Jesus Christ kindly made him well and able to see.
- The blind man was a good man and he praised the Lord and followed Him instantly on the road and amongst the multitude.
- We hope to have a great faith in our Lord Jesus Christ every time from our life.
- We hope that we have a great faith in God in every time or occasion of our life.
- We like to go with God every time and every place in our life to be happy.

Questions:

1] What do we learn from the story of the blind Bartimaeus?

2] Was he born blind?

3] How did the blind man show his faith?

Activities:

CHARADES of CIRCUMSTANCES: Have students take turns at playing charades. The charade could be a tough/difficult "circumstance" that we might have to face and the class can guess what the charade is and then talk about how to be an "over-comer" of that "circumstance", like Fanny was! (Teacher could have pieces of paper with ideas for students to act out, if the student can't think of any: ex - sickness, crippled, loss of a friendship; divorce, etc)

HOW DO "YOU" SEE IT? Teacher could have a GLASS half full (ask students if its half FULL or half EMPTY; show a picture of clouds as well as sunshine and ask what they see (cloudy day or sunny day); show picture of a rainy day and ask what they see (DREARY day or God watering the earth), etc.

For servants:

Read the story of Fanny Crosby The famous Blind who was told one day by someone "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

"Oh no!" Fanny replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind.

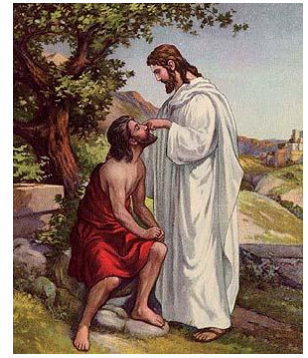
"Why?" asked the surprised minister.

"Because," answered Fanny, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Savior."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanny_Crosby

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Choose the correct word from the brackets:

1. Then they came to (**Egypt- Syria- Jericho**). And as He went out of Jericho with His (**disciples- children- multitude**) and a great (**disciples- children- multitude**), blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, (**sat- walk- saw**) by the road begging. (Mark 10: 46)
2. Then Jesus said to him, "**(Walk- Go- Wait)** your way; your faith has made you well."

Match:

1	Now they came to		"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
2	When he heard that it was Jesus, he began to cry		and followed Jesus.
3	Then people asked him	1	Jericho.
4	"What do you want Me to do for you?"		to be quiet
5	Then Jesus said to him,		"your faith has made you well."
6	And immediately he could see		Mark
7	This story is from the Book of		"Oh Lord, I want to see!"

Copy the Memory Verse:

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