

Bible Lesson

# A Blind Man Asks to See

Mark 10; Luke 18



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Luke 18:41

## **A Blind Man Asks to See**

Poor, blind Bartimaeus sat in the dark by the road. But he could hear. He heard many happy voices. He felt hundreds of footsteps running past him. "What is happening?" he cried out.

"Jesus is passing by," people told him.

Bartimaeus begged for help. No one stopped. So he yelled out loud, "Jesus, have mercy on me."

Some told him to be quiet. But Bartimaeus shouted louder, "Jesus, have mercy on me!"

A few people ran to the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Get on your feet. Jesus is calling you!"

Bartimaeus jumped up. He threw off his cloak. He stumbled his way to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

"Lord," the blind man said. "I want to see."

"Go," Jesus said. "your faith has healed you."

Right away, Bartimaeus's dark world became bright! He saw trees and birds. He saw houses and men. He saw women and children. And he saw the kind face of Jesus.

"Praise God!" he cried out. All the people praised God with him. With his eyes wide open, Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the road.

## Questions

1. When Bartimaeus came to Jesus, what did Jesus say?

2. What did the blind man say?

3. How does asking for healing show faith in Jesus?

4. Ask and believe. If Jesus were to ask you, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you say?

## Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

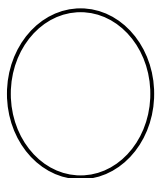
You can do anything. You made a blind man see. Help me ask and believe like Bartimaeus. I will ask. I will believe. Today, I would like you to do this for me:

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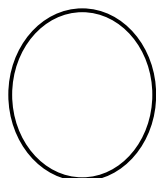
Amen

Draw faces in the circles to illustrate. Fill in the words with your own problems that you want Jesus to fix.

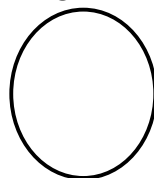
I am sad  
about this...



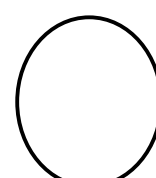
Help, Lord! I  
need this...



Thanks, Lord, for  
doing this...



Now, I will  
do this...



# Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

## 31. A Blind Man Asks to See

Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

### **Before you read:**

#### **Activate Prior Knowledge**

- a) What is your favorite thing to look at?
- b) What would your life be like if you couldn't see that thing or person?
- c) If you became blind, what would you miss seeing the most?

### **After you read:**

#### **Spin and Pray**

Go outside. Take turns spinning around with eyes closed while you say this prayer: "Lord, thank you for my eyes that see. Thank you, Lord, for the beauty. Thank you for letting me see... Open your eyes and thank God for the first thing you see.

#### **I Want to See You, Lord**

What must it have been like for Bartimaeus when he first opened his blinded eyes and beheld the beautiful, smiling face of Jesus shining upon him with pure love? We can't see Jesus like that right now. It is like we are blind, in the dark. Do you want to see Jesus? Ask him with this song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

Ask Jesus to show himself to you in the grin of a baby, the tears of a classmate, the colors of the sunrise, and in every word in the Bible.

#### **Blind for a Day**

With your family's blessings, be blind for a day. Tie a scarf over your eyes. How hard was it? Did you have to rely on others? How bad would it be to truly be blind? You can raise donations for the blind and illiterate before you start your blind day. First, look at the link below to learn how you can help the blind and others who can't read or hear God's word:

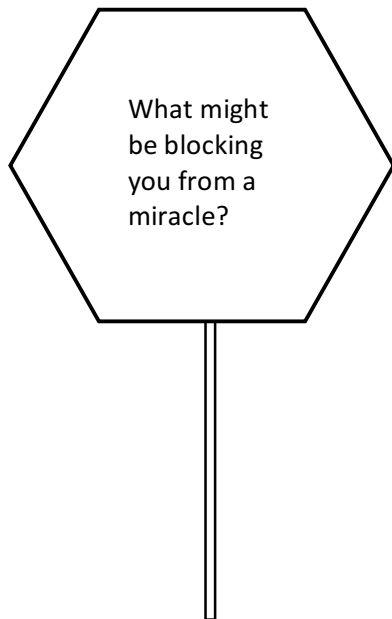
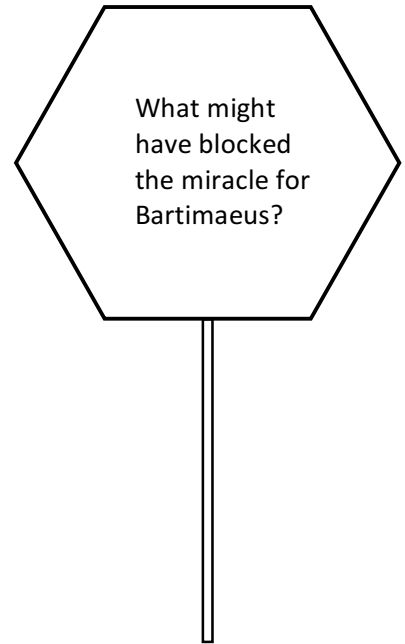
<https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/audio-bibles/resources>

#### **What do YOU Want?**

Look back in the story. On the illustrated title page, draw word bubbles and write in the conversation between Jesus and Bartimaeus. Now, write in new word bubbles dialogue you might have with Jesus. Use a different color of pen. What do you want Jesus to do for you? Ask him and have faith that he can do it and that he will do it according to God's best plan for you. You can also ask for more faith to believe. Jesus loves those kinds of prayers. Ask, beg, believe, receive.

## Roadblocks to Miracles

What stopped Bartimaeus from getting to Jesus, from falling on his knees and begging for a miracle? NOTHING! Not darkness, not a crowd, not negative people, not even his heavy cloak. He cast it off; he ignored those who told him to be quiet. Bartimaeus did everything he could and at the same time begged for the mercy of God. And he got his miracle! Draw the above roadblocks along the road and label them on the right side. Then write on the left side of the road what might be stopping YOU from begging Jesus for a miracle.



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<https://www.vitaminangels.org/vitamin-a-deficiency>



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