



SPARK

Week 20 – Jesus Gives Sight

Week of Mar. 8 Focus:

"What do you want me to do for you?"

Mark 10: 46-52

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- A man was blind and begging along the road.
- Others wanted him to be quiet as Jesus passed by.
- Jesus asks the man, Bartimeaus what he wants Jesus to do? His answer is 'to see.'

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 20 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: [Do You Want to See?](#)
- [& Jesus & Bartimaeus](#)



Opening Prayer

PRAY

+ All Knowing and all seeing Father God, We thank you for the gift of our eyes. Thank you for the many things we are able to see. Help us to see things about you that might be hidden. Help us to listen to this story about Jesus' love for everyone. Amen. +

SHARE



Family Connection

Share of a time when you didn't see something but then you did. Those 3d picture books would be a perfect object lesson here. They are called magic eye books. You could even use the night sky as an example by trying to find the big dipper. Our family loves these!

As with all of Jesus parables (stories that teach) there are many levels to this story as we have been learning. The literal is that a man was blind. Others passed by thinking he was too unimportant to notice. Jesus always notices and asks each of us "What do you want from me?" The blindness in this story is deeper than not being able to physically see. It represents the blindness of our hearts.

Interestingly, the man that the crowds, even the disciples, ignored because of his blindness is actually the one who truly sees Jesus. On a moral level this parable calls us to really look at those who we tend to ignore or walk by.

LEARN

Read the Bible Story



This story can be found in Mark 10: 46-52 (Page 66-67 in Picture Bible Stories.

- I wonder why the blind man was sitting outside the city wall? (*Perhaps he was an outcast.*)
- Why do you think he was begging? (*He needed money, he was searching for something*)
- I wonder if Bartimaeus knew who Jesus was? (He probably did as he addresses him with a familiar title of my teacher,)
- What do you think Bartimaeus wanted from Jesus? (To see)
- What did Jesus do for him? (*He healed him so that he could see with his eyes and his heart*)
- What do you think Bartimaeus thought after he could see? (*He follows Jesus so he 'sees' Jesus for who he really is.*)

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*Jesus is teaching us that we all have blindness, which he sees and he waits for us to ask for help. Jesus is the one true light of the world and He will help us to see..*)

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight (For younger children, not exactly scriptural but I like the message at the end)

Do You Want to See?

LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



1. Play a game of "I Spy with my Little Eye" or use one of the I Spy books. Love these!
2. Use your Bible figures to retell the story.
3. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Jesus, You help us to see not only with our eyes but with our hearts.
Please help us this week to really see and love the people around us.
Amen +

Dig Deeper!

Blind Bartimaeus and the New Exodus by Dr. Brant Pietre (4 min)



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