#### **Lesson 65: Jesus Heals the Blind Man**

Mark 10:46-52

Youtube Link for Teachers: https://youtu.be/eEteKPqoN5Q

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/Ta6\_ZdiqPqM

Worship Theme: We have faith in Jesus.

## **Memory Verse:**

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

# Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. There's a River of Life https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0
- 2. Jesus Calls the Sinners https://youtu.be/KuGfv2U0YmE
- 3. When I Am Afraid https://youtu.be/WCZlwlstAzc

#### **Pray**

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

## Icebreaker: "Leading the Blind"

Materials needed: blindfold, things to create obstacles in the classroom (chairs, rocks, water bottles, etc.)



- 1. Divide the children into 2 or 4 groups depending on the number of children
- 2. Select 2 children to represent each group. One will be blindfolded and the other will be the guide.
- 3. Teacher needs to place obstacles in the class (chair, and rocks, water bottles, etc.)
- 4. The guiding child will lead the blindfolded child through the obstacles from different parts of the room.
- 5. The guiding child has to instruct the blindfolded child to step on the foot of the opposing team while walking through the obstacles. The first blindfolded child to step on the foot of the other team wins the game.

#### Introduction:

**Activity:** The teacher should lead the children to walk around the classroom with their eyes closed. The teacher will instruct the children to walk to the right and to the left, to the front and to the back. After the activity, let the children open their eyes and sit down.

Was it difficult to walk when you had your eyes closed? It is very hard to live without being able to see. Today, we will learn about a blind man who became blind later in life.

## **Bible Story:**

As Jesus and his disciples were traveling one day, they came across a man named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road, begging for food since He was blind. When he heard that it was Jesus walking past, he yelled out, "Jesus, have mercy on me!" Some people around Baartimaeus told him to be quiet, but he didn't stop. When Jesus heard him, he stopped, and he asked Bartimaeus to come to him.

Jesus asked him what it was that he wanted, and Bartimaeus said, "My teacher, let me see again." We know he used to be able to see because he said "let me see **again**." When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately Bartimaeus could see.

Jesus didn't ask him if he had followed the Ten Commandments. He didn't make him give everything away. He didn't make him promise to help others, go to church, or tell others about God and Jesus.

And even though Bartimaeus didn't do all of those things, Jesus healed him anyway. Do you know why? Because God does not ask us to earn his grace. We cannot earn grace, but God wants us to have it anyway. So instead of earning it, he just wants us to have faith and ask God for grace.

In order to go to heaven, you have to be saved. But can you earn salvation? No, you cannot. All God asks us to do is have faith and ask. That's all we have to do. We can't earn it, but he gives it to us when we ask, trusting that God will give it to us.

God still wants us to try to be our best. He still wants us to try to follow the Ten Commandments, go to church, and tell others about Jesus. We need to be faithful and ask God to save us, believe He will, and try our best at everything else.

#### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1. What is the name of the blind man? (Bartimaeus)
- 2. What was he doing when he heard Jesus was passing by? (He was begging for money)
- 3. Did Bartimaeus do anything to deserve getting his sight back? (No)
- 4. Do we deserve to be saved and go to heaven? (No)
- 5. How can we be saved? (Through faith in God who sent Jesus to die for our sins on the cross)

## Game: Blind Drawing

Materials Needed: Paper and pen

- Divide the children into two groups.
- 2. Have each group select 1 child to represent them.
- 3. Blindfold these two children.
- 4. Give the two children paper and pen, and tell them to draw something (apple, mango, banana, tree, flower, fish, bird, etc.)
- 5. The child who drew better wins the game.
- 6. Play the game until you run out of words.
- 7. Explain to the children that it is very hard to live your life as a blind. Jesus doesn't want us to live with blindness either physically or spiritually. Only faith can open the eyes of our spiritual eyes. Let's have faith in God who loves us and died for us.

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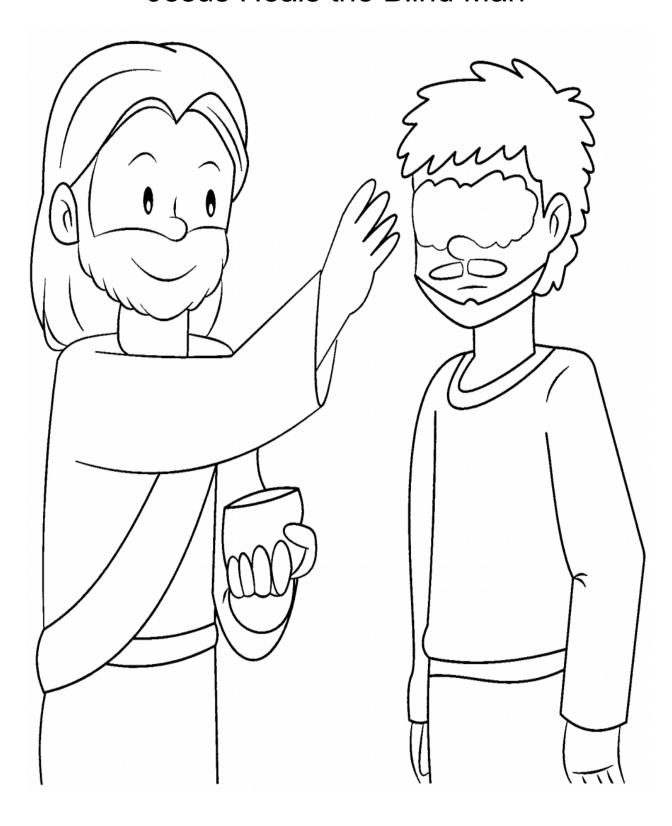
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Song: Select songs from the list above

## **Pray**

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.) People can be blind physically or spiritually. When we are spiritually blind, we are not able to see God at work. God is always working in our lives and speaking to us. How sad would it be if we cannot see the wonderful works of God because we are spiritually blind. Today, ask God to always open your spiritual eyes so that you are able to see God and God's love for his people.

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