

Unit Title : **FAITH**
Lesson 3 : **A BLIND MAN'S FAITH**
Bible Story : **Bartimaeus Receives His Sight**
Lesson Scripture : **Mark 10:46-52**

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student will be able to:

1. define what a blind man is;
2. identify Bartimaeus as the man healed from blindness;
3. know that Jesus has always time for us;
4. understand that Jesus' healing miracles show that He is God's Son;
5. know that they can always praise God in difficult situations;
6. to recite the memory verse.

BIBLE REFERENCE

[Mark 10:51 \(NIV\)](#)

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. **The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see. "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you."** Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. "

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Beggar– a person, typically a homeless one, who lives by asking for money or food

Blind (noun) - people who are unable to see

Sight – the ability to see

Praise – the act of joyful thanking and adoring of God, the celebration of His goodness and grace.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

Play a game, sing a song or give them activity to introduce the new lesson.

(Activities may vary depending on age level and purpose of the lesson either for Sunday school or outreach ministry.)

Blindfold Challenge: This fun game challenges the children to compete a difficult task. Have the children attempt the challenge one at a time, or in pairs if your children are a little bit older. Give the child a set of blocks and challenge them to build a tower while blindfolded. While one child is blindfolded and building, have the other children cheer them on. Focus on the aspect of teamwork and not on who can build the tallest tower.

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Teacher, review the past lessons.

1. Who is Rahab?
2. Why did Rahab hide the spies? *she believed their God would be victorious and wanted to be saved*
3. What did the spies report to Joshua? *that the people of the land were afraid of them*
4. How many spies went into Jericho? *two (2)*
5. What reward did God give Rahab? *her family was saved and she became an ancestor of Christ*
6. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do?
7. How did the centurion show his faith to Jesus?
8. What happened to the sick servant?
9. Why do you think Jesus was so impressed with the centurion?

B. INTRODUCTION

Begin the lesson by greeting the students and asking them to close their eyes. Say, imagine that you cannot see at all. When you open your eyes, it is still dark. This is called blindness. When someone is blind, they cannot see.

Say, today we will learn about a time when someone came to Jesus with a request and he was blind. What do you think Jesus did? Let's find out what He did in our story today.

Background Study:

It was common to see beggars near the rich city of Jericho. Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus knew He would soon suffer and die on the cross for our sins. He had just finished having a very serious talk with His disciples about being a servant and about suffering. Their conversation on the road was about these very important and serious things. While the disciples and Jesus were walking, a great crowd was walking along with them, probably people on their way to the Passover in Jerusalem. The street was busy and noisy. Jesus had been explaining some very important things to His followers. By the side of the road sat a beggar. Beggars were not uncommon and would normally not draw much attention, but this beggar becomes the center of attention.

Jericho

- Jericho is one of the oldest cities in Israel.
- Jericho was about 15 miles from Jerusalem
- The meaning of the name Jericho is 'Fragrant'
- Jesus was going to Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover

What is the meaning of Bartimaeus?

- Greek: Honorable man
- Hebrew: Heir or son of unclean, spiritual blindness
- His name can also mean son of Timaeus, a blind man.

C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures, or tell the story in your own words. (*focus on the importance of passionately calling out to Jesus*)

Jesus heals Blind Bartimaeus

Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and His disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. **A blind beggar named Bartimaeus** (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, **"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"** "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, He's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Points:

- When Jesus passes by, we should cry out to Him with bold, persistent faith.
 - Our faith should be in Jesus the Messiah.
 - Our faith should be personal, not generic.
 - Our faith should be specific in focus.
 - Our faith should result in glory to God for His answer.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What does it mean to be blind? *It means that you cannot see.*
2. Why did the blind man cry out to Jesus? *The man cried out to Jesus because he knew that Jesus was the only one that had the power to give him sight.*
3. Why didn't the man stay quiet when everyone around him told him to be quiet? *He knew that the only way he could regain his sight was through Jesus.*
4. Why did Jesus heal the man? *Jesus healed the man because he had faith to believe that Jesus could heal him.*
5. What did the man do when he was able to see? *He immediately began thanking Jesus and praising him because he could finally see.*

LIFE APPLICATION

Jesus has always time for us. This story from Jesus' life tells about a man who had faith to call out to Jesus even when others told him to be quiet. He knew that Jesus could meet his physical and spiritual needs. Bartimaeus was healed and received his eyesight because of his faith in Jesus and His power. Jesus can heal us, but we need to set aside anything that hinders us and come to Him and put our trust in Him.

ACTIVITY

Be Thankful: Give each child a piece of paper and crayons and ask them to draw something that they are thankful for. Say, when the blind man regained his sight he was very thankful and immediately began praising God. **What can you thank God for?** God has done amazing things in our lives as well. Think of one thing that you can thank God for today. Draw a picture of what you are thankful for. When everyone has finished drawing their pictures allow the children to take turns sharing what they are thankful for. End by praying for each child and thanking God for whatever they are thankful for.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of sight, but more than that, we thank you that one day we will see you in heaven. Amen.

If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.