

LESSON 3

JESUS HEALS A MAN WHO IS BLIND

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Has Power to Heal

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10

GOD'S BIG STORY: Bartimaeus—who is blind—shouts out to Jesus from the roadside where he sits begging for money. Jesus asks what Bartimaeus needs then restores his eyesight, showing that Jesus has power to heal!

WORD OF WONDER: How great God is! We'll never completely understand Him. —Job 36:26a

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Activity: What Can You See?

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! We're going to talk today about a man from the Bible who couldn't see. Let's imagine what it's like to not be able to see and get curious.

Ask the kids what we use to see with and help them point to or say, "eyes." **We see with our eyes. But what happens if we cover our eyes with our hands? We can't see! Let's try this together.** Put your hands over your eyes and show the kids how to do the same. Then count to three and have everyone take their hands off their eyes. **One, two, three, open!** Repeat this several times.

A person who can't see is blind. Have you seen a person with a dog leading them or a person walking with a white cane? Allow the kids to respond. **That person may be blind. People who are blind can do many things, but some things are not as easy for them.**

In our story from the Bible today, we'll hear about a man who went from not seeing to being able to see. Isn't that amazing? Allow the kids to respond. **We'll learn about how Jesus noticed him and helped him.**

Activity: What's Inside?

SUPPLIES: small objects (such as a ball, stuffed animal, soft blanket, musical toy, plastic cup, etc.), pillowcase

Before kids arrive, place several small toys inside the pillowcase.

People who can't see sometimes figure out what an object is by feeling it. That's what you're going to do by feeling what is inside this pillowcase.

Place the pillowcase in the middle of the floor. Let the kids put their hands in the pillowcase and try to guess what's inside. Allow the kids to keep their hands in for a few seconds. When each child has had a turn, open the pillowcase and show the objects.

We're going to talk today about a time when Jesus healed someone who couldn't see.

Our Wonder Truth today is: JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

JESUS—Point up.

HAS POWER—Flex your muscles.

TO HEAL—Put your hands over your eyes and take them off quickly.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Now That's a Miracle Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning that Jesus has power to heal. Jesus cares for us and helps us! Let's sing a song to praise Him for how wonderful He is!

Play songs from the [Now That's a Miracle! Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

Make It Inclusive: Music is often used to encourage language development for young children. Repeat the song a few times and encourage every child to sing a few of the repeated words. Provide simple rhythm instruments for nonverbal children to play.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Blind God's Big Story Video](#), Bible Story Picture (optional)

God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Jesus healing a man who couldn't see. Let's find out from the Bible what happened!

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

During the first part of the story, cover your eyes or close your eyes. When I say, "You can see," uncover your eyes.

As Jesus and His disciples were leaving a city, they came upon a man who was blind named Bartimaeus, who was sitting by the side of the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was going past, he shouted, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and asked His disciples to call Bartimaeus over. So, Bartimaeus threw aside his outer coat, jumped to his feet, and went to Jesus.

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" And Bartimaeus answered, "Teacher, I want to be able to see."

Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to do it, and he trusted that Jesus could help his eyes be able to see everything around him. Jesus responded, "Go ... your faith has healed you. You can see!" Encourage the kids to uncover or open their eyes.

Instantly, Bartimaeus could see! And he followed Jesus—not just down the road, but into a new way of living. Jesus, who had noticed a man others considered unimportant, cared for him by giving him something that would change his entire life—sight! Jesus has power to heal.

Word of Wonder

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Now That's a Miracle! Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#)

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Now That's a Miracle! series is Job 36:26a. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

WORD OF WONDER

How great God is! We'll never completely understand Him.

—Job 36:26a

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GREAT**—Put one arm straight up for each word.
- **GOD IS!**—Point up.

- **WE’LL NEVER**—Cross arms back and forth in front of you.
- **COMPLETELY**—Bring both arms down from above you to your sides.
- **UNDERSTAND**—Point to your head with both hands.
- **HIM.**—Point up.
- **JOB 36:26a**—Hold your hands together in front of you, palms open, as if opening a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Let’s talk to God. We can thank Jesus because He is powerful and He cares for us.

God, thank You for always seeing and caring about us. Thank You for Your power to heal. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: Jesus came to this earth to heal and save and tell of God’s love. May you always delight in talking to Jesus. May Jesus’ healing power be present in your life. May God give you great faith to believe Jesus is able to help you. Believe that God hears you, and God loves you. You are special to Him!

Activity: Bartimaeus Walk

We’re going to play a game to help you learn what it would be like to not be able to see, like Bartimaeus was before he met Jesus. Gather two or three children. Help them form a line behind a leader and hold one hand of the person in front of them. The leader will lead them around the room. Tell the kids at several points to try closing their eyes for a second while they are being led, to experience what not seeing feels like. Repeat the activity until all of the kids have had a chance to participate. The activity can also be done with individual children holding the hand of a leader who leads them around the room.

Today we learned about a time when Jesus healed a man who couldn’t see. God loves us and cares for us. Remember, Jesus has the power to heal!