

SEPT 15

LIVE BRIGHT: Shine Jesus' Light

Today's Bible Story: Take Time (Jesus Heals Bartimaeus) • *Mark 10:46-52*

Today's Bottom Line: Make time to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Early Arriver

What You Need: Offering container, paper, pencils, and timer

What You Do:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive.
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Demonstrate to the kids how to fold their paper in half (hamburger style) and then in half again.
- Set the timer for 30 seconds.
- Challenge kids to close their eyes and try to draw a house on one rectangle of the folded paper.
- Start the timer.
- Give the kids 30 seconds to draw.
- Once the timer is up, instruct the kids to open their eyes.
- Invite kids to compare their drawings.
- Instruct kids to flip over their folded paper.
- Set the timer for 30 seconds.
- Challenge the kids to close their eyes and draw a person on the other side of the folded piece of paper.
- Repeat in the same way, prompting the kids to refold and arrange their paper so they can draw on another section: a smiley face; a cloud; a flower; a tree; a star; a robot; as time and interest allow.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

1. Jesus Shows Compassion

What You Need: "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages, crayons or markers, scissors, zip-top sandwich bags, and a permanent marker

What You Do:

- Give each kid both pages from the "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages.
- Ask kids to color in the pictures from their "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages.
- As kids are coloring, talk about what is happening in each one of their pictures. (See the Story Image Order below if needed.)
- As kids finish coloring, instruct the kids to use a pair of scissors to cut apart the cards their pictures are on.
- Cut apart your own set of images and shuffle them to mix them up.
- One at a time, lay out your images in order, inviting the kids to put their images in order as well.
- One image at a time, review the Bible Story using the Story Image Order below.
- Story Image Order:
 1. *Jesus walking with His disciples:* "Jesus and His followers traveled through the city of Jericho. Large crowds of people followed them as they left the city."
 2. *Bartimaeus sits by the road:* "On the side of the road, a man named Bartimaeus, who couldn't see, began to shout, 'Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!'" (*Mark 10:47 NIRV*).
 3. *Crowd admonishes Bartimaeus:* "The people nearby tried to keep him quiet."
 4. *Bartimaeus shouts even louder:* "Bartimaeus shouted even louder, 'Son of David! Have mercy on me!'" (*Mark 10:48 NIRV*).
 5. *Jesus stops:* "Jesus stopped and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him."
 6. *Jesus heals:* "Jesus restored his sight! Jesus said to Bartimaeus, 'Your faith has healed you'" (*Mark 10:52 NIRV*).

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7. *Bartimaeus joins the crowd*: “Bartimaeus was so joyful. He joined the crowd to follow Jesus.”

- Give each kid a zip-top bag to place their pictures in.
- Write their names on the bags with a permanent marker and set aside for pickup.

What You Say:

“Bartimaeus believed Jesus could heal him! And guess what? Jesus did! Jesus stopped what He was doing and made time for Bartimaeus. Even though Jesus was important and had big things to do, Jesus still stopped to help. Jesus showed compassion over and over again. We can ask Jesus to help us show compassion too. We need to look and listen to the people around us and **[Bottom Line] make time to help others.**”

2. Make It Glow Memory Verse

What You Need: Bible marked at Matthew 5:16, paper, permanent marker, glow sticks, and floor tape

What You Do:

- Give a kid the marked Bible.
- Instruct the kid to open the Bible to where it's marked at Matthew 5:16.
- Read the verse together.
- Invite any kids who would like to read or recite the verse to do so.
- Based on how many kids are in your group, write out the verse with large lettering in phrases on the paper—one phrase per kid.
- Lay out the verse phrases on the floor in order in a line.
- Create a tape line on the floor parallel to the verse, about two feet away.
- Instruct the kids to stand along the tape line, facing the verse phrases.
- Arrange the kids on the tape line so each kid is directly across from each verse phrase.
- Give each kid 2-3 glow sticks.
- Show the kids how to bend and shake the glow sticks to activate them.
- Give the kids connectors and show them how to form bracelets and necklaces with their glow sticks.

- Give the kids a few minutes to make bracelets and necklaces.
- Ask the first kid in line to toss their glow stick necklace/bracelet onto the phrase in front of them as you repeat the Memory Verse phrase together.
- Repeat with each kid, reviewing each phrase of the Memory Verse in order.
- When finished, instruct the kids to pick up their glow stick necklaces/bracelets, return to the tape line, and stand on the tape line in a different spot than before.
- Recite the verse again, as described above.
- Repeat, switching places along the tape line as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

“Great job, friends! I love this verse. It's a good reminder to us to let God's light shine through us so others can see God's love for them! One of the BEST ways to shine is to show compassion to, and **[Bottom Line] make time to help others.**”

3. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a close circle.
- Remind them to look for people who need help this week and then **[Bottom Line] make time to help others.**
- Say the rhyming prayer below to close out your time together.

What You Say:

“When we wake up to a brand-new day
Let us choose to help with the kind words we say.”
“When we're at school with kids in class
Let us choose to help and not rush too fast.”
“When we're back at home, with our families close,
Let us choose to help those we love the most.”
“We want to show compassion just like You
By making time for others all day long.”
“In Jesus' name we pray, amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to take home their zip-top bags to retell the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus using the pictures.