

Under 5s Resources

Theme People

Week 2 People on the Edge

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WELCOME

Welcome the children in the usual way. Explain that this is the second of our sessions about Jesus and the ways in which he relates to people, especially those who are ill and have some special needs. You might like to use the road and figures which you made for session one again this week.

AIMS

- ▶ To know that Jesus wants to make sad people happy and sick people well.

ACTIVITY

Give to each child a paper plate, prepared before the session in the following way:

Draw a line across the middle of the plate. In one half of the plate cut two eyeholes so that the child will be able to look through the holes. Leave the other half of the plate untouched.

The leader has a plate too, which you use as you sing the song below.

SONG

Tune: Three Blind Mice

Leader: I can't see
Children: I can't see
Leader: Now I can
Children: Now I can
Leader: I'm so glad that I can see
Children: I'm so glad that I can see
Leader: How blessed I am
Children: How blessed I am

*holding the solid part of the plate in front of eyes
copying the action of the leader with their own plate
turning the plate round to look through the eye holes
copying the action of the leader with their own plate
still looking through the eye holes
copying the leader with own plate*

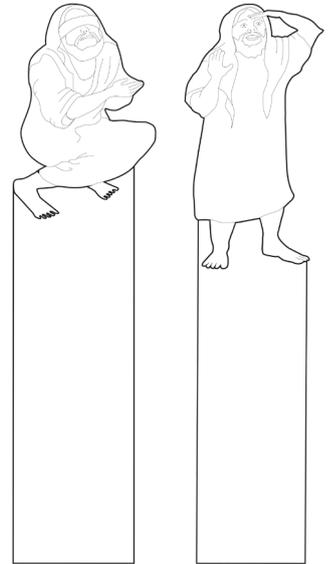
ACTIVITY



When we close our eyes it is very dark and we cannot see. (All close eyes).

When we open our eyes it is light and we can see all the wonderful things and people that are all around us. (All look around and talk very briefly about what you can see).

Show simple cardboard cut out puppet of Bartimaeus **Template 2A** and explain that he cannot see.

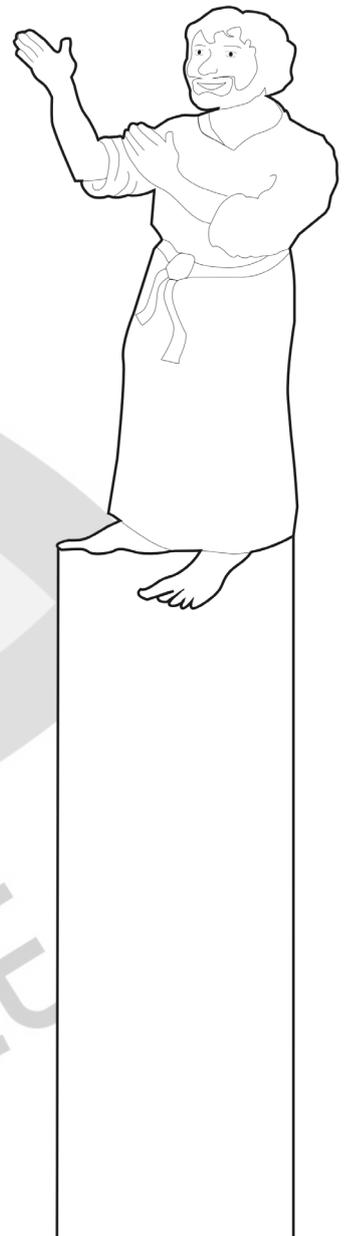


SONG



Tune: Three Blind Mice

Leader: Bar-ti-mae-us
Children: Bar-ti-mae-us
Leader: Could not see
Children: Could not see
Leader: He called out for Jesus to hear
Children: He called out for Jesus to hear
Leader: Please help me!
Children: Please help me!



BIBLE



Using the Bartimaeus hand puppets **Template 2A** and Jesus **Template 2B** tell the story of blind Bartimaeus. He wanted Jesus to help him and Jesus wanted to help this man. He had a great need and Jesus wanted to make him well and able to see again.

The crowds tried to stop Bartimaeus from getting to Jesus because they did not think that a blind man should be taking up Jesus' time. We know that Jesus never thought like that. Bartimaeus was very special to Jesus and so Jesus helped him and made him able to see again.

Children take the paper plate that they used during this session, and put on stickers and use crayons to make it look attractive. They will take this home.

PRAYER



Children hold the paper plate as you say this prayer.

Jesus, Bartimaeus had a special need for you,
and you heard him calling your name.
You helped him because you loved him.
Thank you Jesus.
I know that I am special to you
And that you always listen when I talk to you.
I know you love me too.
Thank you, Jesus.
Amen