

Family Worship at Home. October 24th 2021
Jesus heals a man born blind. Mark 10:46-52

Message: I have a question for you -- have you ever had someone tell you to be quiet before? Maybe just once or twice? And did you listen?

(Sometimes)

I ask because in today's Bible story, we hear about a man named Bartimaeus who was blind.

Read story of Blind Bartimaeus from a picture Bible or watch clip. [Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind - YouTube](#) or [Tiny Bible Treasures 7 Blind Bartimaeus Vimeo HD Watermark - YouTube](#) (This one is quite long but is Australian)

When he heard that Jesus was near him, he shouted, "Jesus have mercy on me!"

But then guess what the people around him said?

That's right - they said, "Be quiet, Bartimaeus!"

They probably said this because Jesus was an important person and they thought Jesus wouldn't want to talk to Bartimaeus, who was *not* an important person.

But, Bartimaeus didn't listen to them.

Which is why he yelled again, only louder, "JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON ME!"

Jesus heard him and said, "Call Bartimaeus here."

When Bartimaeus made it to Jesus, Jesus then healed Bartimaeus so that he could see again.

Because Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, Bartimaeus learned that Jesus thought Bartimaeus was important to talk to and to help.

It was a good thing that Bartimaeus did not listen to the people who told him to be quiet!

Now, this story doesn't mean that you don't *ever* have to be quiet again.

Because you *do* have to be quiet sometimes. We *all* do. We are made to have and enjoy moments of quiet.

But today's story reminds us that when we need help, we should make our need of help known, just like Bartimaeus did.

We should call out for help to our friends, our family, to Jesus, and to God.

When we do, there will be voices that tell us to be quiet because others are too busy or too important to help us - that *God* is too busy and too important to help us.

Don't listen to those voices.

Instead, do like Bartimaeus did and keep calling out for help.

Because, when we do keep calling out for help, we will eventually see, just like Bartimaeus did, that we are important enough to be helped.

We will also see how we are important to God and how God wants to help us - just like Bartimaeus saw.

And that is the good news for today.

Alternate Clips: [Blind Bartimaeus can see - YouTube](#)
[Tiny Bible Treasures 7 Blind Bartimaeus Vimeo HD Watermark - YouTube](#)

Songs: [Blind man sat by the road - YouTube](#)

[God Speaks - Emu Music \(with Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

[Jesus is the King - EMU Music - YouTube](#)

Activity 1: Guess a number of items by feeling them, but not seeing them.

- Put a number of items into a big bag.
- Let kids, one at a time put their hands in the bag and guess what objects are in there.
- Some items may be, a bandaid, bandage, stethoscope, cream, tablets or other objects which help people who are ill. (or other objects that keep you healthy – water, fruit, etc)
- Talk about Jesus being a healer.

Activity 2: Draw a picture while blindfolded

- Work in partners.
- One of the partners gets blindfolded then is given a piece of paper and pencil. The other partner gets a picture.
- Ask the partner with the picture to explain the picture to the blindfolded partner and let them try to draw what is being explained to them.

Activity 3: Pray for people who are sick.

- Take some time and pray for people who are sick.
- Write down the names of all the people we have prayed for and in the weeks to come, continue to pray and check in on how they are feeling.