

SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

Week 6 • July 30 • Jesus has Power Over Sickness (Mark 10:46-52)

Theme: Jesus showed His power over sickness when He opened the eyes of people who were blind.

The prophet Isaiah wrote that the promised Messiah would open the eyes of people who were blind. (Isaiah 35:5; 42:7) Jesus was the promised Messiah. Even if we are not blind, we are sinners. Sinners can't see the truth about God until Jesus opens our eyes and saves us.

Family Devotional

Materials: blindfold, items of furniture

Do: If weather permits, prepare an obstacle course on your backyard by randomly placing yard furniture. If you are unable to do this, plan a course inside. Include a start and finish.

Blindfold one of your kids then give them step-by-step instructions to maneuver around the obstacles until he finishes. Allow each child to go through the obstacle course with you giving directions. Remind your kids that today's Bible story involved a blind man. Retell the story about Jesus restoring the man's sight.

Read: Mark 10:46-52.

Ask: "How did Bartimaeus respond when he heard Jesus pass by?" Remark how Bartimaeus cried out "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!" When some told him to be quiet, he cried out even louder. When Jesus called him, he threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Him.

Ask: "What did Jesus do to heal Bartimaeus?" Emphasize that Jesus told Bartimaeus, "Your faith has healed you." Immediately the man who was blind could now see. The prophet Isaiah told Israel many years earlier that the promised Messiah would heal the blind. Jesus was the promised Messiah! While we may not be blind, we are all sinners. Jesus can heal us from our sins. He can help us "see" the truth about God by opening our eyes and saving us.

Big Question: *Who has power over sickness? Jesus demonstrated his power over sickness when He opened the eyes of people who were blind.*

Pray: Dear God, You are powerful. You have shown that You have power over sickness. Help us to trust You when we are sick. Everything You do is good, even if we do not understand it. Lord, everyone is born a sinner. We are blind to the truth about Jesus. Like Bartimaeus, we cry out to You, "Lord, I want to see!" Open our eyes to Your truth so we can know and love Jesus. We praise You for opening so many people's eyes already. Help us to clearly see Jesus for who He is—Your Son and our Savior. Amen.