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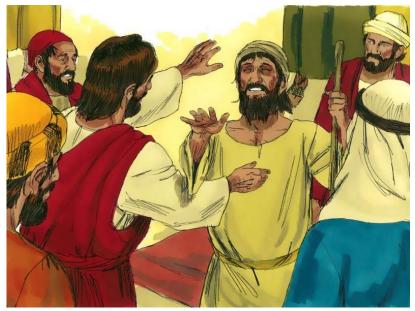
## **Friends of Jesus and Mary**

XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 31, 7-9; Psalm 125; Hebrews 5, 1-6; Mark 10, 46-52 Jesus heals the blind man.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

#### Reflection

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar called out: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Why did he call Him this? (He believed Jesus was the promised Messiah, descendant of King David.) He insisted although many tried to silence him. Why? (The prophets had foretold the Messiah would perform many miracles and healings and he wanted to see.) When Jesus called him. Bartimaeus immediately threw his cloak and sprang up. As a beggar, this was probably his only possession. Why did he throw it? (He had much faith in Jesus' power and only wished to be near Him.) Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus who is God, knew what He wanted, why did He ask him? (Jesus wanted him to ask for what he needed to show he trusted in Jesus' love and power.) What does



the blind man ask for? (He wanted to see.) We see people and things with our eyes. How do we see God? (We see Him with our spiritual heart when we have faith.) What is Jesus' answer? (Your faith has saved you. Bartimaeus saw Jesus with his heart, though not with his eyes.) What did he do after he was healed? (He began to follow Jesus.) Do you ask Jesus for what you need trusting in His love for you? Do you follow Him every day?

### Activities

On the following page, help the blind mand find Jesus through the maze. On the last page, color, cut, and tape the glasses together. Share where and how we can see Jesus with our heart full of faith.

### Prayer

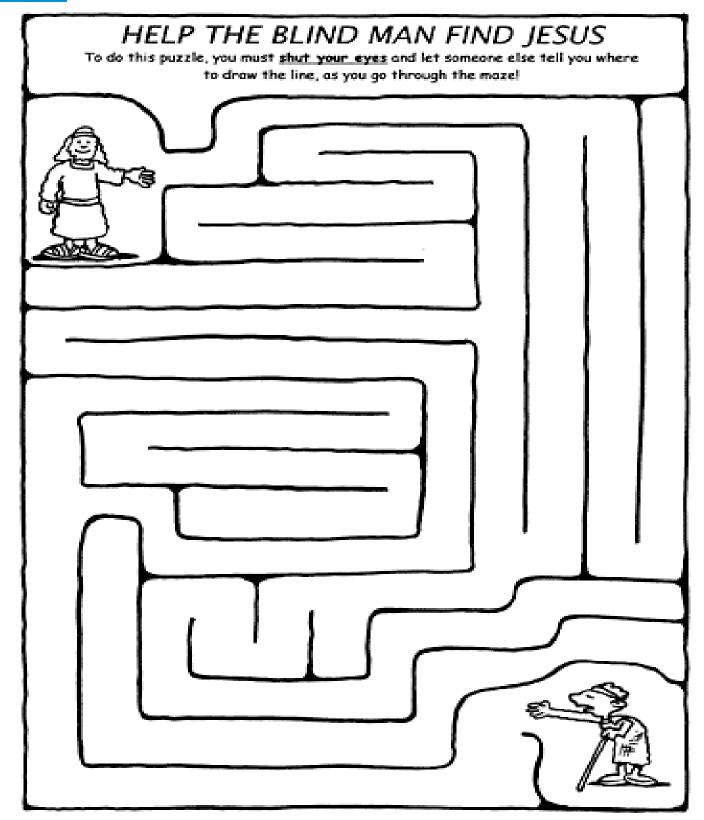
Jesus, give me more faith that I may believe completely in your great love for me. Help me to see you with my heart and always ask you for what I need, always accepting your Holy Will. Don't let me ever separate from you. Amen.

**Song:** Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord, Ft. Paul Baloche, (Ctrl Clck) <u>https://youtu.be/r 2xLdgkNKs</u> **PPT:**<u>https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fzdCHDXKYn3Zm6eDcGf8usQpzSwRXMdg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true</u>





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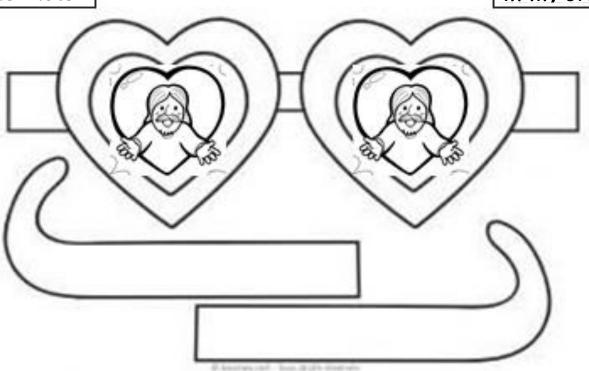
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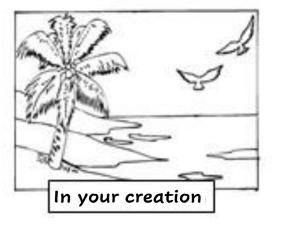


# JESUS, I WANT TO SEE YOU



In my brothers









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