

## *PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE*

### *Bartimaeus Is Healed*

#### *Mark 10:46-52*

- Read Mark 10:46-52 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
  - Bartimaeus had a specific need, he asked Jesus a specific question. This reminds us to speak to Jesus about the details of our life; it gives him a chance to show his power in detailed ways.
  - Bartimaeus “interrupted” Jesus’ journey, Jesus was willing to stop and help him because that was the focus of Jesus’ life.
  - Jesus made himself available to Bartimaeus, but Bartimaeus still had to move toward Jesus. Jesus has made himself available to us, are we willing to turn to him to fill our needs?
- **Questions:**
  - Why were people telling Bartimaeus to be quiet? Why did Bartimaeus continue to call for Jesus?
  - What do you think Bartimaeus felt when Jesus called him over? Was he excited to speak with Jesus? Did he need Jesus?
  - Why did Jesus heal Bartimaeus? What did Jesus say made Bartimaeus well (verse 52)? What does faith mean? How did Bartimaeus’ faith change his life? Has faith changed your life?
- **Activity:**
  - Replay the video and sing along with Sarah
  - For Older kids –
    - Pretend you are Bartimaeus, think about what you would have done if you were trying to get to Jesus and somebody told you to stop. Write down (or discuss) what you might do if you needed Jesus and others tried to keep you away.
    - Act out the story with your family members, use the Bible verses as your script using a narrator or speaking the parts.
  - For Younger kids –
    - Print off the attached coloring sheet and/or draw a picture of something from the story.
    - Set up an obstacle course and blindfold the kids as they go through it so the children can practice “being blind.”