## PARENT CORNER TODAY: MARCH 1-2 weekly

Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Blind Mark 10:46-52

Big Idea: Jesus cares about us.

Focus: Jesus cares about us and hears us.

Memory Verse: "Turn all your worries over to Him. He cares about you."

(1 Peter 5:7)

#### **Bible Story Summary:**

Read and meditate on Mark 10:46-52

Time and time again, Jesus showed that He cared for everyone, regardless of their social standing. He paid special attention to the poor and the marginalized. Jesus spent His time with the outcasts of society and chose to be the ultimate sacrifice for evervone.

This week we are going to see a time when Jesus and His disciples were near Jericho. There was a blind beggar named Bartimaeus there. Bartimaeus heard Jesus passing by and called out for mercy, recognizing Him as the Messiah. Despite being told to be quiet, Bartimaeus persisted. Jesus stopped and asked what Bartimaeus wanted. Bartimaeus replied he wanted to see. Jesus commended the man's faith and restored his sight. Bartimaeus followed Jesus, praising God.

#### He Question: What can we ask Jesus?

Jesus cares about us and our struggles, and we can call out to Him about anything at any time.

#### We Question: Does Jesus always answer us?

Jesus always hears and always answers, but that doesn't mean He always does what we ask. His answer may be "no" or "not yet."

#### Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him, and what does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



As you're driving somewhere, have your child close their eyes and see if they can guess where they are. Being blind was difficult for Bartimeaus. What is something that is difficult for you? No matter how difficult life can seem, know that Jesus cares about us and hears us when we pray.







READ "Turn all your worries over to Him. He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

1 Peter 5:7 is our memory verse for this month. Practice the memory verse by saying the verse using each of the following voices.

Villain scientist Superhero Farm animals Disnev® princesses A western cowboy

Which of the voices was your favorite way to say the memory verse?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus cares about you

**READ** "Pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of this." James 5:16 (NIrV)

With the help of a parent, find a blindfold, piece of clothing, or a towel. Have your parent help you put that item over your eyes so that you can't see. As your parent reads the following challenges to you, try your best to complete each challenge without being able to see.

- Write your name on paper
- Unzip and zip a jacket
- Button and unbutton a shirt
- · Walk from one side of your space to the other
- Sit down and stand up

What challenge was the easiest?	
What challenge was the hardest?	

Our story from the Bible this week is about a man, Bartimaeus, who was born blind. He had to learn to do many things without being able to see. Can you imagine not being able to ever see? In the story, Bartimeaus continued to pray to God and asked God to allow him to see. Bartimaeus knew that Jesus cared about him and heard his prayers. He kept praying until one day Jesus finally answered his prayers and gave him the ability to see.

KNOW that Jesus cares about you and hears you

# DAY (3)

#### **READ** Mark 10:46-52 (NIrV)

With the help of a parent, find the words, from this week's Bible story, in the wordsearch below:

#### WORD SEARCH -

WORD BANK: BLIND, BARTIMAEUS, DISCIPLES, JESUS, CROWD

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THANK Jesus that He cares about you and hears you

## **HEY PARENTS** SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!** 

#### **READ** Psalm 66:19-20 (NIrV)

This week, remember that you can talk to God about anything. There is no problem too big or any feeling too small to share with God. God listens and responds because He cares about you.

Jesus always hears and always answers our prayer, but that doesn't mean He always does what we ask. His answer may be "no" or "not yet." If you have prayed about something and haven't heard "yes," don't be discouraged! The Bible tells us that Jesus promises to always hear our prayers. The Bible also tells us that He will respond to our prayers when His timing is right. Keep following Jesus and living like Him, even during times of waiting. Take a moment and pray to Jesus.

"Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me and for caring about me. I know that You always hear me. You're never too busy for me. You hear all my prayers. Today I pray for

I know that you might answer my prayer soon, or I might have to wait. Help me be patient as I wait for You to answer my prayer when You're time is right. In Your name, I pray. Amen."

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

# at a GLANCE



### **Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping**

March 8-9 1st Grade

Kindergarten March 15-16

4th Grade March 22-23

3rd Grade March 29-30

2nd Grade April 5-6



**PRAY** that God will show you He cares about you and hears you

Child's Name: