

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #11 – “Jesus and the Blind Men”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: Jesus will guide you through His Word.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “God’s Guidance”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #11 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

John 8:12 – “. . . I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Motions**” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Have the children repeat the verse using the following motions:

“**I**” – Index finger pointed toward Heaven.

“**am the Light**” – Open hands (closed fists to fingers bursting forth as shining light).

“**of the World.**” – Arms in circle.

“**He that followeth Me**” – Arm motioning another to come and follow.

“**shall not walk in darkness**” – Shake head “no” and cover one fist with other hand.

“**but shall have the light**” – Open hands (closed fists to fingers bursting forth as shining light).

“**of life.**” – Arms extended signifying all of our life.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #7 – #12: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #8. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #11. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #11. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionary. (See attached page.)
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: (*In person or online*) **Whiter Than Snow**, Week #1

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"Mystery Snowflakes" – Prepare the attached snowflakes by backing them and then cutting apart the rectangles. Then print 25, 50, 75, or 100 on the back sides. Divide the class into two teams and place the snowflakes on the board. If a team member correctly answers a review question, he/she may pick any snowflake from the board. The team earns the number of points found on the back of the snowflake. At the end of the review time, add all the points earned by each team. The team with the most points wins the game. – Adapted.

Review Questions – Life of Christ #11

1. **What job did most blind people have to do in the days that Jesus lived on earth?**
(Begging for money)
2. **What did Jesus do to the eyes of the man who was born blind?** (He made mud out of spit and rubbed it on his eyes)
3. **What was the name of the blind beggar who lived in Jericho?** (Bartimaeus)
4. **One day Bartimaeus noticed more noise and commotion than usual. Who had come to town?** (Jesus)
5. **What did Bartimaeus shout to Jesus?** ("Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!")
6. **What did Jesus do when He heard Bartimaeus calling out to Him?** (He told someone to bring that man to Him)
7. **What question did Jesus ask Bartimaeus?** ("What do you want Me to do for you?")
8. **How did Bartimaeus answer Jesus?** ("Lord, I want to receive my sight.")
9. **What did Jesus do for Bartimaeus?** (Healed his eyes)
10. **Jesus is the Light of the World. How does He guide us today?** (Through His Word)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

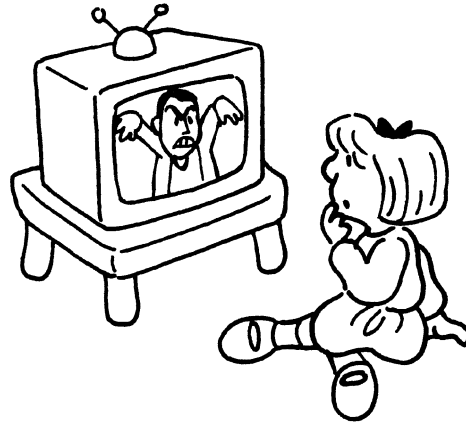
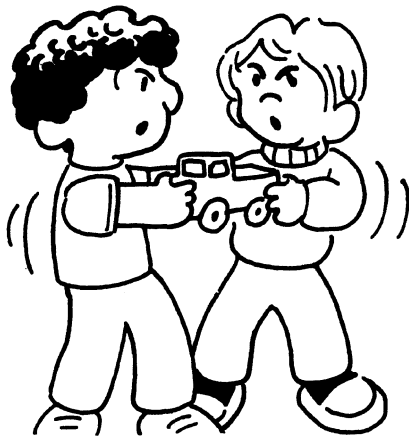
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #11

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #11

God's Guidance

Think about each of the pictures below. If the children pictured here would just take time to pray, God would tell them what to do. Since the Bible is God's voice to us, they would know what to do if they had studied their Bible. Write below each picture what you think God might be saying to them.



Name _____

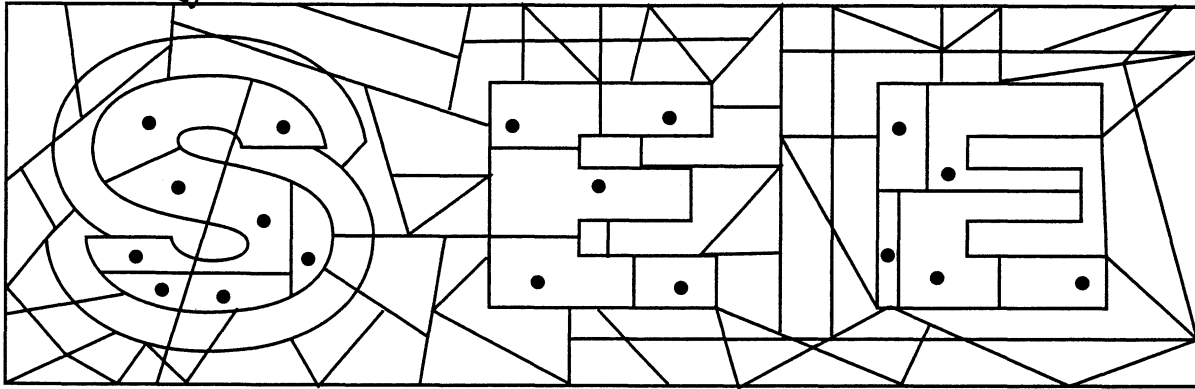
PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #11



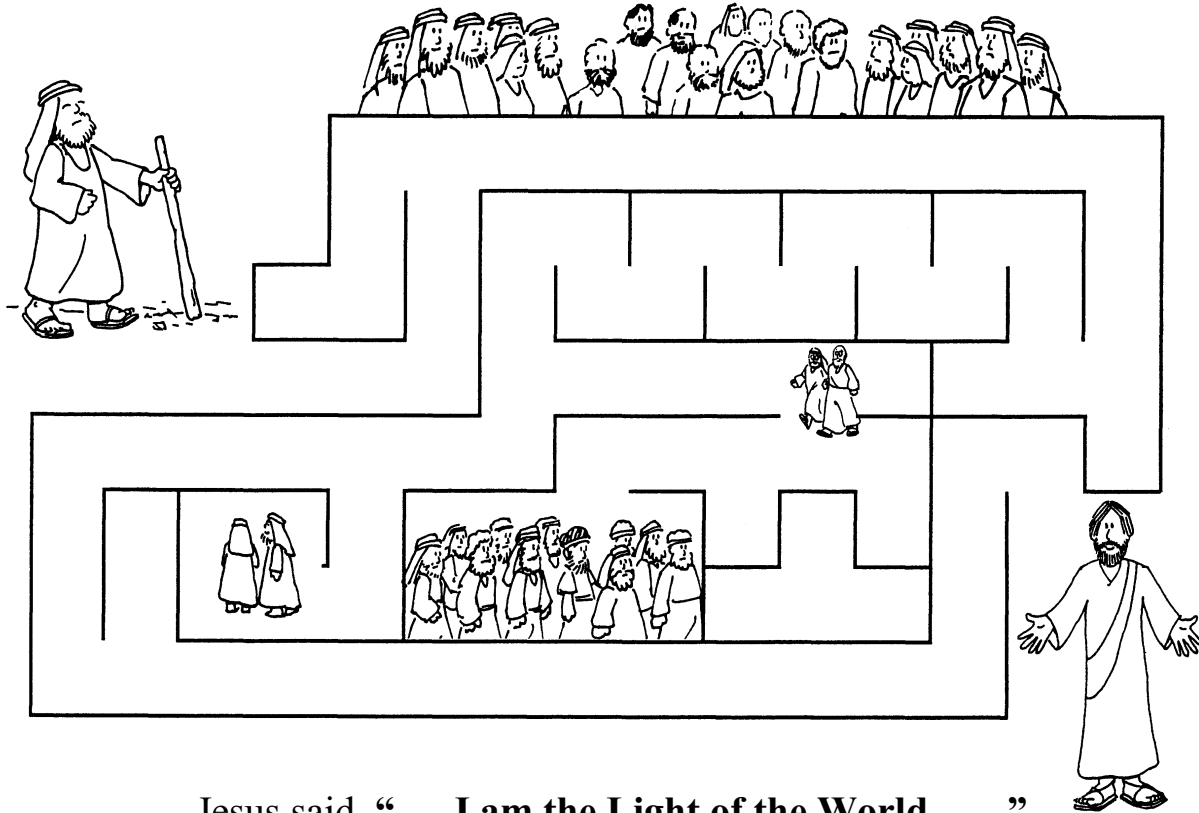
Jesus and His disciples were passing through Jericho. A blind man was seated by the road. He called to Jesus. What did he want?

He wanted to

Color the pieces with a •.



Help Bartimaeus get through the crowd to Jesus.



Jesus said, "... I am the Light of the World"
John 8:12

Life of Christ #11

JESUS AND THE BLIND MEN

John 8:12

"I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Introduction:

If you take a walk somewhere on a dark night, what do you need to take along so you don't stumble? A flashlight! (Show a flashlight.) Light shines through the darkness so we can see. Our memory verse today talks about an even more important kind of light. Let's take a look at our memory verse for today.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

John 8:12 – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

"I am the Light of the world:" – Jesus is speaking about Himself in this verse. The Bible says that the world is lost in the darkness of sin, but Jesus came into the world and lived a perfect, sinless life. He came to take away the darkness of sin and to show us the right way to live.

"he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." – When you trust in Jesus to be your Saviour, you are no longer lost in the darkness of sin. As He shows you the right way to live and you live that way, you are following Jesus. He and His Word are a light for your life.

Repetition:

Motions

Have the children repeat the verse with the following motions:

John 8:12 – hold hands open like an open book

"I" – index finger pointed toward Heaven

"am the Light" – closed fists change to fingers bursting forth as light

"of the world" – use both arms to make a large circle like the globe

"he that followeth Me" – make beckoning motion with arm

"shall not walk" – shake head "no" and walk in place

"in darkness" – cover your eyes with your hands

"but shall have the light" – closed fists change to fingers bursting forth as light

"of life" – arms extend out to sides to signify all our life

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #11

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

John 8:12 – *"I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Intro:

Have children close their eyes for a few seconds. Ask them, "What can you see?" (nothing, darkness)

Flashcard 2-3- CEF Press or Flashcard 5-C- Free Bible Images:

As you say the Main Truth statement, have the children hold their hands like an open Bible. When you come to the words "His Word," have the children say "His Word" with you.

Flashcard 5-2:

For the sound of many feet walking down the street, have children walk in place and listen to their footsteps.

Flashcard 5-3:

Have children call out together, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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Flashcard 5-5:

Have children say together, "I want to be able to see."

Flashcard 5-6:

Have children call out together, "Praise God!"

Bible Learning Game (Bartimaeus)

By Linda D. Ruth

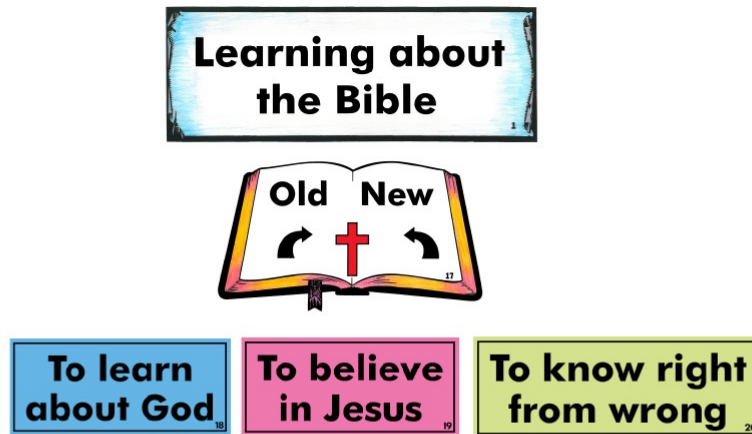
One child is "Bartimaeus." He sits on the ground, holding a cup and either wearing a blindfold or closing his eyes. "Bartimaeus" calls out, "Please, give me money."

Others are each given a few coins to drop in the cup. As the coins are dropped, "Bartimaeus" may call out "Thank you" or "God bless you."

Give several children a turn to be "Bartimaeus."

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #8



(Place figure #1.) (Review what God’s Word was written on and how it was copied.) What are the two parts of the Bible? Yes, Old Testament and New Testament. The word *testament* means “agreement” or “promise.” The Old Testament tells us that God promised the Saviour would come. The New Testament tells us that God kept His promise—the Saviour (Jesus) did come. *(Place figure #17.)* God gave us the Old and New Testaments for many different reasons. I want to tell you just three reasons. 1) To learn about God. *(Place figure #18.)* Every person has a desire to learn about God. God made us that way. His work in the creation of the world and His words in the Bible tell us all we need to know about God. 2) To believe in Jesus. *(Place figure #19.)* The Bible tells us that Jesus, who had no sin of His own, paid for our sins when He died on the cross. To be saved from our sin, we must believe this and receive Jesus as our Saviour. 3) To know right from wrong. *(Place figure #20.)* People today make up their own rules about what is right and what is wrong. But the Bible tells us the truth. Everything in the Bible is a correct record of what God wants us to know; therefore, you and I should study the Bible every day. The more you read the Bible, the more you know the right things for you to do.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAÜLS

GO & TELL BOX – WEEK #11

NAMES and ADDRESS:

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BIRTHDAYS:

Lucien	January 22
Maude	December 1

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box - picture of a mouse.

What do you think this picture of a mouse has to do with *going and telling*? (Let the children share their ideas.)



INFORMATION:

Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude Saül (*Show their picture.*) are missionaries serving in their home country of Haiti. We will call them **Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude**. (*Have the children say their names.*) They were both born and grew up in Haiti.

Pastor Lucien was the son of a witch doctor, but his mother was a Christian. At the age of ten, he asked Jesus to be his Saviour. His mother died when he was fifteen, and he went to live with an American missionary family, who were serving the Lord in Haiti. These missionaries helped him to learn more about the Lord Jesus and to study the Bible. As a young person, God gave him the desire to teach people in Haiti about God. He was able to attend a Bible Institute in the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince.

God led Pastor Lucien to Bassin, a small village, where there was no electricity, no church, no school, no market—nothing. At first, Pastor Lucien had to have a cat to keep the rats from chewing his feet while he slept! Pastor Lucien continued to serve in this area as a missionary for over 35 years. During this time, God led him to begin a ministry of training national pastors to teach with an emphasis on children’s ministry. The Salem Bible Institute holds classes each year with 200 students now enrolled. They also have a Christian school where the children not only learn to read, but they also have Bible classes.

The Saüls have two grown children. Their son, Royden, is now working with them in the ministry in Haiti. He and his wife are involved with the children and youth ministry.

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #11

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

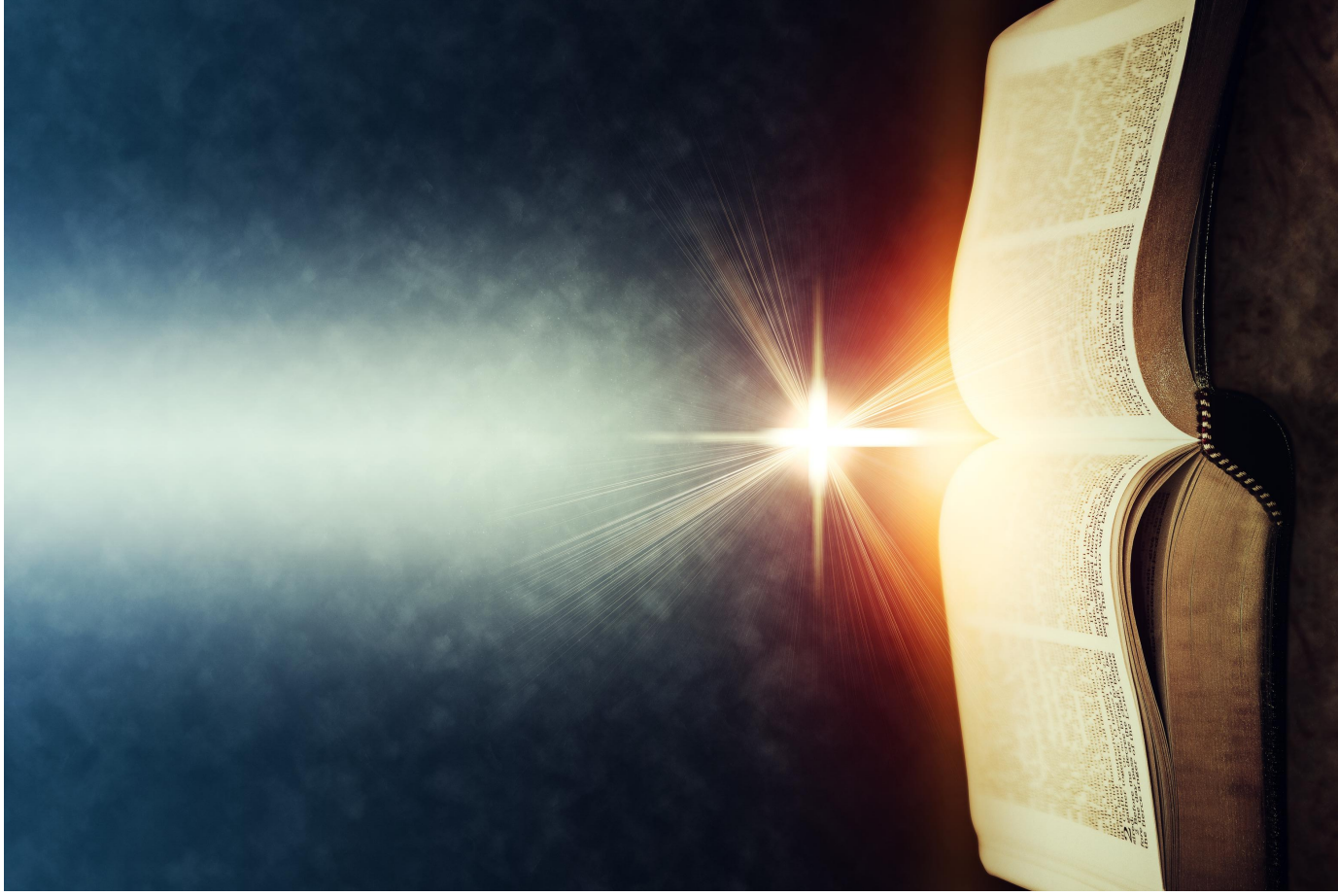
Dear God, thank You for the many years
You have given Pastor Lucien to serve You
in Haiti.

Dear God, please help Pastor Lucien and the
teachers teach the children who come to their
school about Your Son, Jesus.

Dear God, help Pastor Lucien and his son,
Royden, as they make decisions about what
Bible lessons to teach in the school.



LOC REVIEW GAME
Mystery Snowflakes
... and they're all different!



**Jesus will
guide you
through
His Word.**

- Jesus was not too busy for one blind man. Jesus loved Bartimaeus with the same special love He has for every person

G

- Jesus loved Bartimaeus; He commanded someone to bring Bartimaeus to Him

- When the people near Bartimaeus heard that, their words changed

- "Don't worry anymore Bartimaeus; get up; Jesus is asking to see you."

- Quickly, Bartimaeus threw off his coat and stood up; crowd must have let him through

FLASHCARD 5-5

- Jesus said to Bartimaeus; "What do you want Me to do for you?"

- Bartimaeus; "Lord, I want to be able to see."

- Jesus; "Go your way. Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you."

FLASHCARD 5-6

- Immediately, Bartimaeus could see! He must have looked into the face of Jesus with joy

- Because Bartimaeus had faith to believe Jesus could help him, Jesus had healed his eyes

- As Jesus continued on, Bartimaeus followed Him

- He shouted; "Glory to God! Jesus has healed me! Praise God!" Others joined in praising God, too

- I think Bartimaeus understood that Jesus was God Himself

- Jesus *is* God; do you believe that?

INVITATION

Romans 10:13 – "For whosoever (you) shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (from the punishment of sin)."

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

**JESUS WILL GUIDE YOU
THROUGH HIS WORD**

R – Review PAS verse

John 8:12 – "...I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

O – Overview PAS examples

1.

2.

3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #11

John 9:1-11; Mark 10:46-52;

Luke 18:35-43

- Can you imagine what it would be like to be blind?

- It must be hard not to see beautiful colors, or the faces of people you love

- Today, people who are blind can do almost everything a seeing person can do

- But if you were blind during the time Jesus lived here on Earth, would have been very different

- Couldn't go to school or work, had only 1 choice; sit by the road & beg people for money

FLASHCARD 5-A (FBI)

- One day, Jesus was walking through Jerusalem, saw a man who was born blind

- Disciples; "Master, whose sin caused this man to be born blind? His, or his parents?"

- Jesus; "It was neither; it was so that the works of God could be shown to everyone."

- Jesus knew this man's blindness wasn't a punishment for sin; but Jesus knew this man & all people are sinners

FLASHCARD 2-3 (CEF Press)

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John 3:19 – "...Men loved darkness rather than light; because their deeds were evil."

1.

2.

3.

- Jesus knew this man had sinned, but that wasn't why he was blind

- Jesus; "As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

FLASHCARD 5-B (FBI)

- Then He did something strange; spit on the ground, made little ball of mud from the wet dirt

- Walked to the blind man & rubbed the mud over his eyes

- Then Jesus said; "Go, wash your eyes in the pool of Siloam."

- Blind man didn't know who Jesus was or why He did this, but he did what Jesus said

- The blind man had never seen anything, but when he washed the mud off and turned to come back, he could see!

- In an amazing, wonderful way, Jesus had healed him!

- Jesus could do this because of Who He is; Jesus is God

- Jesus guides us through the light of His Word
- Man who had been blind now understood that Jesus was the light he needed

FLASHCARD 5-1

- Meanwhile, outside a town called Jericho, lived a man named Bartimaeus; he was blind too
- We don't know if he was born blind. Maybe he had an accident or sickness; but he had to sit by road & beg

FLASHCARD 5-2

- Day after day Bartimaeus sat in his spot by road; maybe he came to know people who passed by; some probably stopped to talk
- I'm sure some of the news Bartimaeus heard was about Jesus; heard how He taught about God, how He healed people who were sick
- Friend may have said, "And Bartimaeus, I've heard that He's even made blind people see!"

- Jesus made blind people see?

- Bartimaeus was amazed; if only he could get to Jesus & ask Him to make him see, too!

- But there was something Bartimaeus needed even more than his sight; he needed his sins forgiven

P, E 1 John 1:7b – "...And the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

- Jesus did this because each person needs their sins forgiven
- Bartimaeus' greatest need was to have his sins forgiven, too
- One day, Bartimaeus could tell something was different; heard shouting & tramping of many feet
- He must have wondered what was going on to cause such a commotion

FLASHCARD 5-3

- Finally, he recognized footsteps of someone he knew; shouted, "What's happening?"

- The answer came, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by!"

- At last, here was his chance! The Man Who could heal blind eyes was in this crowd!

- He had to get to Him; but how? He couldn't see Jesus. Suddenly, Bartimaeus knew what to do

- He began to shout at the top of his lungs; "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- People near him said, "Be quiet, Bartimaeus!" Maybe thought Jesus was too busy to worry about one blind beggar

- But the more they told him to be quiet, the louder Bartimaeus shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- Nothing would stop him; he believed Jesus was the only One Who could give him sight

- You and I need Jesus to give us sight, too, but in a different way

MT, PAS – JESUS WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH HIS WORD

John 8:12 – "...I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Jesus guides us and gives us sight through His Word

- Bartimaeus needed sight for his eyes; he believed Jesus was One who could help him; kept calling to Jesus

FLASHCARD 5-4

- In the middle of the crowd, Jesus stopped; He had heard the cries of the blind man

- "Someone bring that man to me," Jesus commanded

- Because He is God, Jesus could heal this man born blind

FLASHCARD 5-C (FBI)

- When the man's neighbors saw him, they were shocked; some didn't believe it was him

- "It is me!" the man, who had been blind, insisted

- They asked, "How were your eyes opened?"

- Man who had been blind told them what had happened

- Man named Jesus put mud on his eyes and told him to wash in pool

- He said, "Since the world began it has never been that someone could heal a man who had been born blind."

- "If this Man wasn't from God, He never could have done this."

- Later, Jesus found the man again, told Him Who He really was; the Son of God

- The man who had been blind became a believer in Jesus, the Light of the world

- Jesus gave light to a blind man; in a different way, He still gives light today

MT – JESUS WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH HIS WORD