

Big Idea: Blind Faith – Seeing and Being seen

Jesus teaches everyone to see life in a different way, from a new perspective.

Bible Story: Mark 10.46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher,^[a] let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Talk about...?

Have you ever experienced something that you did not see clearly or did not understand?

How might Bartimaeus have felt when he was seen by Jesus?

What might you want to see more clearly about Jesus?

Creative Activity: Play and wonder at being seen by Jesus

Provide play dough and circles of card. Ask the children to make different faces of emotions/scenes in the story with the play dough, and then to make a face that looks like them on the card, as you remember that Jesus sees each of us.

Prayers

Living Lord,

like Bartimaeus with joyful hearts we praise you.

Thank you for hearts to feel your healing love, and voices to share your love with others.

Amen

Go with God

When you open your eyes every morning, thank God that you are seen and known.

At school this week, look out for those who are on the edges and unseen. Look for opportunities to engage with them.