

A BLIND MAN BEGS FOR SIGHT

One day, Jesus was on the way to Jericho. A blind man was sitting on the roadside. He was asking people for food or money. A crowd of people had gathered to see Jesus and they were getting excited. The blind man asked, "What is going on here?" They told him "Jesus of Nazareth is coming!"

He then cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Some of the people told him to be quiet, but he kept on yelling to Jesus.

Jesus stopped and asked to see the person who was yelling. They brought the blind man to Jesus. Jesus asked the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Lord, let me be able to see."

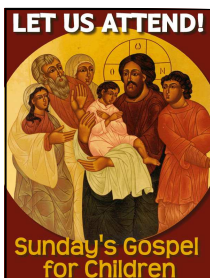
Jesus said, "Receive your sight so you can see. Because you believed in me, you have been healed. The man could see! He followed Jesus, praising God. The people praised God for the miracle.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. At the beginning of the story, a man is sitting by the roadside. What is he doing?
2. Why did a crowd gather?
3. The blind man yelled to Jesus. What did Jesus say to him?
4. What did the blind man want?
5. What did Jesus do?
6. What two things did the blind man do after he was healed?
7. If you were a person in the story, what would you ask Jesus for?



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LORD, LET ME BE ABLE TO SEE

Jesus was walking on the road to Jericho. Many people were with Him. When he was almost at Jericho, His group passed by a man who was blind. The man was sitting by the road, begging for money and food.

The blind man asked the people near him why a crowd was passing them. The people said that Jesus from Nazareth was coming.

Right away, the blind man started shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The people around the blind man told him to be quiet, but he shouted louder, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus got closer, He stopped. He asked that the blind man be brought to Him. When the man got to Jesus, Jesus asked, "What would you like me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Lord, I want to see!" Jesus said, "Receive your sight. Because you believed in Me, you are well."

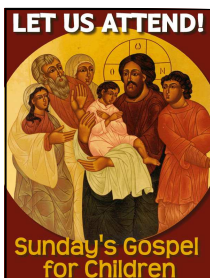
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What was wrong with the man sitting by the road?
2. Who walked by the man? What did the man do then?
3. Did the man get quiet when people told him to? Why or why not?
4. What did Jesus do when He got closer?
5. Why did Jesus say that the man got well?
6. We believe in Jesus, too. Sometimes, He makes our bodies well again if they are sick. But He doesn't just heal our bodies. He is making our spirits well, too!



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And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight."

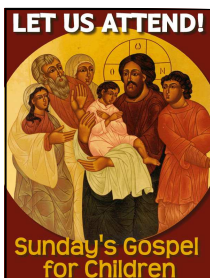
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Could the man in this story see Jesus? Hear Jesus? Touch Jesus?
2. Can you see Jesus? Hear Him? Touch Him? If you can, explain where and how you see, hear, and touch Jesus.
3. How is the man in the story healed?
4. What does it mean to have faith?
5. How is our faith like the blind man's faith?
6. When do we get to touch Jesus during the Liturgy? What do you think about that?



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Multitude: Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.

Narrator: And he cried,

Man: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Narrator: And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more,

Man: Son of David, have mercy on me!

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Jesus: What do you want me to do for you?

Narrator: He said,

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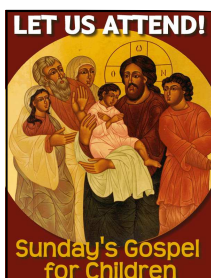
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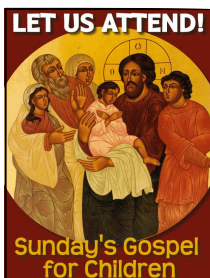
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does the man shout when he asks for healing?
2. Do we say a similar prayer?
3. What are we asking for when we say that prayer as a community?
4. Do you have moments during the day that are hard to get through?
5. How can you imitate the blind man during those moments?
6. How does Jesus respond to the blind man's prayer?
7. How might Jesus respond to your prayer?



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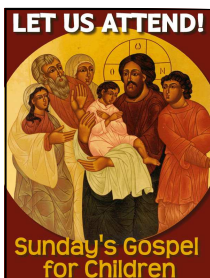
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do you think the passage means when it says: “your faith has saved you?” What does it mean to have faith?
2. What could the blind man see even though he could not physically see?
3. Why do you think the church today asks us to read a passage about a blind man whose physical eyesight was healed by his eyes of faith? How is our situation similar to the blind man’s situation?
4. Why believe in something or someone you can not physically see or prove?
5. How do we claim Jesus is made physically present to us during the liturgy? What do you think about that claim?



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