

# HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Worship at home with CROWN

Topic: MARK 10: 46-53, See what God has Given You



# DEVOTIONAL

Read the story of Jesus and Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52) together. Afterwards, read these questions out loud, one after another without stopping, and see if any spark ideas or questions with your family.

- I wonder how it feels to be blind?
- I wonder how it feels to see for the first time?
- I wonder why Jesus listened to Bartimaeus when the others told him to be quiet?
- I wonder why Jesus came near Bartimaeus when the others wouldn't bother with him?
- I wonder why the first thing Bartimaeus did was follow Jesus on the way?
- I wonder how Bartimaeus felt following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem?

Once you've read them all, freely discuss whatever ideas come up. One point you may want to discuss is that Jesus helped Bartimaeus without requiring anything from Him other than faith. We will never be deserving of Jesus's help, but even so He loves us and is ready to be by our side and protect us.

God gives us many good things, all of which he calls us to steward. Some of the gifts God gives us, like our sight, we may not even think about. We can take time everyday to remember all that God has given us to manage, and pray to ask him how He would have us to use those gifts.





# FUN AND GAMES

This game can be played outside or inside and requires no supplies.

## **Let's see how our sight affects our others senses**

To get started, have your child stand on both of their feet and balance for thirty seconds. Now, have them close both eyes and try to balance for thirty seconds.

Ask them what the difference was.

For an extra challenge, have them try to stand on one foot and balance for fifteen seconds. Then try it again, but with both eyes closed!

You can add to this game by trying to throw soft toys back and forth while they shut their eyes or by creating a safe obstacle course for them to maneuver.

**Making the connection:** Our balance is partly dependent on our ability to see our surroundings. God created all of our senses to work together to help us do the things we need to do. When we make the most of all the gifts God has given us, that is when we will be able to do our best.

# GETTING CRAFTY



## Looking for God

Create a pair of binoculars to help you look for all that God has given you

### Supplies:

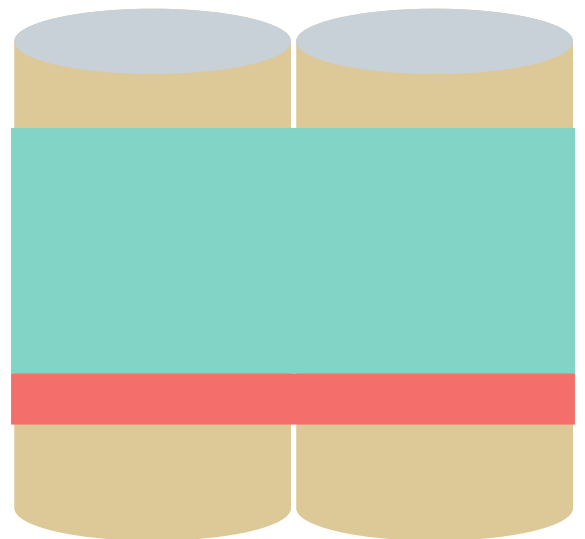
- Two empty toilet paper rolls
- Tape
- Construction paper or stickers
- Hole punch (optional)
- String (optional)

Tape two toilet paper rolls together to create the base of your binoculars. Now you can decorate them by wrapping them with construction paper or covering them in stickers.

To add a string, use a hole punch to add one hole to each of the tubes. Thread your string or ribbon through, knotting it inside each of the tubes.

### Making the Connection:

What do you see that God has given you?



# FAITHFUL FINANCES



As your children learn to see what gifts God has given them, you can also use this time to teach them to see what good works others are doing with their gifts. Discuss with your children that they are a part of the body of Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 12 with them, especially verse 12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." As a part of the body, Christ calls us to support our brothers and sisters in their kingdom work. You may want to consider making a donation as a family, either monetary or of your time or resources, to a worthy cause.



Teach your children to be wise when they give their resources to support someone else. A great place to start is to see if there are missionaries or organizations your church supports. Another place to look is to organizations who have helped you presently or in the past. Research the cause to see the impact they are making and to be sure they are using donations properly. You should also incorporate prayer into your decision. If you do research with your child, help them get excited over the impact they will be making through their gift!

# GIVING BACK

**What needs do you see around you?** What gifts has God given you that you have never considered before or often take for granted? In considering these questions, have your family come up with a way that you can help someone in your community. **Come together and discuss these questions to get you started?**

What is a need you see?

How could you use gifts or resources God has given you to solve it?

How does your solution show Jesus' love?

