

Objectives:

Through this story the child will be able to:

1. Ask God for help
2. Give some of his time to help another person.

Materials:

crayons, markers, glue, scissors

Opening Activities:

Attendance, Bible, Visitor chart, Recite verse from memory

A. Focusing event:

Songs—"A, B, C,D...Jesus died for you and me"; He's Able; Whisper a Prayer In the Morning; prayer

B. Instruction: *page 2*

C. Tying the net: *page 2*

D. Teaching the memory verse:

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,

Spray a long, dead tree limb with gold paint and fasten it to the classroom wall or stand upright in a large pot. Cut three-inch stars from construction paper of various colors.

Attach colored yarn loops to them for hangers.

As the child learns the assigned Bible verse, have them write their name and the verse on the stars and hang the stars on the Star Tree. When the tree is filled or the unit is completed, each child may take his own stars home.

E. Independent activity:

coloring craft

Boys and girls, I want all of you to close your eyes for a little while. Now I'm going to hold up fingers and I want you to tell me how many are up. Can anyone tell me without opening your eyes? Ok, Now I'm going to hold something else up. Can anyone tell me what it is? None of you can right?! That is exactly how Bartimaeus was. He had a problem—he was blind, and like Bartimaeus we have a problem—you and I have sinned. Bartimaeus was also a beggar, but he called upon Jesus to help him, and if you know Jesus as your personal Savior you can ask Jesus to help you.

1. Jesus is leaving Jericho. (v. 46)
2. Blind Bartimaeus is sitting by the highway. (v. 46)
3. Bartimaeus cries out for Jesus to help him see. (v.47)
4. The people tell Bartimaeus to be quiet and leave Jesus alone. (v. 48)
5. Jesus calls for Bartimaeus to come. (v. 49)
6. When Bartimaeus comes to Jesus, Jesus asks what Bartimaeus wants Jesus to do for him.
(v. 50, 51)
7. Bartimaeus asks to fix his eyes so he can see. (v. 51)
8. Jesus heals him; Bartimaeus can see! (v. 52)

Bartimaeus had a problem and he knew that only Jesus could help him. We have a problem too. You and I have sinned, but God, the Creator loves you so He sent Jesus, the perfect Son of God to give His precious blood to pay for your sins. He was buried, arose, and now lives in Heaven. You have to let the Lord Jesus Christ be your Savior and receive Him by faith alone. If you already know Jesus as your Savior you can call to Him to help you.

EVALUATION

Of the Student:

Does the child pray when he needs help?

Does the child ask for prayer when he needs help?

Does the child go out of his way to help someone?

Of the teaching session:

Did the child participate in the song time?

Did the child listen well to the story?

Can the child retell the story?

Can the child tell the main points/lesson of the story?

Can the child say the memory verse?