



# Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Bartimaeus – never give up praying



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to pray until they get what they are asking for (according to God's will).



Lesson Takeaway:

God is willing to answer our prayers. He hears us when we call.



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Bible References:

Mark 10: 46 – 52



Who was Bartimaeus?

From Mark 10: 46, we understand that Bartimaeus was the son of Timaeus, he was blind, a beggar, and usually sat beside the road begging people for anything they had to give him.

Can you imagine how Bartimaeus must have felt every day? He was helpless and relied on people to do most things.



What did Bartimaeus do?

One day, Jesus and His disciples came to Jericho where Bartimaeus was sitting by the side of the road, begging as he always did.

When Jesus was leaving Jericho, there was a large crowd following Him. Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was passing by, and he started shouting, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

(Mark 10:47).

Jesus was extremely popular, and people always followed Him wherever He went. Bartimaeus must have heard about Jesus and all the miracles He has done.



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## What did Bartimaeus do? - Continued

He must have thought to himself, “Now is my chance to see again with my eyes. I don’t want to miss this chance! I can hear the crowd of people following Jesus, but I don’t care. I will shout as loud as I can. Jesus must hear my voice today!”

But some people were not happy that Bartimaeus was shouting. So, they told him with a harsh tone, “Hush, keep quiet! Your voice is too loud! You are disturbing us.” Maybe some people even told him, “Jesus is too busy to listen to you”.

Bartimaeus did not listen to these people who wanted him to keep quiet. Bartimaeus was desperate – he was determined to get the attention of Jesus. He shouted again, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then, Jesus heard him! Jesus stopped and called him. “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you” (Mark 10:49), some people told him. Wow, he got the attention of Jesus!

Bartimaeus went to meet Jesus.

Jesus asked him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” (Mark 10:51). “My Master, I want to see again,” Bartimaeus told Jesus. Jesus replied, “Go your way; your faith has made you well” (Mark 10:52).

Immediately, Bartimaeus’ eyes were open, and he started to see again! He joined the crowd and followed Jesus.

Wow, what an amazing ending to the story of Bartimaeus! He shouted until Jesus heard his voice. He never gave up!



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## What can we learn from Bartimaeus?

Bartimaeus shouting for help can be compared to how we pray today. So, we can say that Bartimaeus prayed to Jesus until he got his sight.

There are many lessons we can learn from Bartimaeus.

First, Bartimaeus trusted that Jesus can open his blind eyes so that he can see again. He believed the things he heard about Jesus – the miracles, his love and care for people, his willingness to help those who asked him for help. As we read the bible, we know more about Jesus – his love for us, his power to do anything we ask, his willingness to hear us when we call. If we trust that He can help us with our problems, He will help us, just like he helped Bartimaeus.

Some people wanted to stop Bartimaeus from asking Jesus for help, but he refused to stop shouting for Jesus to help him. When we pray, we can feel like God is too busy to hear us, that we are too little to talk to God, that God does not have time for little children, or that God does not care about what we are asking from Him.

We might get tired of praying when we feel like God has not given us what we asked him. We might even feel like God has more important things to deal with, than listening to us. None of this is true. God loves us and listens when we talk to him. You must not get tired of praying, just like Bartimaeus did not get tired. Keep praying, God is listening, and He will give you what you ask according to His will for you.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus. He stopped, listened to his request, and opened his eyes. As you pray, know that Jesus is standing right there with you. He is making everything beautiful for you.



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**Memorize:**

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."



**Scenario review:**

Your family has just moved to a new place to live. You have also started a new school in the new place. So, you no longer have your old friends to play with. You really want some new and good friends but don't just know who to be friends with. You thought you might just ask God to help you make some new friends. "Dear God, I'll really like to have some friends at school and here on my street..." you started praying. But then, you also started thinking, "Does God care about me having new friends? I don't think that God is interested in me. This is my business not God's business perhaps." What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



**Remember:** God is willing to answer our prayers. He hears us when we call.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank you because I know that whenever I call, you will answer me. Please help me not to get tired of talking to you. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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