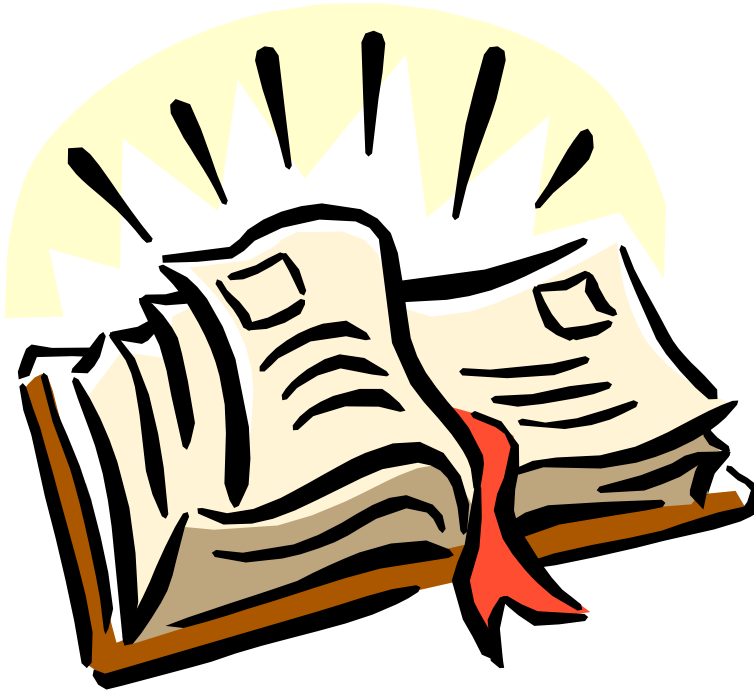


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



**LESSON TITLE: Jesus Heals Blind
Bartimaeus**

THEME: Jesus always has time for us!

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:46-52

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when **Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus**. The theme was "**Jesus always has time for us.**" We learned that even though Jesus was very busy in his ministry and is the king of kings, He still heard the cries of individual people in the crowds and stopped to help them. He wants to do the same for us.

This is a great story to reinforce the fact that Jesus desires to have a relationship with our children. He always has time for them and promises to help them whenever they have a need. Encourage your children to go the Lord and spend time with Him.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Mark 10:46-52**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

Do You Have Time?

Text: Mark 10:16 – “And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.”

Also read Mark 10:13-16

Jesus always has time for us. No matter what time it is, no matter where we are, no matter what is going on around us, Jesus has time to listen to us. Jesus loves children very much. He always treats children as being very special. He never wants children to feel like they can't come to Him or that He doesn't have any time to spend with them. He feels that way about you. He has plenty of time to spend with you.

One time, when Jesus' disciples tried to keep people from bringing children to Jesus, Jesus told them very strongly that children should be allowed to come to Him. He never wanted children to feel like they were unwelcome or not wanted. Have you come to Jesus yet? He wants you to believe in Him and ask Him into your heart. He wants you to know Him and to learn about Him.

What do you suppose is the best way to get to know Jesus? A great way to do that is to get to know Him through His word. That is why it is so important to read your Bible every day. God gave us the Bible so we would know how much He loves us. It is kind of like a big love letter from God to us. He tells us how much He cares for us and how He gave us His Son, Jesus, to show us how great His love is for us. We can also spend time with Jesus by praying. He is interested in our lives and the things that are important to us. If we are afraid of anything or need help or just want to praise and worship Him because we love Him, He always has time for us. The next time that you think that maybe Jesus is too busy for you; just remember what Jesus said about children. He said, “Let them come to me!”

- Do you think that Jesus has time for you?
- What did Jesus tell the disciples when they tried to keep children from coming to Him because they thought He was too busy?
- What are two ways that we can spend time with Jesus?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Bible Study: Reading your Bible and asking Jesus to help you to learn from it. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what we read.

Prayer: Talking to Jesus. He wants us to pray everyday.

Jesus Spends Time with Zacchaeus

Text: Luke 19:10 - "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Also read Luke 19:1-10

Do you remember last week when we studied about Zacchaeus? Let's look at his life again and we will learn some more things about how Jesus always has time for us. The Lord Jesus was always busy during His ministry on earth. He was always surrounded by people; people who loved Him, people who hated Him and people who needed Him. When we look at Jesus' life He was always going to some place or coming from some place. But Jesus always had time to look around Him and stop if someone needed Him - sometimes even if they didn't ask for His help!

There was a man named Zacchaeus who lived in Jericho. He was very rich and knew many people, but not very many people liked him. When Jesus came to town he wanted to see Him, but Zacchaeus was very, very short. This was a problem because there were so many people that he couldn't see over them. Zacchaeus knew he was never going to see this wonderful man of miracles unless he got up higher, so he ran in front of the crowd and climbed a tree to see Jesus pass by.

As Jesus walked by He noticed Zacchaeus. In fact, Jesus knew Zacchaeus by name. The Lord stopped the whole crowd of people right by the very tree Zacchaeus climbed. Jesus called Zacchaeus to come down and hurry to his house because Jesus was going to eat dinner at his house that night. Zacchaeus was a tax collector and not liked by very many people because his job was to take money from the Jewish people and give it to the Roman government. But Jesus still loved him and took time to be with him. Jesus told Zacchaeus the reason He came to earth was to "seek and save what was lost." Jesus wanted to find Zacchaeus at Jericho and He wants to find all of us who are lost. Jesus will take time to spend with you if you will just ask Him.

- Why couldn't Zacchaeus get near Jesus?
- Can Jesus see our needs?
- Was Jesus too busy for Zacchaeus? Is He too busy for me or you?

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Zacchaeus: a rich tax collector whose life changed when Jesus stopped to spend time with him.

Day Three

Can Jesus Hear Me In A Crowd?

Text: Mark 10:48 - "Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

Also read Mark 10:46-52

When Jesus lived here He healed many people and even raised some from the dead. Because of this it made Jesus very popular with the people, especially people who were suffering. Many times there was a great crowd following Jesus. Have you ever been in a big crowd? They are noisy and sometimes it is hard to hear what people are saying. One day Jesus was leaving Jericho and a great crowd was following Him. They were on their way to Jerusalem where they would declare Jesus to be the Messiah, the Savior of the world. On the road out of Jericho there was a blind man. His name was Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus must have known about Jesus because the Bible says the blind man called Jesus the "Son of David". The blind man made his living by begging and he must have talked to the people who gave him food and money. Bartimaeus knew and believed in Jesus before he ever met the Son of God.

Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus. The crowd tried to keep the blind man quiet but Bartimaeus knew Jesus could help him so he cried out louder. There are a lot of noises and crowds around us sometimes. We may even think that Jesus can't hear us through the crowd, but He does. Just as He heard blind Bartimaeus, He hears us and loves us and wants to help us when we cry out to Him.

Jesus can hear our cries even through the crowd. The Bible said Jesus stood still. Jesus heard Bartimaeus and called him to come forward. Bartimaeus knew Jesus could give him eyes to see. He knew it wasn't impossible for Jesus to make a blind man see. Maybe he had heard of the other miracles Jesus had done, and Bartimaeus believed. Jesus said it was Bartimaeus' faith that made him whole. Bartimaeus was healed, and he, too, followed Jesus on the way to Jerusalem.

- Why did the crowd try to keep Bartimaeus quiet?
- What did Bartimaeus do when the crowd hushed him?
- What would you do if someone told you to be quiet about Jesus?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Son of David: A title used for Jesus meaning that he was a relative of King David and in the line that would bring the Messiah (or promised one from God).

"Jesus Stood Still!"

Text: Mark 10:49a - "So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called."
Also read Mark 10:46-52

In our reading today Jesus had been teaching for almost three years. He taught what the kingdom of heaven was like, healed many people, raised people from the dead, and did a lot of other miracles. At this point there were many people who followed Jesus. He was very popular. People called Him the Savior and they wanted to declare Him the King in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was where the temple was and where all of the leaders of the Jewish religion lived. Jesus had just left Jericho and He was on His way to Jerusalem.

As He was leaving, many people crowded around Him. They were in a hurry. They had waited many years for this moment. Their king had arrived and now He would help them be delivered from the Romans. But Jesus was not a man who cared about a crown or a throne. Jesus was a servant first. Jesus was a great example to us. We need to put other's needs before our own just as Jesus did. On the road out of town, Jesus heard someone call His name. He stopped. The Bible tells us He "stood still". It didn't matter where Jesus was headed. He heard someone who was in need. Jesus commanded the person to come before Him. Maybe He heard the crowd trying to hush the cries of Bartimaeus. Jesus knew someone needed Him and He stopped to heal the blind man.

Jesus always hears our cries. No matter how loud or hurried the crowd is Jesus will stand still for us and help us. We just need to trust Him that He will always answer us when we have a need. Isn't it wonderful to follow Jesus! Just to know that He cares for us and helps us. He loves us so much that He would stop everything to hear our prayers and help us when we need Him. Praise the Lord!

- Why did Jesus stop on His way to Jerusalem?
- Why did Bartimaeus have to cry out louder?
- Should we cry out to Jesus when we need help?

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Messiah: "Anointed one" or "promised one". Jesus is the one who was promised by the prophets in the Old Testament who would come to deliver the world from their sins.

Day Five

One Person in a Crowd

Text: Luke 8:47 - "Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately."

Also read Luke 8:41-48

Even though thousands of people followed Jesus and wanted to hear His teaching, we also find that Jesus cares for all of our needs as individual people. He cares for you and He cares for me. He knows what we need and when we need it. He takes the time to help us when we need Him. Just like the story that we see in our reading for today, Jesus was always stopping His followers to care for people.

Jesus was on His way to heal a young girl. She was very sick and her father asked the Lord to come and heal her. Many people ran after Jesus, but one woman was very sick. She had been sick for 12 years. That is a very long time! She only wanted to touch Jesus' robe, because she knew that if she did her sickness would go away. When she touched Jesus' robe, He stopped. He knew someone needed Him. He was hurrying to help another person, but He stopped and asked the woman what happened. She told Jesus and everyone around her what happened. Jesus loved how this woman had faith in Him. He loved how she believed and she was rewarded, because Jesus always has time for those who believe in Him, and those who seek Him.

Do you have a need that you need to take to Jesus? Always remember that He loves you and has time for you. Sometimes we might think that Jesus is too busy for our little problems, but that is never the case. He is always willing to stop and help anyone who is in need.

- Why was the crowd around Jesus?
- Why did Jesus stop?
- What does this story tell you about Jesus?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray remember that Jesus always has time for you. You can tell Him about your cares and needs. You can also praise and worship Him. Spend time this week reading your Bible, asking Jesus to help you to understand what you are reading. Then spend some time in prayer.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**“Jesus takes care of our
needs.”**

Third Grade and Above

**“In that day the deaf
shall hear the words of
the book, And the eyes
of the blind shall see out
of obscurity and out of
darkness.”**

Isaiah 29:18