

CLOW at Home – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,
sat by the roadside begging.
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to cry out and say,
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.
But he kept calling out all the more,
"Son of David, have pity on me."
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man, saying to him,
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.
Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight
and followed him on the way.

At Home Reflection

I want you to close your eyes and think about a baby. (Pause. Open your eyes.) Are babies quiet and shy when they need something? I don't think so. How do they let you know when they are hungry, thirsty, tired, or need to be changed? That's right! Since a little baby doesn't know how to talk, a baby lets you know these things by crying out. It doesn't matter where you are; if a baby wants or needs something, you are going to hear about it! In today's Gospel, we heard a story about a man who was not at all bashful about letting Jesus know that he needed something.

Jesus and His disciples had spent some time in the city of Jericho. As they were leaving town, a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road, begging. When he heard the people saying that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

His crying out disturbed the people around him. They tried to shush him and told him to be quiet! But Bartimaeus only shouted louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!!"

Jesus heard Bartimaeus crying out. Jesus stopped and said, "Call him to me." So they called to the blind man. "Get up," they said, "Jesus is calling you to come to Him!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and went to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answered, "Master, I want to see." "Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has saved you." Instantly, Bartimaeus could see! It was a miracle! Bartimaeus followed Jesus down the road.

You see, just like a little baby, Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus for help. And just like a loving father or brother, Jesus cared for Bartimaeus. God loves His children and wants what is best for us. The Bible says, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) That means we shouldn't worry about anything; instead, we should pray about everything. We should tell God what we need, and thank Him for all He has done!

So when you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! God hears you!

At Home Activity: AMAZEed by Jesus

Encourage your child(ren) to complete the maze below.

Imagine Jesus asking, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Have your child(ren) share their prayer to Jesus (aloud or silently in their hearts).

Challenge: Have your child(ren) close their eyes and have someone else take their hand and lead them through the maze to Jesus.

Follow up questions:

- What did it feel like to be without your sight like Bartimaeus?
- Was it difficult to let go of control and need help?
- Who can you trust to lead you to Jesus in real life? Will you let them guide you?
- How can you lead others to Jesus?
- What would you say to Jesus if He was standing right in front of you? Say it to Him now in prayer.

HELP BARTIMAEUS FIND HIS WAY THROUGH THE MAZE TO FIND JESUS!

FOR AN EXTRA CHALLENGE: FIND A PARTNER, CLOSE YOUR EYES, AND HAVE YOUR PARTNER LEAD YOUR HAND TO JESUS.



**WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE MAZE AND GET TO JESUS,
SHARE YOUR PRAYER WITH HIM.**