

Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, May 24, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter



“Jesus had pity on them and touched their eyes; at once they were able to see and they followed him.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Matthew 20: 29-34

Activities and Background:

There are 3 main characters in this story: Jesus, the crowd, and the blindmen. In this scripture we again hear of Jesus’ compassion, willingness to take time with people and miraculous healing. We hear of how those around Jesus try to “protect” him from those they believe are undesirable. The blindmen are willing to seize the moment and call out to Jesus, calling even louder when scolded by the crowd. In calling Jesus, the Son of David, they are recognizing him as Messiah. In some ways they already have sight, seeing Jesus as Messiah when other sighted people do not recognize this. Once healed the men thanked Jesus by following him.

1. Young children will enjoy playing peek-a-boo and games involving being blindfolded. Play such a game before reading the story. Discuss how they felt when they could not see.
I wonder how you know it is a certain person when you cannot see that person.
2. Read the story and wonder together.
I wonder why the crowds told the blindmen to be quiet.
I wonder how the blindmen knew Jesus was the “Son of David” when they could not see.
I wonder how the blindmen followed Jesus. I wonder what the crowd thought then.
3. Older children may want to compare the account with the account found in Mark 10: 46-52 and Luke 18:35-43. Create a venn diagram of what is the same in all the accounts and what is different.
I wonder if there are different ways to be blind.
I wonder if there are different ways to see.
I wonder how the blindmen felt when they could see Jesus.
4. Can you think of a time when you seized the moment and called out to Jesus? How did the people around you respond? Can you think of a way you can follow Jesus?
5. Play follow the leader. Try playing the game with your eyes closed or blindfolded and try it with eyes open. When is it easier to follow?
6. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
7. Say a prayer together praying for understanding and knowledge to follow Jesus more closely.