

BLIND BARTIMAEUS

MARK 10:46-52

PREPARATION

You'll need scissors and one sheet of typing paper.



THE STORY

Fold the paper in half vertically, and then in half vertically again.

There was once a man named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was blind. Have you ever met a blind person? Let's cover our eyes for a minute and see what it would be like to be blind. *Let children respond.*

Bartimaeus sat by the side of the road close to the city of Jericho. Bartimaeus sat by the road and begged people to give him money. Why did he need money? *Let children respond.*

Cut figure along line A.

One day, Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was leaving Jericho and would be passing right by him. Bartimaeus began to call out, "Jesus, be kind to me! Jesus, be kind to me!"

Unfold figure halfway.

Some of the people said, "Shhh! Be quiet, Bartimaeus!" Why do you think they wanted Bartimaeus to be quiet? *Let children respond.*

Bartimaeus called louder. "Jesus, be kind to me! Jesus, be kind to me!"

Cut out section B.

Jesus heard Bartimaeus and asked the people to bring Bartimaeus to him.

"Come on, Bartimaeus," they said. "Jesus wants to see you."

Cut figure from C to D.

How do you think Bartimaeus felt when Jesus wanted to see him? How would you feel if Jesus asked to see you? *Let children respond.*

Bartimaeus came to Jesus as quickly as he could. Jesus asked him, "What do you want?"

"I want to be able to see," said Bartimaeus.

Unfold the figure.

"All right," said Jesus. "Because you believe in me, you may go and be well."

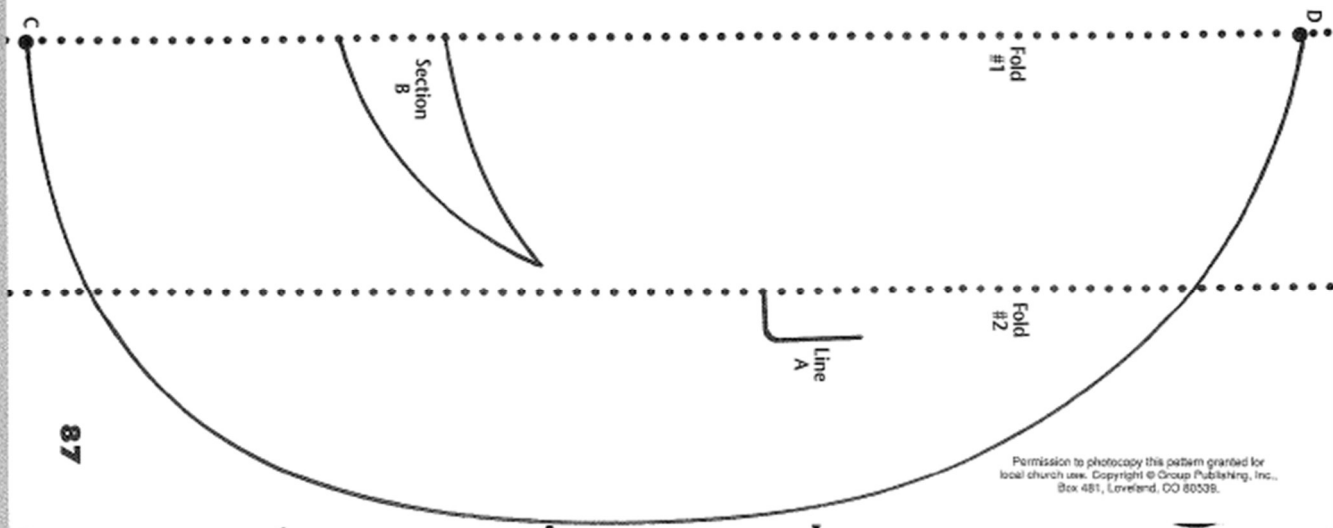
Fold figure's eyelids out.

Suddenly, Bartimaeus could see. And the first person he saw was Jesus.



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