

Theme

Let your requests be known to God.

Scripture

**Mark 10:46-52**

Have any of you seen a baby recently? Do you remember when you were a baby? One thing I know about babies is that they're not shy when it comes to letting you know when they want something. They'll let you know when they're hungry, thirsty, sick, tired, or need a diaper change. Since little babies don't know how to talk, how can they tell you what they need?

Babies let you know what they need by crying. Babies don't care if you're in church, at a movie, or eating dinner in a fine restaurant; if they need something, they'll tell you. As we get older, we learn to be more reserved about making our wants and wishes known. Or do we?

The Bible talks about a man who wasn't scared to let Jesus know he needed something. As Jesus and His disciples were leaving a town called Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

His crying out disturbed the people around him. "Be quiet!" they yelled at him. But he only shouted louder.

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus crying out, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come to me."

Bartimaeus jumped up, threw aside his coat, and went to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"I want to see," Bartimaeus answered.

"Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has healed you." Instantly, Bartimaeus could see and he followed Jesus down the road.

Like a mother who does whatever she can to find out what her baby wants or needs, God knows we have needs and wants what's best for us. The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Philippians 4:6)

When you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! Remember Jesus wants you to come to Him.

**Heavenly Father, we know that You love Your children and want what's best for them. Help us remember we don't need to worry about anything. All we need to do is to speak up, and ask You. In Jesus' name, amen.**

**EYE CHART:** Let each child draw a large eye with eyebrows and eyelashes on a sheet of paper. Have the children write "I WANT TO SEE JESUS" on the piece of paper. Before the class begins, the teacher will make a BIBLE VERSE EYE CHART that says, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man answered, "Rabbi, I want to see." The sentence should start in large letters and get progressively smaller like an eye test. Let the children see if they can read the writing from the largest to the smallest.



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Mark 10:51 (NIV)

## Speak Up!

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47 (NLT)

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in Mark 10:46-52 (NLT)



Then they reached \_\_\_\_\_, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A \_\_\_\_\_ beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to \_\_\_\_\_, "Jesus, Son of David, have \_\_\_\_\_ on me!"

"Be \_\_\_\_\_!" many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted \_\_\_\_\_, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to \_\_\_\_\_ here."

So they called the blind man. "\_\_\_\_\_ up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to \_\_\_\_\_!"

And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your \_\_\_\_\_ has healed you."

Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

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mercy	quiet	Jericho	blind	shout
faith	louder	come	see	Cheer

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Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided.



1. CEHER \_\_\_\_\_
2. GEGBING \_\_\_\_\_
3. GHIST \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEQIU \_\_\_\_\_
5. EDAELH \_\_\_\_\_
6. ECMYR \_\_\_\_\_
7. AHFIT \_\_\_\_\_
8. NBDLI \_\_\_\_\_

BLIND	MERCY	CHEER	HEALED
BEGGING	QUIET	FAITH	SIGHT