

City LG—February 27th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Anytime You Need a Friend (Jesus Heals Bartimaeus) • *Mark 10:46-52*

Today's Bottom Line: Make time to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God. Micah 6:8 (NirV)*

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: Higher than the Sky and Look to You

“Hello, friends! I've got another amazing story of compassion to share with you. (*Hold up Bible.*) This is another example of how Jesus cared enough to help someone in need. Jesus always made time for others. Before we go any further in our Bible Story today, I have a question for you...”

SLIDE: “How do you like to spend your Free Time?”

“It could be playing video games, playing outside, reading a book, playing an instrument, helping your Dad rake the leaves, etc. 3 minutes on the clock! Have fun talking with your Groups!”

CG: Conversation Starting Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

“Great job everyone! Those all sound like awesome things to do with your Free Time. Let's get into our Bible Story today. When Jesus was on Earth, He spent time with lots of different people. He showed people how much He cared about them by the way He treated them. Jesus welcomed children and He invited people to follow Him. When Jesus made His last journey to Jerusalem, He knew that He was about to die on the cross. But He still didn't get distracted from the people He met along the way.”

“We pick up the story today with Jesus and His friends, the disciples. Jesus and the disciples were leaving the town of Jericho . . . and a large crowd was with them. A blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting by the side of the road, begging for money. Bartimaeus would have heard stories about Jesus—how Jesus had healed people who were sick. He must have thought to himself . . . ‘I know—maybe Jesus will help ME!’ Would Jesus help him? Let's go to our video today to find out!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:00)

“Isn't it amazing how Jesus healed Bartimaeus? Jesus saw what Bartimaeus needed . . . and He took the time to stop and help. That wasn't exactly easy for Jesus to do, because He was busy! There were all kinds of people following Jesus and wanting to hear what He had to say. But Jesus wasn't too busy to show compassion. He MADE time to help Bartimaeus. We can do that, too. Let's learn this week's Bottom Line...”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“We can [**Bottom Line**] make time to help others.

“Of course, that's not easy for us either. We all have a lot going on, and we tend to think about what's happening right around us. It can be difficult to notice what other people need. It can be tough sometimes to know how to help. But we know that God can show us how to [**Bottom Line**] make time to help others. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this amazing example of Jesus’ compassion. Jesus was never too busy to help someone in need. We want to love people the very same way. We want to show other people how much they matter. Please help us remember to make time for others. Help us see people the way YOU see people. And please give us the courage to do something to help. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Can you imagine how amazing that must have been for Bartimaeus? I mean, Jesus—the Son of God—HEALED him! Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was coming by . . . and he believed that Jesus could help him see. Sure enough, Jesus stopped what He was doing and made time to help Bartimaeus. If we want to live like Jesus, we should be ready to help other people, too. That means we need to be ready to make TIME for people—even if we’re busy. Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Make time to help others.

“Of course, the first thing we need to do is actually see what people need. We can’t show compassion if we’re only thinking about what’s going on in our own lives. We need to look around and see when someone feels sad or lonely. We need to look around so that we see when a friend is having trouble with spelling or math at school. We need to notice when the living room is messy or when we could bring our dishes to the sink to help our mom or dad after dinner. Then . . . once we’ve seen what people need . . . we can do something to help. That’s not always easy—especially when we have to give up what WE want to do so we can do what someone else needs. But that’s what true compassion is all about! Our memory verse for this month is Micah 6:8. Let’s say it together.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.” (Micah 6:8, NIV)

“Great job, everyone! You’ll get to talk more about how you can **[Bottom Line] make time to help others.** Are you ready? Are you excited? Well then, you can do that right now as we start our Small Group Activities! Have FUN!”

Dismiss kids after leading offering.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri // New Lenox: Daniel // Homer Glen: Victor