

# I Want to See Jesus

## Theme

Praising God regardless of our circumstances

## Object

A bouquet of flowers

## Scripture

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Isn't this a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as these beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Bible of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Fanny Crosby was one of those people.

When Fanny was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Fanny was never bitter or complaining. Instead she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music and many of them are still in our hymnals today.

One day a well-meaning minister said to Fanny, "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

"Oh no!" Fanny replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind."

"Why?" asked the surprised minister.

"Because," answered Fanny, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Savior."

Some, like Bartimaeus, receive the gift of sight. Some, like Fanny Crosby, are blind their entire life. One thing is certain, when we get to heaven, we will all see Jesus.

Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of sight, but more than that, we thank you that one day we will see you in heaven. Amen.

Sermon Title: "I Want to See Jesus"

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52

### BLIND GAME:

One student is blindfolded while other classmates take turns giving directions to the "blind man". This will help the students to understand what being blind can be like and will ALSO show them how blind WE are too sometimes to the blessings we have all around us. Example: Teacher can let children know they can give directions such as hopping 3 times, or touching their toes, or clapping behind their backs, etc.

### BLINDFOLD COLORING:

Blindfold all students and put color crayons and paper in front of them. Have them draw a beautiful bouquet of flowers! Hang pictures on the wall!

### READ OR SING A FANNY CROSBY SONG:

Have students turn to a hymn by Fanny Crosby and read or sing the words! If the song or chorus is well known; have them sing it with their eyes closed. Hymn ideas: "Blessed Assurance," "Living for Jesus," "Praise Him Praise Him," "To God be the Glory.

### CHARADES of CIRCUMSTANCES

: Have students take turns at playing charades. The charade could be a tough/difficult "circumstance" that we might have to face and the class can guess what the charade is and then talk about how to be an "over-comer" of that "circumstance", like Fanny was! (Teacher could have pieces of paper with ideas for students to act out, if the student can't think of any: ex - sickness, crippled, loss of a friendship; divorce, etc)

### HOW DO "YOU" SEE IT?

Teacher could have a GLASS half full (ask students if its half FULL or half EMPTY; show a picture of clouds as well as sunshine and ask what they see (cloudy day or sunny day); show picture of a rainy day and ask what they see (DREARY day or God watering the earth), etc.

### WALL MURAL:

Tape a long paper (4-6 ft long) on a classroom wall. Give each child 2 markers. Blindfold each child and have them step up to the wall with the butcher paper and instruct children to draw flowers, trees, houses, cars or whatever the teacher would like drawn. Or the teacher can have each child draw something that is their favorite animal or toy, etc. Let children take off their blindfold and SEE what they have drawn.

### EYES TO SEE:

Provide each child with a piece of construction paper and two large googly eyes (from craft store). Children can use block letters or some other fancy form of writing "I WANT TO SEE JESUS". Encourage children to draw small pictures of things they will see in heaven when they see JESUS!

### SING A SONG:

OPEN MY EYES, O BE CAREFUL LITTLE EYES

### SHARE A SNACK:

Blindfold children and let them walk from basket to basket (bowl to bowl) and let them choose 3 pieces of candy or treats without being able to see what they're choosing.

"Open My Eyes"

Words and Music

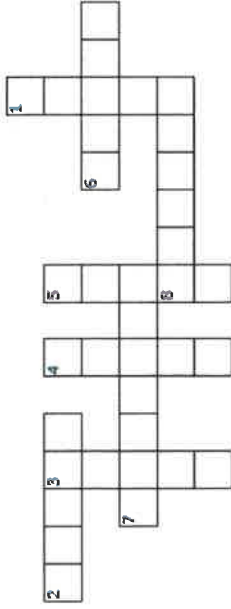
Piano Accompaniment MP3

"O Be Careful Little Eyes"

Words and Music

Piano Accompaniment MP3

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Kind or compassionate treatment
- Making little or no noise
- Making an urgent plea; asking for charity
- To be restored to health; cured

## DOWN

- Unable to see
- To make happier or more joyful; a shout of encouragement
- Confident belief in the truth
- The ability to see

blind  
begging

mercy  
quiet

cheer  
faith

healed  
sight



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Healing Blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10:46-52

## Word Search Puzzle

C I F J L E D I S C I P L E S  
Z R S O A X A X C X U P K F B  
K R S G L Z C I T Y Z H C L A  
D A I Q I L R U Q I U E H G R  
J B G W R F O W U L A E X T  
S B H X A E D W A I I L E Y I  
B I T Y U C S I E D C E R N M  
F A I T H U O Y L D S D T R A  
L F E F S P C B Q Y N I O C E  
P T D E E R V M E H I H D Q U  
T T J K E E J V D G C S B E S  
D P M M V P T W B I G S N R R  
Y B L I N D O Y R H L I V T T  
S H O U T R S E H T Y W N A I  
B J J C C L J J U M P E D G E

Jericho  
Jesus  
disciples  
crowd

city  
blind  
Bartimaeus  
roadside

begging  
shout  
mercy  
quiet

cheer  
jumped  
feet  
Rabbi

faith  
healed  
sight  
followed

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# Coloring Page



Jesus Heals a Blind Man  
Mark 10:46-51

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# ABC Order

Write the words from the word bank at the bottom of the puzzle in the blanks in A B C order.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

disciples	greatest	arms	Jesus	children
servant	first	house	last	road





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