



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



## \* 1. JESUS SHOWS COMPASSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages, crayons or markers, scissors, zip-top sandwich bags, and a permanent marker

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid both pages from the "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages.
- Set out the crayons or markers.
- Ask kids to color in the pictures from their "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Story Images" Activity Pages.
- As kids are coloring, talk about what is happening in each one of their pictures. (See the Story Image Order below if needed.)
- Set out the scissors.
- As kids finish coloring, instruct the kids to use a pair of scissors to cut apart the cards their pictures are on.
  - Provide help as needed.
- Cut apart your own set of images and shuffle them to mix them up.
  - *NOTE: If needed, prompt kids when it's time to stop coloring and start cutting—share that they can finish coloring at home.*
- One at a time, lay out your images in order, inviting the kids to put their images in order as well.
- One image at a time, review the Bible Story using the Story Image Order below.
- Story Image Order:
  - *Jesus walking with His disciples:* "Jesus and His followers traveled through the city of Jericho. Large crowds of people followed them as they left the city."
  - *Bartimaeus sits by the road:* "On the side of the road, a man named Bartimaeus, who couldn't see, began to shout, 'Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!'" (Mark 10:47 NIV).
  - *Crowd admonishes Bartimaeus:* "The people nearby tried to keep him quiet."
  - *Bartimaeus shouts even louder:* "Bartimaeus shouted even louder, 'Son of David! Have mercy on me!'" (Mark 10:48 NIV).
  - *Jesus stops:* "Jesus stopped and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him."
  - *Jesus heals:* "Jesus restored his sight! Jesus said to Bartimaeus, 'Your faith has healed you'" (Mark 10:52 NIV).
  - *Bartimaeus joins the crowd:* "Bartimaeus was so joyful. He joined the crowd to follow Jesus."
- Give each kid a zip-top bag to place their pictures in.
- Write their names on the bags with a permanent marker and set aside for pickup.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Take Time

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus  
Mark 10:46-52

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."**  
Matthew 5:16, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

**Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs**

### BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way I want to be treated.**

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Bartimaeus believed Jesus could heal him! And guess what? Jesus did! Jesus stopped what He was doing and made time for Bartimaeus. Even though Jesus



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## (\* 1. JESUS SHOWS COMPASSION, CONTINUED)

was important and had big things to do, Jesus still stopped to help. Jesus showed compassion over and over again. We can ask Jesus to help us show compassion too. We need to look and listen to the people around us and **make time to help others.**"

*[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time when you needed help and someone took the time to show compassion by helping you out. If possible, share an example of a time when this happened as a kid.)*



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### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



### 2. WAYS TO HELP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Selected items from Opening Activity that represent times of day; *Optional: "Items of Day" Activity Pages*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Inform kids that sometimes when we see someone who needs help, we don't make time to help because we may feel busy with something else.
- Explain that you will take turns showing kids an item (or picture) and invite them to share how they could use that item to make time to help.
- One by one, hold up an item (or show a picture) and ask the kids how they can use that item to make time to help.
  - Feel free to prompt kids with the specific scenarios below if they're needed, but encourage creativity!

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**Scenarios:**

- **Cereal box:** You're trying to eat breakfast, and your parent asks you to feed the dog. How could you make time to help?
- **Toothbrush:** Your little brother can't find his toothpaste, and you're busy brushing your teeth. How could you make time to help?
- **Blanket/pillow:** You're cuddled up to watch a movie, and your little sister is crying. How could you make time to help?
- **Backpack:** You're on your way to the school bus, and your friend trips and falls. How could you make time to help?
- **Shoes:** You're at team practice, and your friend needs help with their shoes. How could you make time to help?
- **Flashlight:** You're going for a walk at night with your adult, and your sister wants to hold the flashlight. How could you make time to help?
- **Pencil or marker:** You're working on your letters, and a friend asks you to borrow your pencil. How could you make time to help?
- **Bible:** You're looking at your picture Bible and your brother wants to see. How could you make time to help?
- **Remote control:** You're watching a show, but your cousin really wants to watch something else. How could you make time to help?
- **Piece of paper:** You're coloring at the table, and your friend is sad. How can you make time to help?
- **Towel or washcloth:** It's time for a bath and bedtime, and your parent asks you to put your dirty clothes in the basket. How can you make time to help?
- **Sunglasses:** You're going outside to play, and your grownup asks you to help carry the groceries. How can you make time to help?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Wow! You came up with some great answers and ways to help. We may not always see a need or feel like helping. But Jesus showed us what it's like to show



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## (2. WAYS TO HELP, CONTINUED)

compassion to others! Jesus stopped when He heard Bartimaeus calling for help. He took the time to find out what he needed and then did something to help! We have opportunities every day to meet needs around us. But it's not enough just to see a need. We need to actually stop and **make time to help others.**"



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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather the kids in a close circle.
- Remind them to look for people who need help this week and then **make time to help others.**
- Say the rhyming prayer below to close out your time together.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"When we wake up to a brand-new day  
Let us choose to help with the kind words we say.

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Make time to help others.**

"When we're at school with kids in class  
Let us choose to help and not rush too fast.

"When we're back at home, with our families close,  
Let us choose to help those we love the most.

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"We want to show compassion just like You  
By making time for others all day long.

"In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to take home their zip-top bags to retell the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus using the pictures.

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