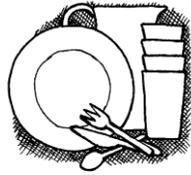
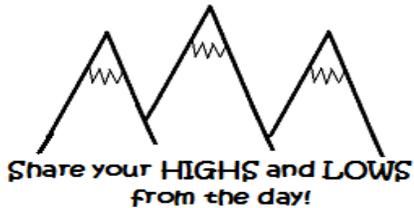


The Pass-the-Plate Devos

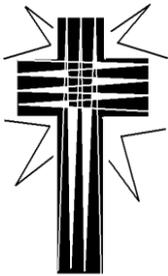


"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table during the 22nd week after Pentecost"



I wonder how Bartimaeus knew Jesus could heal people.
I wonder why Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted.

1. Who in this story is blind?
2. How did Bartimaeus know Jesus was coming?
3. What did Bartimaeus do to get Jesus' attention?
4. What did Bartimaeus want from Jesus?
5. How do you get someone's attention when you need help?
6. How did Bartimaeus respond after Jesus healed him?
7. What do you praise God for?
8. How do you think Bartimaeus's faith helped other people see differently?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Blind Trust—Put on a blindfold & follow spoken directions from a family member to move around your home. Take turns wearing the blindfold. How does it feel to trust when you cannot see what is in front of you?

A Pair to Share—Draw or cut out pictures of things we see & use them to decorate a box. Use it to collect used eyeglasses from families in your neighborhood. Find an organization that will clean & give these glasses to people in need.

Open My Eyes—What people do you "choose not to see" because they are sick, look different, or make you uncomfortable? Include them in your family prayers each day. Ask God to open your eyes to their needs.

Family Kindness Cards—Jesus was kind to Bartimaeus. Think of different things your family could do to be kind to someone. Write or draw a picture of each idea on an index card. Choose a card & do the task together.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**