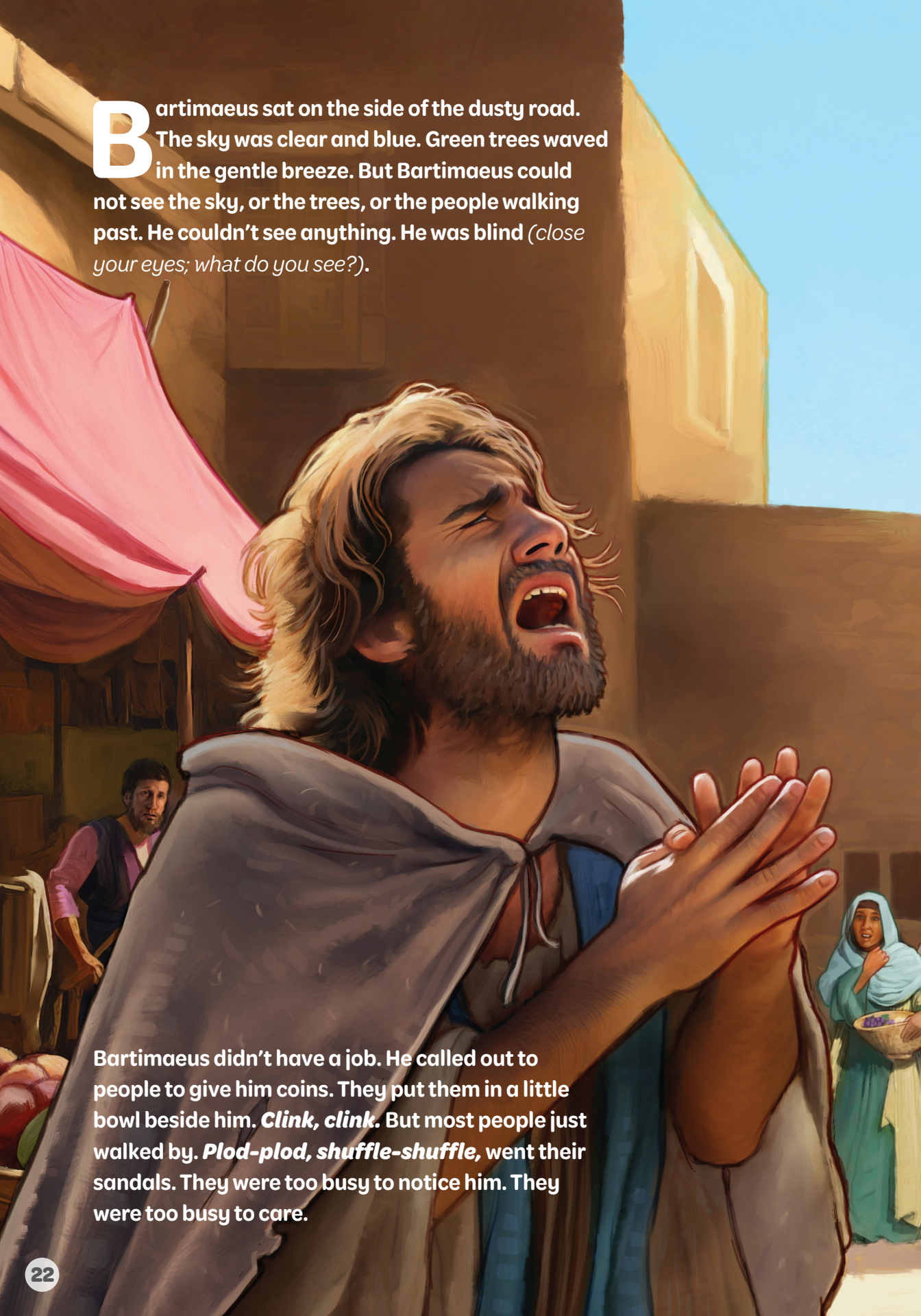
BIG IDEA: Jesus can do miracles!

Week 3

"I Can See!"



This lesson is based on Mark 10:46-52.



Bartimaeus sat on the side of the dusty road. The sky was clear and blue. Green trees waved in the gentle breeze. But Bartimaeus could not see the sky, or the trees, or the people walking past. He couldn't see anything. He was blind *(close your eyes; what do you see?)*.

Bartimaeus didn't have a job. He called out to people to give him coins. They put them in a little bowl beside him. ***Clink, clink.*** But most people just walked by. ***Plod-plod, shuffle-shuffle,*** went their sandals. They were too busy to notice him. They were too busy to care.

Bartimaeus heard Jesus walking down the road. Jesus! He had heard of this Man. He heard that Jesus did miracles! Bartimaeus got excited *(clap hands)*. **He listened very carefully** *(cup ear)*. **Was Jesus close by? He was *sure* that Jesus would care. He was *sure* that Jesus would help. Bartimaeus started shouting, "Jesus . . . please help me!" The people around him told him to be quiet, but he only shouted louder. Again and again Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. He wanted to meet Jesus!**



Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cry for help. He stopped walking *(hold hands up to stop).* **Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"** (Mark 10:51)**. Bartimaeus told Jesus that he wanted to see. Jesus then said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well"** (Mark 10:52)**.**





All of a sudden, Bartimaeus could see! The very first thing Bartimaeus saw was the kind, smiling face of Jesus. Bartimaeus was so happy that he ran down the road, following Jesus. He noticed ***everything***: the green rolling hills, the yellow flowers, the bright-blue sky, and the tiny sparrows in the trees.



Bartimaeus' heart was filled up to the top with happiness. Jesus had done a miracle in his life! Jesus still does miracles today. He loves to hear us call out and ask Him for His help. Whenever we need something, we can pray to Jesus too. Thank You, God, for healing Bartimaeus.

(Say together) **Thank You for being a mighty God!**

play throughout the Day

Create

Using colored pencils, draw a picture together of Jesus healing Bartimaeus.

Play

Go outside and close your eyes. Talk about the sounds you hear. What can you feel and touch? Alternatively, play the game "I See Something . . ." and invite your child to guess what you see. (For example, "I see something big and green . . .")



Learn



Share how Jesus gives us five senses to explore His amazing creation. Teach your child what they are by allowing them to experience something for each sense: touch, sight, smell, taste, sound.

Explore

Blindfold your child and lead them around the room, avoiding any obstacles. Talk about how they felt when they couldn't see. They had to trust you to lead them so they wouldn't fall. Bartimaeus trusted God and believed that God would heal him. We can trust Jesus to lead us too!

Pray

Take turns thanking God for something you can see, hear, touch, taste, and smell.

Extension weekly memory verse: "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (Mark 10:52).

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

For You, Parents

Bartimaeus knew he needed a Savior, and he sought after Jesus with his whole heart. He did not give up at the first roadblock. He called out to Jesus with determination and faith! What an example for us each busy day. Do we recognize our need for Christ? Are we filled with a burning desire to really *know* Him? Do we make room in our schedules for Him, no matter the obstacles?

Make today a new day to become a "Bartimaeus." Jesus longs to hear your cry out to Him. He will always respond. He sees you. He knows your darkest pains and heartaches, and He holds out His hand to make you well. He sees your faith and is willing to open your eyes to the new life He has for you.

"Not only is physical sight restored, but the eyes of his understanding are opened. In Christ he sees his Redeemer, and the Sun of Righteousness shines into his soul. All who feel their need of Christ as did blind Bartimaeus, and who will be as earnest and determined as he was, will, like him, receive the blessing which they crave" (Ellen G. White, *Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 126).

May you be blessed this week as your eyes are opened to the myriad of ways God loves and cares for you. May you be earnest and determined to know Christ and follow Him too.

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).