READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Bartimaeus Sees

Pentecost 21

from Mark 10:46-52.

We can be confident in our faith!

Ask each other what you remember about:
- Bartimaeus
- Jesus
- Blind
- Beggar
- Faith

In a different story in Mark, Jesus heals another man who can't see. In that story, Jesus uses his spit as a healing agent. Check out Mark 8:22-26!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 338-341

Spark Bible page 1115

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of faith. Keep calling us to boldy share and confidently act like Bartimaeus. Help us to know deeply your love for us and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

1 What does it mean to you to be confident? What are you most confident about?

2 What other words do we use for someone who acts boldly?

3 Jesus' big love works through the love of others. When have you been surprised by Jesus' big love?

4 Tell about a time when you needed Jesus to help you.

Eye Spark

When you wake up in the morning and open your eyes—going from darkness to light—think of Bartimaeus!

Ear Spark

Next time your hear the word, "see," be bold and say, "Bartimaeus" with confidence wherever you are.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

In honor of Bartimaeus, do some eye checks as a family. Find or make signs of symbols or words and then have fun testing each other as to how far away you can read things. If someone in your family wears glasses, do the "tests" with and without glasses. Make an appointment with an eye professional or doctor if you need one.

For younger kids

Gather unused eyeglasses from your family, friends, and neighbors. Donate them to an organization that can reuse them.

For older kids

Find out about services that are available in your area to help people who can't see. Does your local library carry books in Braille? Is there a training center in your area for service dogs?

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