

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 October 2021 - Year B

***"Master, grant that I may see."***

### Something to Think About

Imagine for a moment that you are blind. Close your eyes.  
What would it be like to have never seen colours?  
How does it feel not to be able to see your surroundings?

### The Story

Bartimaeus was a blind man who sat begging by the side of the road. But Bartimaeus could 'see' and understand the real Jesus. He asked Jesus for help and for healing. He believed in Jesus. He had total faith in Jesus and he could see again. And in the end we are told, Bartimaeus followed Jesus!

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

**10:46-52**

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd.

A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over!"

They called out to the blind man and said, "Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you."

The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus.

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Master, I want to see!"

Jesus told him, "You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith."

Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video:

[Healing of the Blind Beggar Bartimaeus](#)



## Group Discussion

To say, 'I see' is to mean 'Now I understand'. Invite children to name things they 'see' and understand now that they did not understand when they were younger.

Have a pair of sunglasses. Invite children to imagine these glasses are the 'eyes of faith'. When wearing the glasses, a person understands many things. Invite children to put on the glasses and share what they can 'see'.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader:* We pray that our Church leaders are people of strong faith. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who are rejected and pushed aside. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who cannot see. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray that our love will be sincere and genuine. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
Teach us to see and understand that  
we can always call on you for help,  
trusting that you will answer  
our prayers.  
Amen.

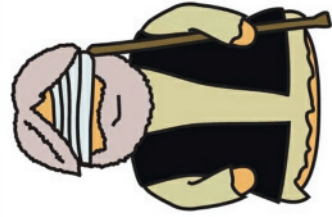
## Group Activity

### BARTIMAEUS FLIP BOOK

*You will need: two-page printout for each child, scissors, bulldog or binder clip for each child. (Optional: colouring pencils)*

1. Cut out every box. (Small children may need assistance).
2. The boxes are numbered, so it is a good idea to keep them in order as you cut them out.
3. Hold the papers securely and tap them on the left hand side so that they will all be caught by the binder clip.
4. Attach a binder clip to the left hand side. Hold the left side firmly and flip using your right thumb.
5. Older children may like to add scenery to the flip book pages.





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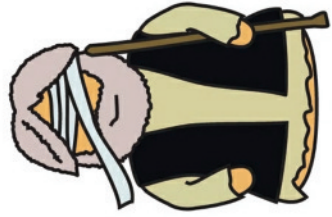
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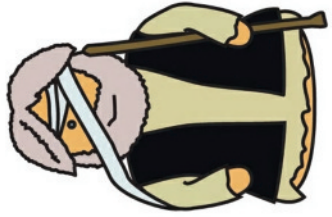
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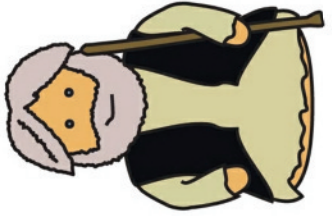
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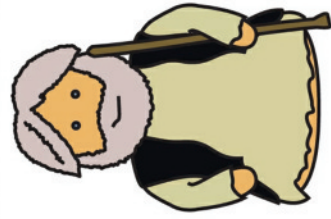
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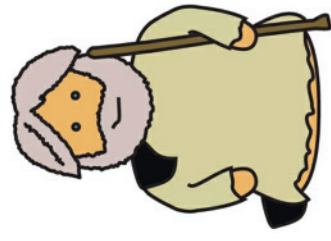
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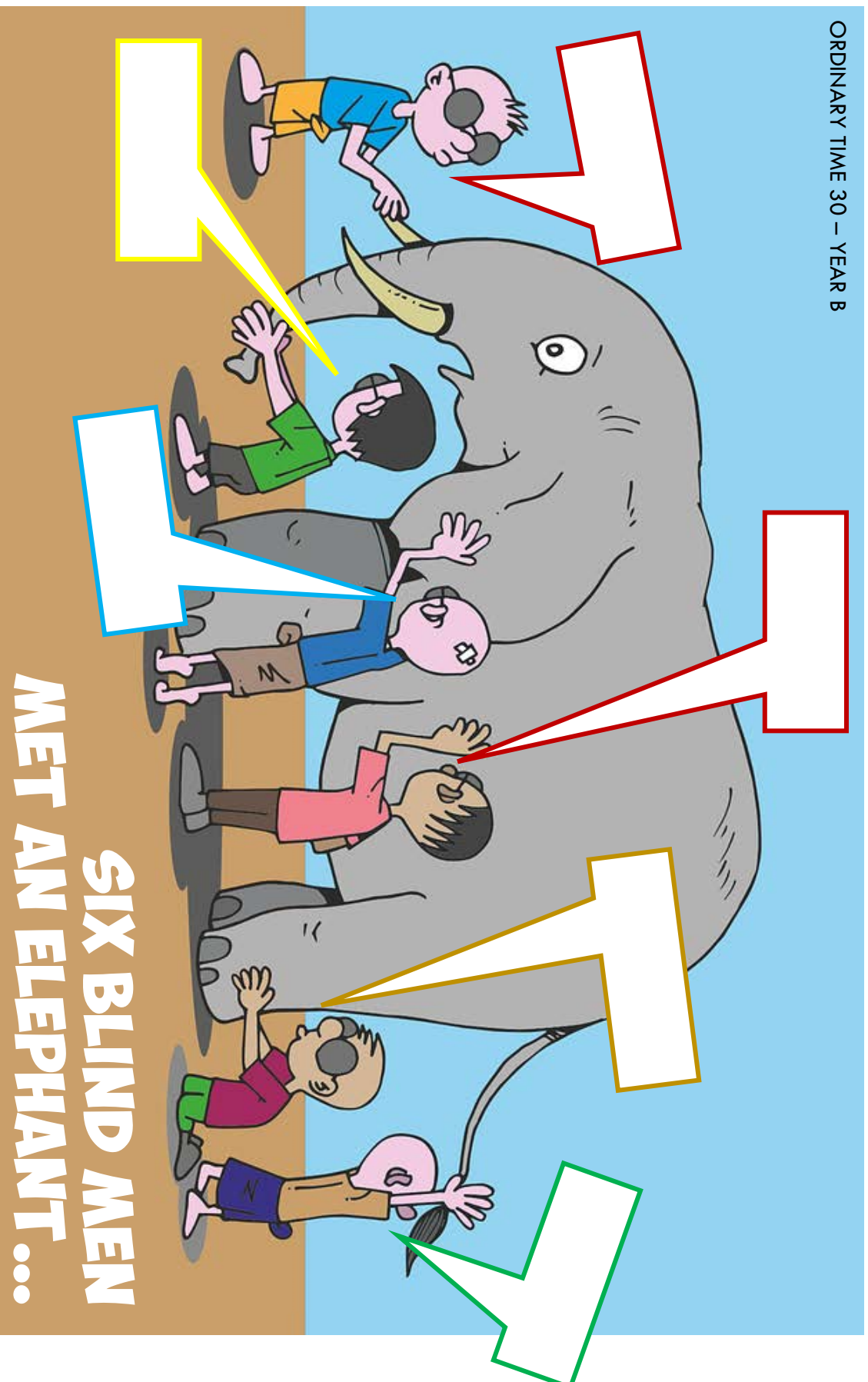
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One said the elephant is like a stick. The second said the elephant is like a hose.  
The third said a flat leaf. The fourth said a wall. The fifth said a tree trunk.  
And the sixth said the elephant is like a rope.

**DECIDE WHAT EACH ONE SAID ABOUT THE ELEPHANT**

**WE ALL SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY!**

**JESUS MET A BLIND MAN AND LET HIM SEE.  
JESUS HELPS US TO SEE DIFFERENTLY.**