

Children's Sunday School

Sunday's from 9:45 – 10:30am

Children's Sunday School with Kim Ridenour is offered in-person and virtually every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am for children ages 6-18. For more information, contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244. Those wishing to participate virtually can join by Zoom by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **865 7471 1577** and Passcode: **YouthSS**.

Children's Church

Available In-Person Only

Children's Church is available during worship for those worshipping in-person after the Children's Moment is over in Sunday Worship.



Worship @ 11 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ
201 N Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
www.ZionReformed.church

or virtually at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>

Hearing God's Word:



Today we celebrate Children's Sabbath Sunday! Children's Sabbath Sunday is a multi-faith initiative engaging places of worship across the country in focusing their prayers, worship, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and most importantly, inspiring year-round action to improve lives of all children. Some of the scriptures we will be exploring include Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 31:2-3; and Mark 10:46-52.

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

(Mark 10:46-52, *International Children's Bible*®, ©2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc)



Then they came to the town of Jericho. As Jesus was leaving there with his followers and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting by the road. He heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking by. The blind man cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, please help me!" Many people scolded the blind man and told him to be quiet. But he shouted more and more, "Son of David, please help me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Tell the man to come here." So they called the blind man. They said, "Cheer up! Get to your feet. Jesus is calling you." The blind man stood up quickly. He left his coat there and went to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man answered, "Teacher, I want to see again." Jesus said, "Go. You are healed because you believed." At once the man was able to see again, and he followed Jesus on the road.

Family Reflection:

Listen to Me!

Today is a special day called "Children's Sabbath." Children's Sabbath is a time to remind grown-ups and everyone that children are very special and it is important to love, listen to, and take good care of all children. Children's Sabbath is also a day that children think about how they can be loving and helpful to other children. We celebrate Children's Sabbath in church because we know that God loves every child and God listens to and wants to help every child.

"In one part of the Bible, God's people wrote poems and prayers and songs to God, telling God how they were feeling and how they wanted God to help them. Sometimes they were happy and thankful. Sometimes they were angry. Sometimes they were scared. Sometimes they were sad. Sometimes their feelings were all mixed together. It's ok to have all of those feelings. We can tell God that we have those feelings. And we can tell our parents and other grownups who love us about all of our feelings. We can even tell our friends about our feelings.

One of God's people in the Bible said a prayer that went like this: "Listen to me, God! Help me quickly, God! Help me feel safe with you, God!" God's people are God's helpers. That is what this special day is all about, a chance for us to tell the grownups in our church how they can be God's helpers by listening to us, helping us, and making sure we feel safe.

So together let us say and commit together to listen, act, and be the church:

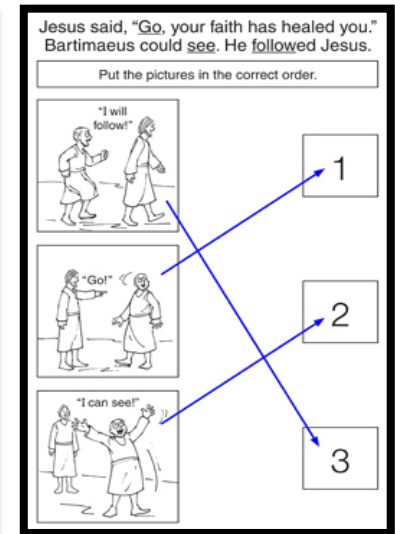
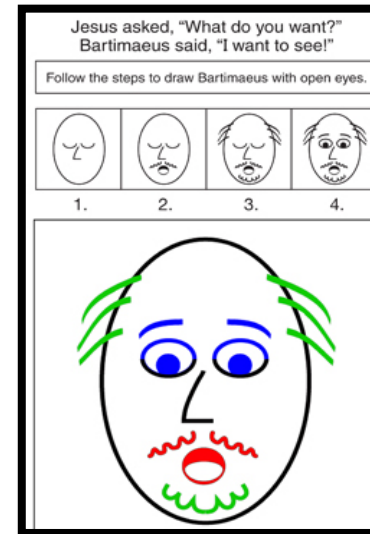
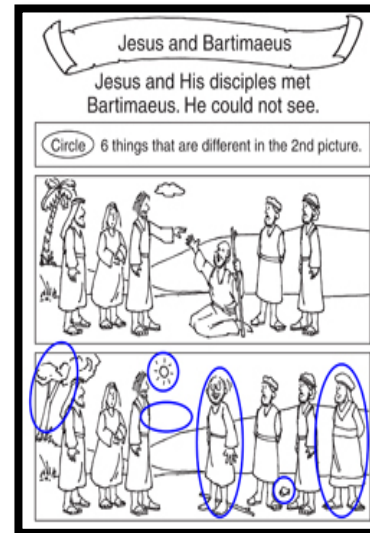
Children say: Listen to us, church! Help us when we need it, church!

"Help us feel safe with you, church! Thanks be to God. Amen!

Adults say: We'll listen you, children. We'll help you when you need it.

We'll help you feel safe with us, children. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Answer Key:





Friends of Jesus

*Listen closely to me! Deliver me quickly;
be a rock that protects me; be a strong fortress
that saves me! You, O God, are definitely
my rock and my fortress. Guide me and lead me for the
sake of your good name!.*

~ Psalm 31:2-3 ~

Family Discussion:

God is always here to listen to us, from the very youngest to the oldest. There is nothing we are feeling or experiencing that we cannot share with God. God loves us and listens to us. There are others who are here to listen such as pastors, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, neighbors, teachers, or a church friend. There are also hotlines with a caring, trained, listening person on the other end who wants to hear what you have to say. Some examples include:

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime. The crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from a secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment. The Crisis Text Line has resources related to anxiety, self-harm, depression, eating disorders, coronavirus, and more.

24-Hour National Crisis Hotline: 1-800-448-3000

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Spanish): (888) 628-9454

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Options for Deaf and Hard of Hearing): (800) 799-4889

National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233 (1-800-799-SAFE)

National Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 656-4673

Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 422-4453

LGBT National Youth Talkline: (800) 246-7743

CDC National HIV & AIDS Hotline: (800) 342-2437

Alcoholics Anonymous: (202) 966-9155

Narcotics Anonymous: (800) 543-4670

Gamblers Anonymous: (855) 222-5542

At our church, here are some of the leaders who are here to listen and help:

Pastor Katie 240.418.8028
Kim Ridenour 240.313.0709
Church Office 301.739.7244

In our community, there are also people, places, and programs that are here to listen and help. Some programs in our area include:

Community Book Warehouse: Anyone in need of children’s books can pick out books at 24 N. Walnut Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. More info at director@harccoalition.org.

Good Roots Furniture Ministry: A ministry of First Christian Church in partnership with the Judy Center supplies basic furniture needs for families. Their mission is no child will eat or sleep on the floor. More info or donate, contact Kathy at KernsKat@wcps.k12.md.us or call First Christian Church at 301.733.0144.

APPLES for Children Inc. is a private non-profit resource and referral agency that works with families, providers, children and community partners to ensure that children have access to high quality, affordable early learning and school age opportunities and experiences that enable them to succeed in school and life. More info at 301.733.0000 or applesforchildren.org. Office hours 8:30am – 4pm M-Th at 1825 Howell Rd, ste 3, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Children in Need Inc is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization committed to providing children in Washington County, MD the necessities needed for learning. More info at 301.671.2014 or email info@childreninneedwashingtoncounty.org, or visit <https://childreninneedwashingtoncounty.org>.

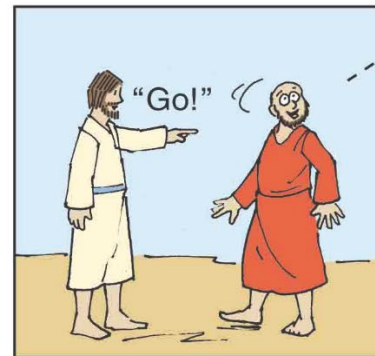
Washington County Family Center is a family-focused program empowering families with young children to become self-sufficient through education, parenting, and personal achievement. More info at togetherwithfamilies.org or 301.790.4006.

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.”
Bartimaeus could see. He followed Jesus.

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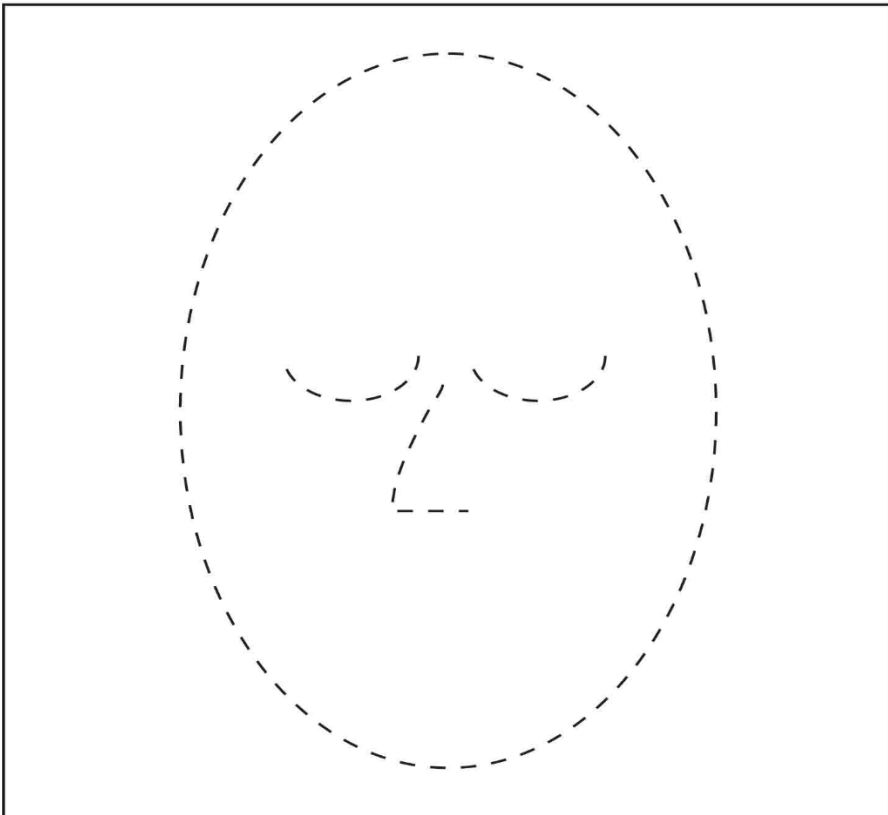
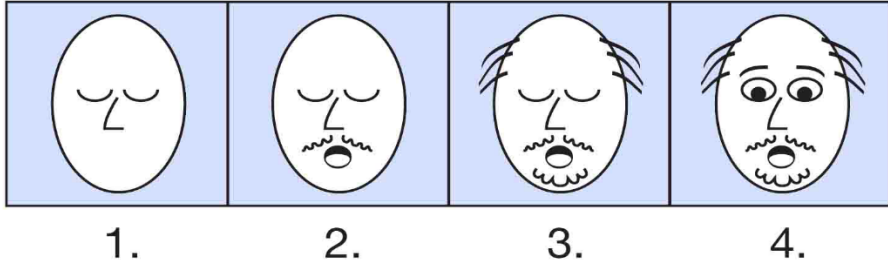
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Jesus asked, "What do you want?"
Bartimaeus said, "I want to see!"

Follow the steps to draw Bartimaeus with open eyes.



Closing:

God listens to and loves us; we can share all of our feelings with God. People, as God's helpers, can also listen to and love us; we can share our feelings with them and we can work together to solve problems. Let us thank God for all of the resources available in our area, and take the time to consider what can we do to make even more resources available. Here at Zion, we participate in the Micah's Backpack program helping to ensure children have food to eat, and offer the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen ministries on Tuesday evenings. What other ideas do you have? Feel free to share your ideas with us at zionrucc@myactv.net. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

A Prayer to Say Together

Dear God,

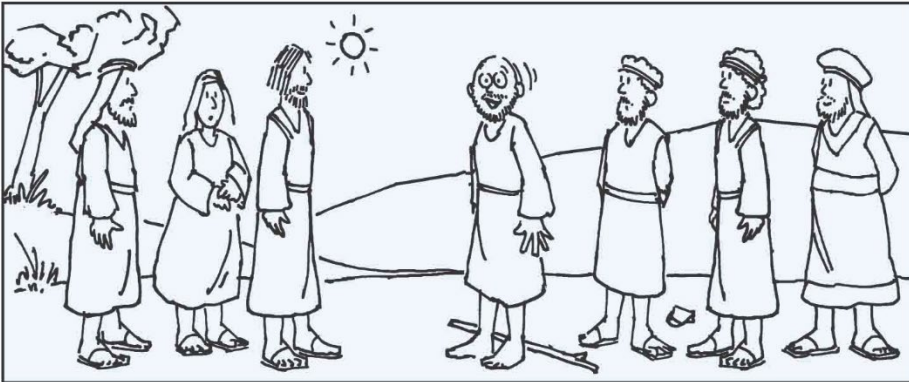
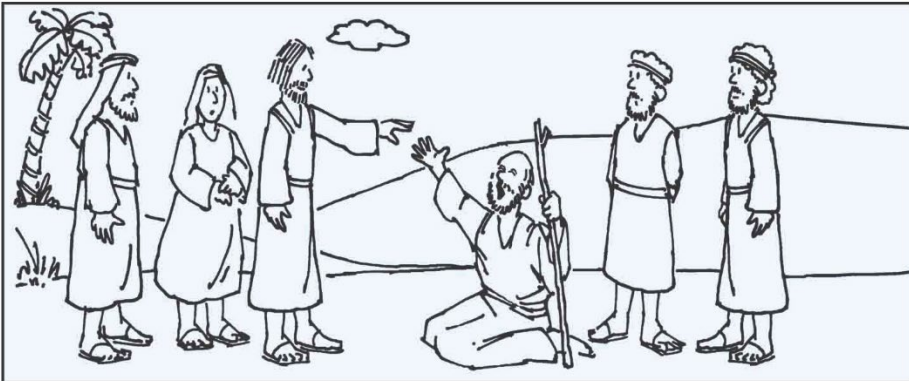
Thank you for always listening to us—even when we are not sure that you hear us. Thank you for the grownups who also listen to us and help us. Help us be good listeners and helpers too, so we can work together to make things better for all children. Amen.



Jesus and Bartimaeus

Jesus and His disciples met Bartimaeus. He could not see.

Circle 6 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



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Bartimaeus shouted. Many told him to be quiet. But he continued to shout ...

Trace the vowels. a e i o

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

