



Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus helps and heals us



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Sunday between
October 23 and October 29



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What is something you want to do this week?
2. How does that activity connect with your life of faith?
3. Talk about a time that God opened your eyes to something important, perhaps a time to take a risk or to see something new or different around you.



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

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| S | Mark 10:46-52 | Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus |
| M | Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Joyful return of the exiles |
| T | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Jesus' priesthood continues forever |
| W | 2 Kings 6:8-23 | God gives back sight to Arameans |
| T | Mark 8:22-26 | Jesus heals at Bethsaida |
| F | Isaiah 42:1-9 | The Servant, a light to the nations |
| S | Psalms 126 | Harvest of joy |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*The Lord has done great things for us.
And we are filled with joy.*

PSALM 126:3



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Find a material bag or a box with a cover. Fill it with a selection of random objects like pasta, beads, toothbrush, toy, spoon, sock, pen.

Take turns being blindfolded (or just close your eyes) and feel inside the bag or box and see how many objects you can identify.

Talk about what it must be like to be blind. Talk about how Bartimaeus must have felt when Jesus healed him, and he could see. Perhaps you could try eating a meal this week, while being blindfolded, and having to ask other people to help you. Talk about your experiences.



ACTION RESPONSE

There are millions of people in the world who are blind. Ninety percent of these people live in the world's poorest countries. One and a half million children in the world are blind, many due to a vitamin A deficiency.

Founded in 1908, Christian Blind Mission is an independent Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places in the world. They are dedicated to preventing and curing blindness and to educating and rehabilitating people who are blind or have other disabilities.

Visit www.cmb.org to find out more and how you can support their work. Pray for them too.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God our Saviour, we thank you for this food, a sign of your daily mercies and the power to heal our lives. Amen.



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, have mercy on me and help me to see you and follow you wherever you lead. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord your God give you sight to see and believe in the one who has come to make you well.