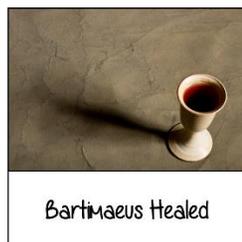


# God's Story Our Story



**February 21, 2016**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Glorious one, help us to focus on your glory and not our own. Help us to discern when to raise our voice, and when to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. Mark 10:52*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Despite repeated lessons, some of Jesus' disciples continue to seek out a place of honor. They do not see the meaning of what he has been teaching. As they leave Jericho, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus sees what they cannot, is healed, and begins to follow.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Mark 10:32-52, *Bartimaeus Healed*

Monday, Psalm 34:11-14

Tuesday, Psalm 111

Wednesday, Mark 11:12-14, *Jesus Curses the Fig Tree*

Thursday, Mark 11:15-19, *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Friday, Mark 11:20-26, *The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree*

Saturday, Mark 11:27-33, *Jesus' Authority Is Questioned*

**How do these stories move people from not seeing toward seeing?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What blind spots exist in your sight of Jesus? What do you struggle to understand?**

**How do you think Jesus heals today? What does it mean to be healed?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**See Jesus this week. Notice all the places Jesus is alive and active in your life. Write down all your Jesus sightings. At the end of the week, appreciate Jesus' presence in your life.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God give you sight and healing. Amen.**