



**“What’s wrong, Kristin?
Why do you look so glum?”**

Kristin saw her grandmother at the door to her room. “I have an audition tomorrow for the Children’s String Ensemble.”

“Well, Kristin,” Grandmother said, “you’ve been playing the violin since you were four years old—and you play very well. What about the audition is troubling you?”

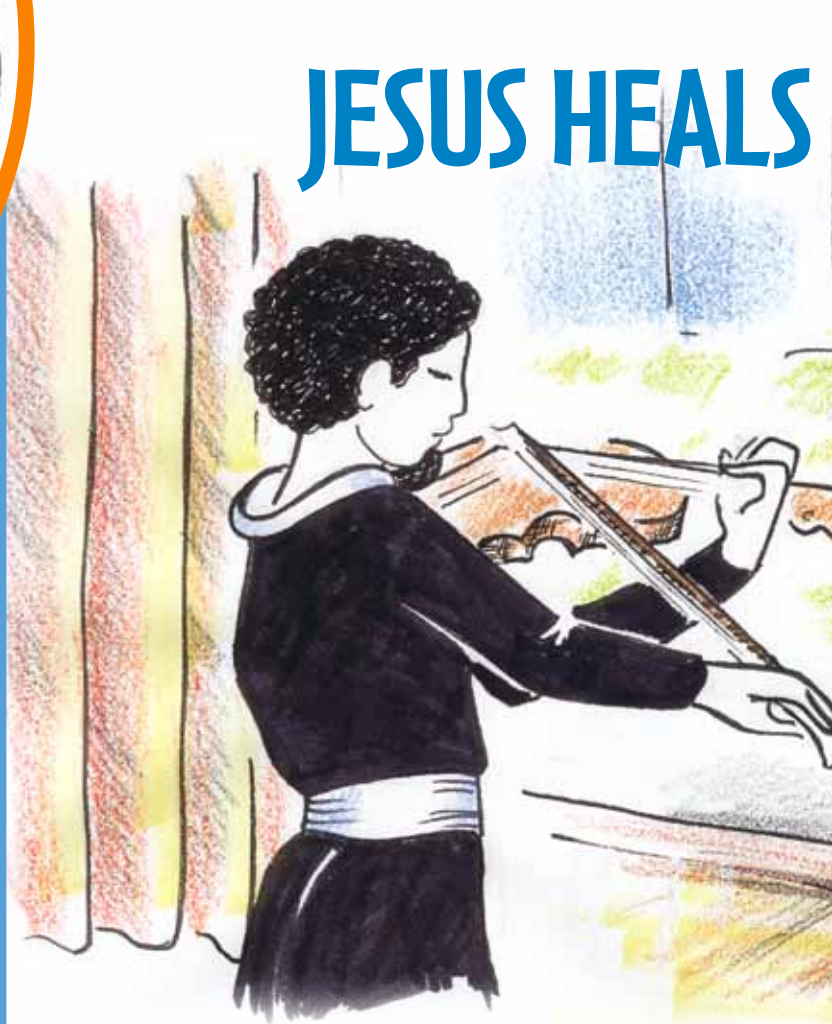
Kristin looked up and said, “I’m afraid that I just won’t be good enough. My religious education teacher tells us we should be bold about asking Jesus for anything we want. But what happens if Jesus doesn’t answer my prayer?”

“Oh, Kristin,” Grandmother said. “Jesus always answers our prayers. Sometimes the answer is ‘yes’ and sometimes it’s ‘no’ and sometimes it’s ‘wait.’ But he always answers our prayers.”

Kristin looked puzzled. “The thing we need most,” Grandmother explained, “is Jesus. When we have him in our life, we have everything we truly need. Sometimes there are things we want. We should still be bold about praying for those things and have faith that Jesus can give them to us. But we also have to understand that the answer to our prayer may be ‘no’—especially if we ask for something that wouldn’t be good for us. The answer might also be ‘wait’—especially if there’s more we need to do for ourselves before Jesus says ‘yes’ to our prayer.”

Read Mark 10:46-52 and then close your Bible and see if you can answer each of the following questions correctly. For help, open your Bible again and check the verse that appears at the end of the question.

JESUS HEALS



1. Where is Jesus when this Gospel story takes place? (v. 46)

JERUSALEM GALILEE JERICHO

2. What is the name of the blind man in this Gospel story? (v. 46)

JAMES BARTIMAEUS DAVID

3. What does the blind man cry out when he hears that Jesus is nearby? (v. 47)

“HAVE PITY ON ME”
“TELL THE CROWD TO LEAVE ME ALONE”

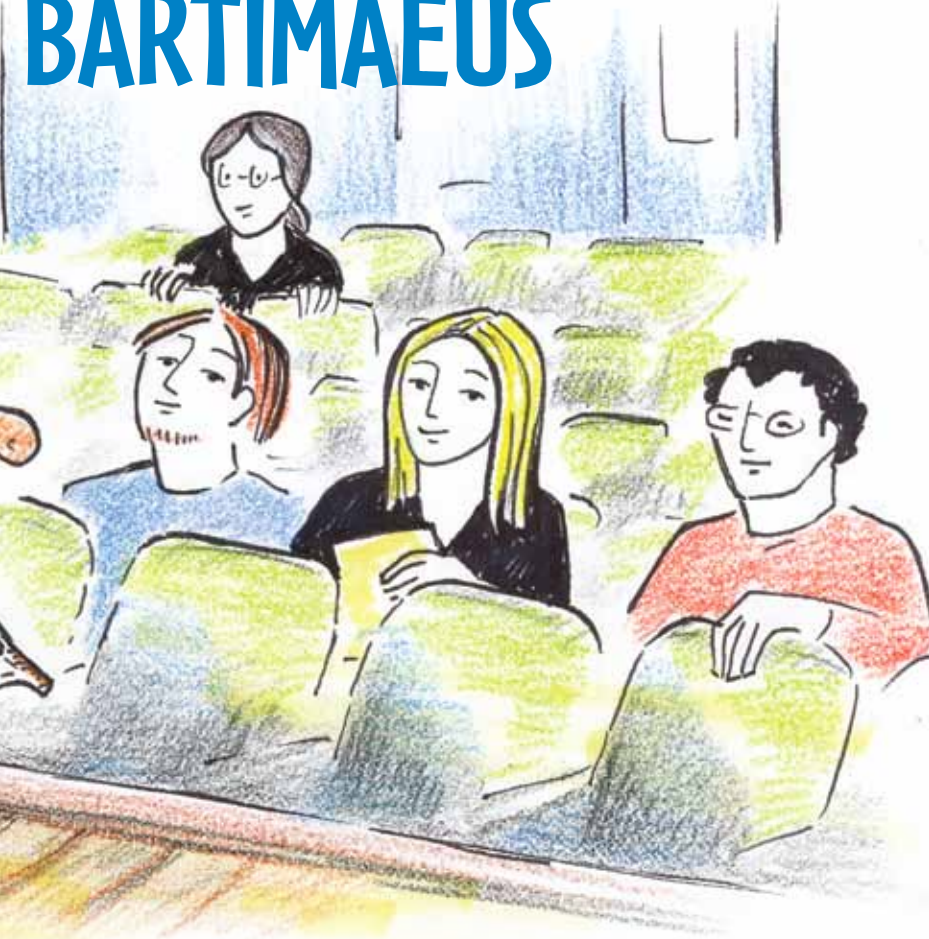
4. How many times does Bartimaeus call out to Jesus? (v. 48)

THREE TIMES TWO TIMES

5. What does the crowd say to Bartimaeus when Jesus calls to him? (v. 48)

“BE SILENT”
“TAKE COURAGE; GET UP, HE IS CALLING YOU”

BARTIMAEUS



Kristin said, “So I might need to learn more, Grandmother, or practice more before I have my prayer answered?”

“Well, Kristin,” Grandmother responded, “Jesus has given you the talent you need to succeed—and you have to do your part. You had to learn to read music and play the violin. And now you have to practice.”

“I love playing the violin and I do practice. I think that I should ask Jesus to help me do the best I can at the audition.”

“I think that is a very good prayer,” said Grandmother.

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6. What does the blind man leave behind when he goes to Jesus? (v. 50)

A FEW COINS HIS FAMILY HIS CLOAK

7. What does Jesus say to the blind man? (v. 51)

“YOU ARE FORGIVEN”

“WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?”

8. What is the blind man’s reply to Jesus? (v. 51)

“PLEASE GIVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT”

“MASTER, I WANT TO SEE”

9. What does Jesus say when he heals Bartimaeus? (v. 52)

“FOLLOW ME”

“GO YOUR WAY; YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU”

10. What does the blind man do after he receives his sight? (v. 52)

FOLLOWS JESUS

SHOWS HIS FAMILY THAT HE HAD BEEN HEALED

