

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Matthew

LESSON 37

**JESUS HEALS TWO
BLIND MEN**

MATTHEW 20:29-34

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find.

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus was willing to stop what He was doing to help others
Understand that the two blind men showed their faith in Jesus
Recognize that the men received what they asked for because they didn't give up

Welcome Time

Have you ever really wanted something, and you kept on asking for it? In today's story, two men kept on asking Jesus for help. Let's see what happens.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible before teaching it. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week, we learned that Jesus taught His disciples about serving others. When two of His disciples wanted special places in God's kingdom, Jesus told them they would have to suffer. He knew that He was about to suffer and die on the cross. He said that anyone who wanted to follow Him would have to give up their own desires. He told them that He came not to be served, but to serve others and to give His life to save people.

In today's lesson, we see Jesus serving others. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem with His disciples. Many people followed Him. Two blind men were on the side of the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they were so excited! They shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The people in the crowd told the men to be quiet. But they continued to shout even louder. They did not give up.

Jesus asked them what they wanted Him to do for them. They told Jesus that they wanted to see. They had faith that Jesus could heal their eyes.

Jesus saw their need and He felt pity for them. So He touched their eyes. Instantly, the two men were able to see!

What do you think these men did? They were so thankful to Jesus for what He had done that they followed Him!

These men obviously had a lot of faith in God. They knew that Jesus could heal people. But more than that, they showed that they believed Jesus was the Messiah. The title "Son of David" was used to refer to the Messiah, God's chosen One. So these men showed great faith.

Why do you think Jesus asked the men what they wanted? Didn't He already know their need? Jesus wanted the men to tell Him what they needed. He likes to hear from us about our needs. God knows all of our needs. But He still wants us to ask Him

for the things we need. He wants us to talk to Him about *everything!*

In Matthew 7, Jesus said that we should keep asking Him for what we need. The two men did not give up even when they were being criticized by the crowd. Jesus stopped because they were persistent—that means they did not give up. Like the men, we should be faithful in prayer and not give up.

Jesus cares about all people. He showed that by the way He lived His life, and by the way He died on the cross for you and me. He didn't have to do that. But He chose to die so that we can be forgiven of our sins and live with Him forever. The blind men were so grateful to Jesus that they followed Him. We can follow Jesus because we are grateful that He saved us!

Review Questions

1. Jesus was on His way to what city? (Jerusalem)
2. Why were two men shouting for Jesus? (They wanted Him to heal their blind eyes so they could see.)
3. What did the two men do when the crowd told them to be quiet? (They shouted even louder.)
4. Why did Jesus ask the men what they wanted even though He already knew their need? (He likes for people to ask Him for what they need.)

Prayer Time

Thank God that He likes to hear from us. Ask Him to show us what we should pray about.

Life Application

In an old song called "Amazing Grace," one line says, "I once was lost, but now I am found; was blind, but now I see."

Before a person accepts Christ into their life, they are blind spiritually. That means that they are in the darkness. They cannot have a relationship with God. But when a person accepts Christ, it is like a light comes on in their life. They are able to pray and talk to God. God speaks to them by showing them truth from His Word. They begin to change and become more like Jesus.

God has so many things He wants us to learn about Him. The more we pray and read the Bible, the more things He can teach us about Him.

Planning for Next Lesson
Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Matthew 21:1-11

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

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The people in the crowd told the men to be quiet. (Have everyone make the “shh” sound.) But they continued to shout even louder. They did not give up.

Jesus asked them what they wanted Him to do for them. They told Jesus that they wanted to see. They had faith that Jesus could heal their eyes.

Jesus saw their need and He felt sorry for them. So He touched their eyes. (Have kids point to their eyes.) Instantly, the two men were able to see!

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Hands-on Activities For Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Sing the song “Open the Eyes of My Heart.” Talk about how Jesus opens our hearts to see Him when we accept Him. Have the kids make up motions for the song.

Bring a blindfold. Have kids make a circle. Blindfold one child and have them go to the center of the circle. Point to one of the kids and have them say something. See if the “blind” person can figure out who it is. Talk about how blind people are extra good at hearing. This helps them know what is going on around them.

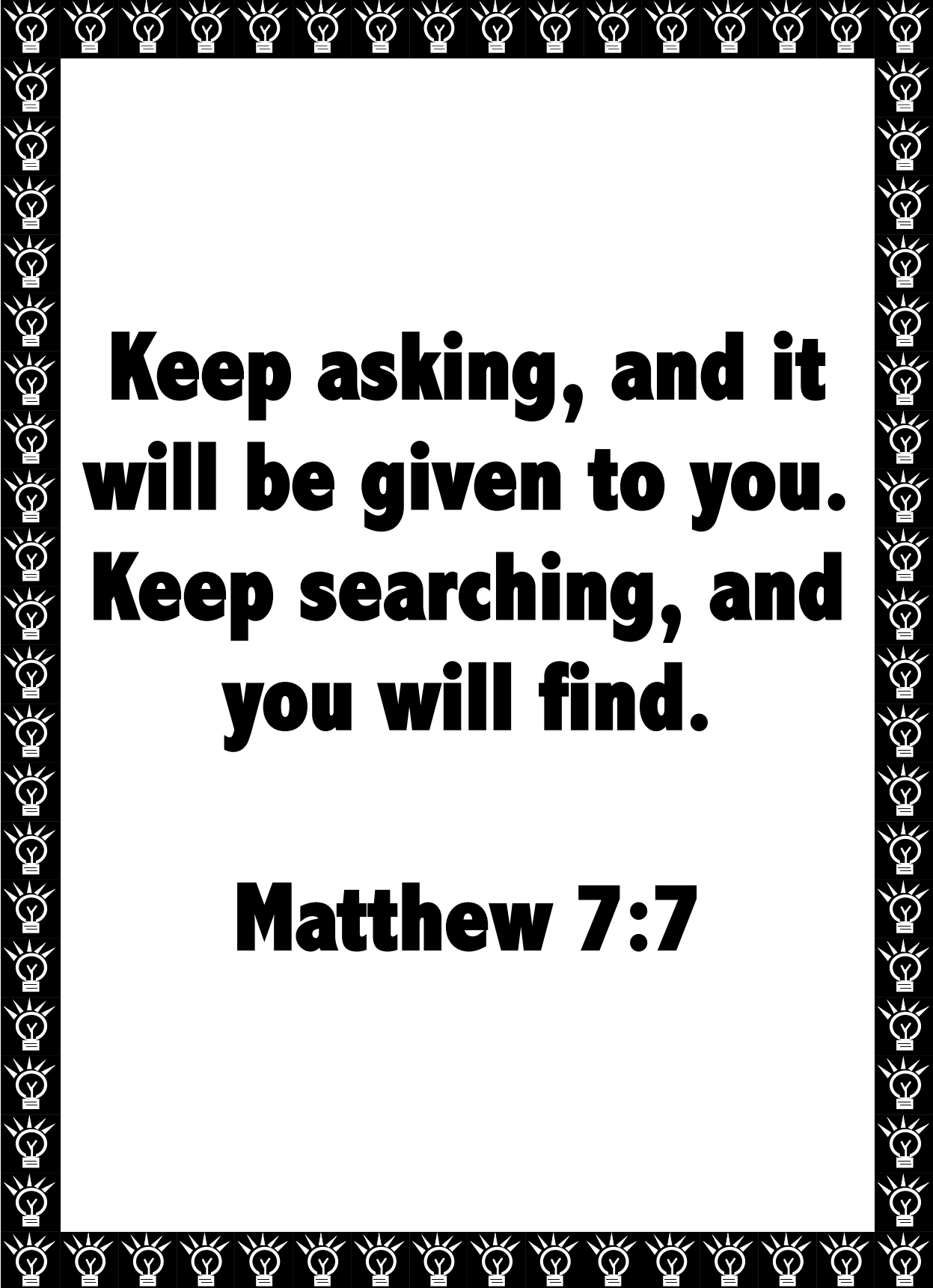
Another fun game kids can play while in a circle is “drop the crayon” (or whatever small object you prefer). Have kids close their eyes (no peeking!) and put their hands behind their backs in a cup shape. The person who is “it” will drop the crayon into someone’s hand; then the person with the crayon will chase them. Talk about how blind people use their hands to feel where they are and to find things—even to read!

Bring something written in Braille. Pass it around and let each child feel the indentions in the paper. Then ask them if they know what it says. Explain that blind people cannot see the writing, so they can feel the dots and read by using their hands!



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