

LESSON 8
“COMPASSION”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Mark 10:46-52
(KBC Study Bible, pages 1088-1089)

CHARACTER WORD

Compassion – Feeling for another’s need and helping that one without expecting anything in return

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can follow Jesus’ example by showing compassion to others.

MEMORY LINK

Mark 10:47b

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

(KBC Study Bible, pg. 1089)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None

Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Bandanas; red, blue & yellow paper; bean bag

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK

REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bandana, paper plate, 10 different tiny objects

Option 2: Hula hoops

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Compassion is a skill that is taught by example. In today’s story Jesus taught by example as He responded to Bartimaeus. Jesus heard the cries of blind Bartimaeus. Rather than passing by, Jesus stopped what he was doing. He called Bartimaeus to Him and asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?” Jesus showed compassion by meeting Bartimaeus’ need – restoring his sight.

Jesus still shows compassion today by meeting our needs. How will you answer Jesus’ question, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He wants to meet your needs with compassion. By faith, trust Jesus to give you mercy and heal your hurts. Highlight Jesus’ example to allow the students to see the importance of following that example and show the difference it can make to their families and friends.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today’s lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- *Let’s look at today’s Memory Link. Mark 10:47b, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”*
- *Today’s character word is compassion. What does that word mean to you?*
- *Share a time when someone showed compassion to you. How did that make you feel?*



Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

We would like you to lead students in songs you sing in your church. But if you need help, consider these song selections:

- “Mercy Came Runnin’” by Phillips, Craig & Dean
- “Tell the World” by Hillsong Kids
- “Happy Day” by Hillsong Kids



MEMORY LINK



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Focus on Today’s Memory Link

Guide students to find Mark 10:47b on page 1089 in their KBC Study Bibles.

Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as the others follow along. Explain that in today’s Bible story, a man who needed help shouted these words to get Jesus’ attention. *Jesus responded and showed compassion.*

Jesus was often called “Son of David” because he was a descendent of King David, one of Israel’s most well-known and beloved kings.

Who can tell me what the word “mercy” means? (caring, forgiveness, kindness, love, compassion). Mercy is a combination of many of those words. Mercy is not giving us the punishment we deserve. God showed mercy by not giving us the punishment for sin that we deserve, but allowing Jesus to take our punishment instead.

Option 1 – ACT IT OUT

No supplies needed

Act out different scenarios of moments when mercy is needed. Repeat the verse together as you act: sick, lonely, heartbroken, sad, disappointed, lost, hurt.

Option 2 – SAY IT PROUD

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Ask each Surf Team Leader to be “Jesus” and stand about 20 feet away facing their surf team with their arms open wide. Tell the first student in line to run to “Jesus” while calling out the verse, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Then run back to the end of their line saying “Mark 10:47b.” Continue until all have a turn or time is called.

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Mark 10:47b

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

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Bible 101

Encourage the students to read the Digging In on page 1089, Jesus Can Make You See. Tell the students that a Digging In helps you dig deeper, or have a greater understanding, of what the Bible says about a particular story or passage.

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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

3 bandanas or blindfolds; 3 sheets each of red, blue & yellow paper; beanbag

Set the Stage

Demonstrate Blindness: *Today's story is about a man who could not see. I would like to invite three volunteers to experience some blindness challenges. Use the bandanas as blindfolds, tying them over the eyes of each volunteer. Issue the following challenges:*

- *Choose the red paper in front of you and place it on the bottom*
- *Choose the blue paper and fold it in quarters*
- *When your name is called, try to catch the beanbag that is tossed to you.*

How did it feel to be asked to do things when you could not see? Why were things difficult? As you listen to the story, I want to encourage you to think about how difficult it is for someone who is blind.

Tell the Story

Please open your Bibles, if you have one, to Mark 10:46-52 found on pages 1088-1089. Follow along as I read the story aloud directly from the Bible. After reading from the Bible, keep your Bible open and retell the story in your own words.

Near the edge of the city of Jericho sat a blind man named Bartimaeus. Every day, Bartimaeus would sit by the road, begging. You see, because he was blind, he was completely dependent on others to help him by giving him money and food.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were leaving the city of Jericho. They were surrounded by a great crowd of people. Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus and how He went around healing people. Soon the big crowd of people came near where Bartimaeus sat begging. When Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming, he started shouting in a loud voice, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Remember, Bartimaeus' cry for help is today's Memory Link, Mark 10:47b. Shout today's Memory Link with me, just like Bartimaeus might have done. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Now the street was crowded and noisy as Jesus made his way down the road. Many people warned Bartimaeus to stop shouting at Jesus, but that made him shout even louder! Shout today's Memory Link even louder. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus heard His name being shouted over the noise of the crowd. It was Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. Jesus stopped walking and commanded that the blind man be brought to Him. So the people called to Bartimaeus, "Good news! Get up! Jesus is calling for you!" Bartimaeus threw off his coat, got up, and came to Jesus.

As You Prepare

Many of the Bible Connection lessons begin with an introduction that catches the kids' attention, like an object lesson or silly activity. Keep the introductions brief, allowing plenty of time to dig into the Bible content and the gospel connection.

What might Bartimaeus have thought as he made his way toward Jesus? Allow students to share. Remember, Bartimaeus couldn't see, so it probably took a while for him to find his way to Jesus through the crowd. He might have stumbled and needed someone to help him. He wouldn't have even known which person Jesus was in such a crowd.

Jesus spoke to Bartimaeus and asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Who remembers Bartimaeus' answer? (I want to see.) Jesus had compassion and said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. He didn't return to his spot to beg. He wanted to stay with the One who gave him sight.

Bartimaeus' life was completely changed because of his encounter with Jesus. He called out to Jesus because he had faith and believed that Jesus could heal him. Jesus showed compassion to Bartimaeus and restored his sight all because of his faith.

Application

The Bible doesn't tell how much faith Bartimaeus had. Whether it was a lot of faith or just a little faith, it was enough to catch Jesus' attention. Jesus understood Bartimaeus' need and healed him without expecting anything in return. What is it that you want Jesus to do for you? Do you have faith that Jesus can do the miracle you need? Just like Jesus had compassion on Bartimaeus and met his need for sight, Jesus has compassion for you and is able to meet your need too.

Gospel Connection 

The biggest need everyone has is forgiveness from sin. Jesus showed His greatest compassion when He took the punishment we deserve and died on the cross. So, what is it that you want Jesus to do for you? Do you want Him to forgive your sins and give you eternal life? Jesus has already made that possible and offers forgiveness to you as a free gift.

So how do you receive the free gift Jesus offers? Just think about A-B-C - ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. ADMIT you have sin and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus. If any of you would like to pray today and ASK Jesus to be your Forever Friend and you have never done that before, then please talk to me after we pray.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

As you prepare to teach, pray and read the Bible text on your own first to get familiar with the story. Try reading it aloud so that later you can tell it in a story format and put your own personality into it. Don't merely read the story from these pages! Remember, your job is to make God's word come alive for students.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- Remind students that Jesus wants them to follow His example and live with compassion. Ask them to share examples of times when a friend might need help. Guide students to share ways they can show compassion and help without expecting anything in return. Challenge them to show compassion this week at home, in school, and at Beach Club®.

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link Card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles (if they brought one) and highlight today's Memory Link verse.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 Page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 of the Hang 10. Read Isaiah 49:13. Talk about how God has compassion on the sick and hurting people and encourage students to visit someone they know is sick or mail them a get-well card.

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, we thank You that You showed compassion to Bartimaeus. Please show me compassion, too, and help me to show compassion to my friends and family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

We encourage you to continue building deeper relationships with the Beach Clubbers. If you haven't already, consider becoming more involved in your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty. Investing your time shows them you care about them, too!

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Option 1 – I SPY

Bandana, paper plate, 10 different tiny objects (paper clip, toothpick, eraser, candy, etc.)

Prepare

Arrange the objects on the plate and cover them with the bandana. Uncover the plate and give students several seconds to look at the objects on the plate. Return the bandana, covering the objects. Pick a student to peek under the bandana and secretly remove an object. Uncover the plate so all can see the objects. The first student to name which object was removed earns a turn to answer a review question. Return the missing object and play again. Continue until everyone has a turn to remove an object and all questions are answered or time runs out.

Option 2 – ALL THROUGH THE HOOP

One hula hoop per team

Instruct surf teams to join hands, forming a circle. Ask two students to let go of their grip long enough for them to place their hands through the hula hoop before rejoining hands. Surf teams will pass the hula hoop clockwise from person to person by stepping into the hoop, bringing it up and over their head and moving it to the next person. The team task is to pass the hula hoop around the circle until it returns to the starting point without breaking the circle. As surf teams maneuver the hula hoop around the circle, stop play at random intervals and ask a review question. Once the team answers the question, they may continue moving the hula hoop around the circle. The surf team who moves the hula hoop completely around the circle the most times is declared the winner.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today's Character Word? (compassion)*
2. *What did Bartimaeus shout out to Jesus? ("Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!")*
3. *What was Bartimaeus' problem? (He was blind.)*
4. *What did Bartimaeus do for money? (He begged.)*
5. *How did Jesus show compassion to Bartimaeus? (He heard him, He healed him.)*
6. *What did Jesus say made Bartimaeus well? (His faith.)*
7. *What did Bartimaeus do after he was healed? (He followed Jesus.)*
8. *Name one way to show compassion to a friend. (Answers may vary.)*
9. *Is the book of Mark in the Old Testament or New Testament? (New)*
10. *How did Jesus show compassion for all people? (He died on the cross to pay for our sin.)*

**“Jesus,
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have mercy
on me!”**

Mark 10:47b

