



Jesus helps – three encounters

THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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3 meetings of 3 minutes



Discovering through three stories that Jesus sees people and helps them



Preparation: 5 min



How to use the series: Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

1 Part 1: Bartimaeus shouts

Bible: Mark 10:46–52

Bartimaeus could not see. He sat at the side of the road. When he heard that Jesus was coming, he shouted very loudly: “Jesus, help me!” The people said: “Be quiet!” But he shouted even louder. Jesus stopped, called him over and healed his eyes. Everyone shout together very loudly: “Jesus, help me!” – and then very quietly. Jesus hears both.



Question: What would you like Jesus to help you with?



Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you always hear me – whether I shout or pray quietly. Thank you! Amen.*



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2 Part 2: Four friends and a roof

Bible: Mark 2:1–12

A man could not walk. His four friends carried him on a mat to Jesus. But the house was so full that they could not get in. So they climbed onto the roof, made a hole and let their friend down – right in front of Jesus! Jesus healed him, and he could walk again. Act it out: four children carefully carry a blanket with a cuddly toy on it.

 **Question:** Whom can you help, like the four friends?

 **Prayer:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for my friends. Help me to be a good friend. Amen.*

3 Part 3: Little girl, get up!

Bible: Mark 5:22–24, 35–43

Jairus had a little daughter. She was very ill. He ran to Jesus and begged: “Come quickly, help her!” When they arrived, everyone said: “It is too late.” But Jesus went to the girl, took her hand and said: “Little girl, get up!” And she got up! All the children lie down, and when you take their hand and say “Get up!”, they jump up happily.

 **Question:** Who is ill that you would like to pray for?

 **Prayer:** *Dear Jesus, you are stronger than anything. Please help everyone who is ill. Amen.*

For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.