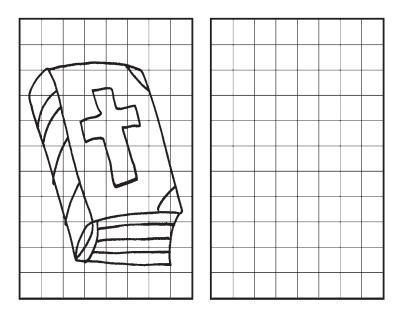


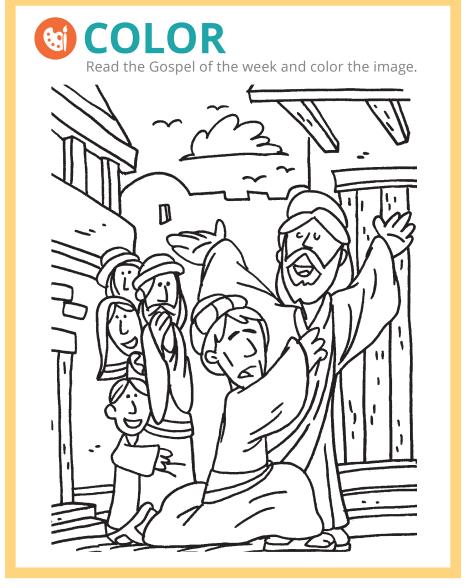
Copy the picture square by square.





Wear a blindfold at home, and ask your family members to talk to you as usual. Just by the sound of each voice, you know who is talking, right? Talk about how being blind did not stop Bartimaeus from recognizing Jesus, either.









Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was-the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind-even his coat-just to follow Jesus.



Dear God, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.

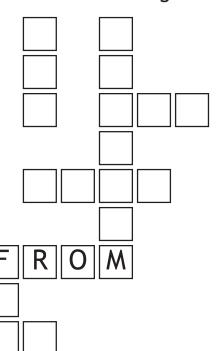


Draw a picture of Bartimaeus seeing Jesus for the very first time.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom





Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.









The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



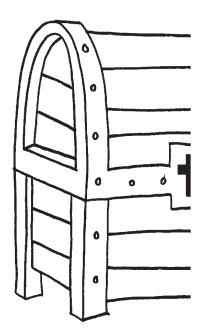
Dear God, help us to love you and love others the way you want us to.



Draw a picture of the scribe talking to Jesus.



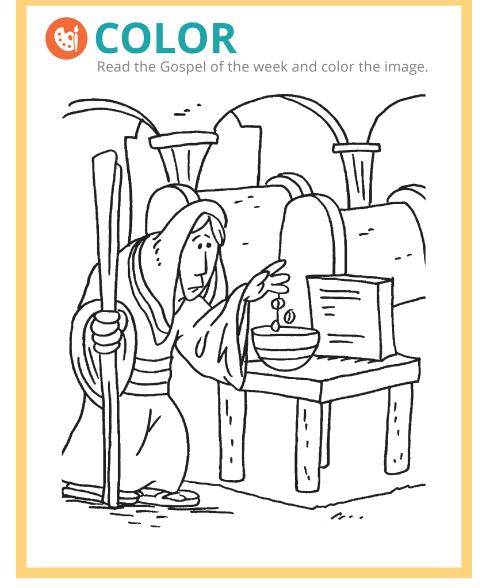




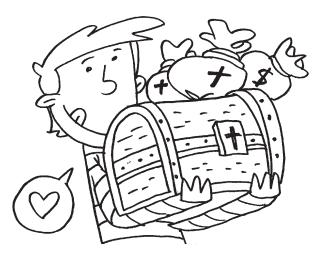
MISSION

If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.









God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.



Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.



Draw a picture of the poor widow who trusted God with her whole heart.



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken clouds power	glory angels gather			chosen leaves heaven		
shknae	<u>S</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>n</u>
gthrae						
chsnoe						
cldsou						
glryo						
hvneea						
pwroe						
angsle						
lvseea						



Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.









Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.



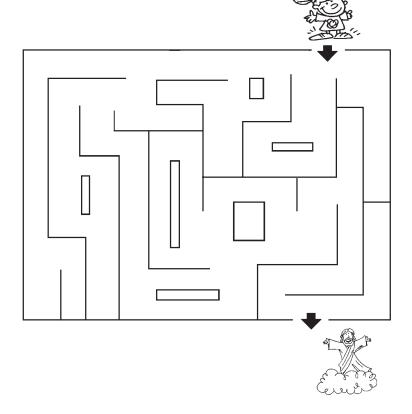
Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.



Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.



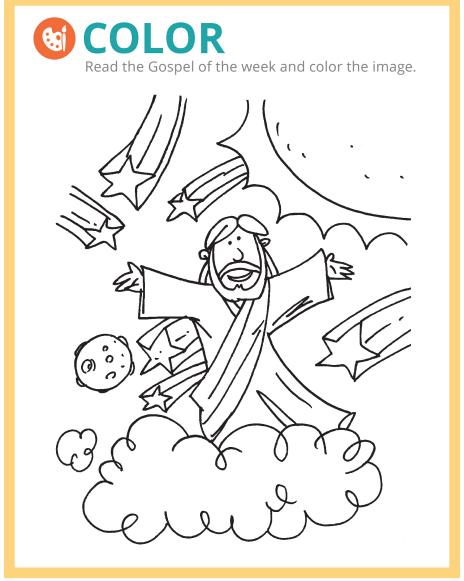






Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.











One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.



Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.



Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds, ready to take you to heaven.