

## Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

(based on Matthew 20:29–34)

Once, two blind men lived in a busy town called Jericho. Every day they would make their way out of the town and sit by the side of the road. They hoped that people would notice them and give them a few coins. Then they could buy food to eat.

*I wonder, “How many coins would they need to buy food?”*

It was a good place to sit, because the road was always busy. Many people traveled to and from Jericho. One day, the two men heard many footsteps walking down the road. They could tell that a huge crowd was coming.

*I wonder, “Who was in the crowd?”*

The men listened carefully to the voices in the crowd. They started to hear people talking about Jesus. Suddenly they realized that Jesus was in the crowd.

“I’ve heard about Jesus!” cried the first man. “They say he can heal the blind. Maybe he can help us to see.”

“Let’s call out to him,” replied the other man.

So the two men began to call out, “Jesus, Son of David, look at us. Help us!”

The people in the crowd tried to stop the men. “Be quiet!” they scolded. “Don’t bother Jesus! Stop yelling!” But the two men called out over and over again.

Suddenly, they heard someone talking to them. It was Jesus. He stopped right in front of them and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The two men could hardly believe their ears.

“Lord, we want to see,” they stammered.

Both men felt gentle fingertips touch their eyelids. Slowly they began to see some light. They blinked their eyes in astonishment. Colors started to swirl all around them. Then, all at once, they could see everything.

*I wonder, “What was the first thing the two men saw?”*

The men looked up at the blue sky above their heads, the beautiful sunshine, and the faces of the crowd. They couldn’t believe their eyes. Everything looked fantastic. Then they looked at Jesus and cried out their thanks. Some people in the crowd helped them to stand. The two men knew they would follow Jesus for the rest of their lives.

