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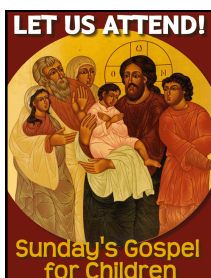
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. At the beginning of the story, a man is sitting by the roadside. Why is he sitting there?
2. Why did a crowd gather?
3. The blind man yelled to Jesus. And Jesus wanted to see who was yelling. What did Jesus say to him?
4. What did the blind man want? Did Jesus grant it?
5. How did the blind man respond to what Jesus did?
6. If you were a person in the story, what would you ask Jesus for?
7. How do we talk to Jesus today?



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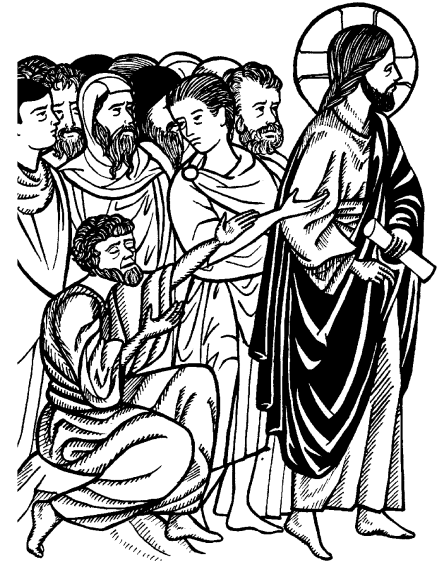
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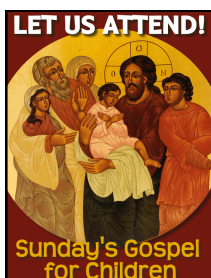
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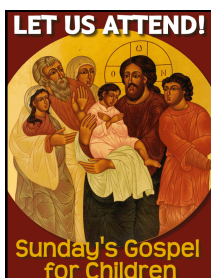
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What was the blind man doing on the roadside? What does that mean?
2. What did the blind man beg Jesus for?
3. What was he saying about Jesus by begging for his mercy?
5. Do you ever ask God for mercy? When?
6. What are you saying about God when you do that?



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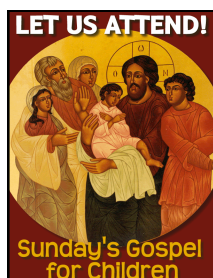
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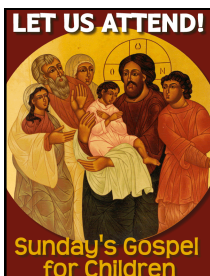
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who is following Jesus and surrounding Him?
2. How do they react when the blind man asks for mercy?
3. What does this Gospel tell us about the mistakes we can make as followers of Jesus?
4. What does Jesus have some people do for the blind man when Jesus stops to listen to him?
5. What does this tell us about what Jesus asks his followers to do?
6. What can you do this week if someone does something you think is strange?
7. What can you do this week to help bring someone closer to Jesus?



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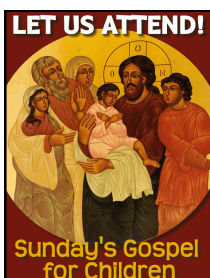
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who asks Jesus for mercy?
2. How does the crowd react to his cries for mercy?
3. What does the blind man do when the crowd tells him to be quiet?
4. What do the blind man’s actions suggest about being a person of faith?
5. What does trusting Jesus sometimes require according to this man’s story?
6. What do you think about that idea? Why?



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