

Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet
31st Sunday Post-Pentecost, Blind Man of Jerico

1. What did the blind man shout to Jesus and what prayer does it sound like?

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me” This is very similar to the Jesus Prayer that is very common in the Eastern Church - “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner” or “Lord Jesus Christ Son of the Living God have mercy on me a sinner.” From the very early years after Jesus ascended, the Fathers and Mothers of the Church exhorted people to pray this prayer or some form of it, unceasingly. This is a wonderful family prayer that can be said, chanted or sung even by the youngest members, because of its beautiful simplicity. For an in depth look at this prayer read “The Way of the Pilgrim.” Find an audio version here: <https://eeparchy.com/2019/02/20/jesus-prayer-sung-english-video-mp3/>

2. What does Faith mean?

Faith is not only to believe that Jesus exists but also to trust in him. When we think of the word faithful, we understand it to mean “loyal” to stand by someone. Sometimes even though we don’t understand why a person is doing something, if we love them and know them well, we trust that everything they do is for our good. This is what Jesus asks us to do - to know him and to love him enough to trust in his providence.

3. Why is Faith important?

Jesus told the man that his faith had saved him. If that man did not love Jesus and trust in him, he would not have been healed. He would not be saved. God will not force us to believe in him, or follow him, or love or trust him. We need to open our hearts to him and pray to him and he will heal our hearts.