



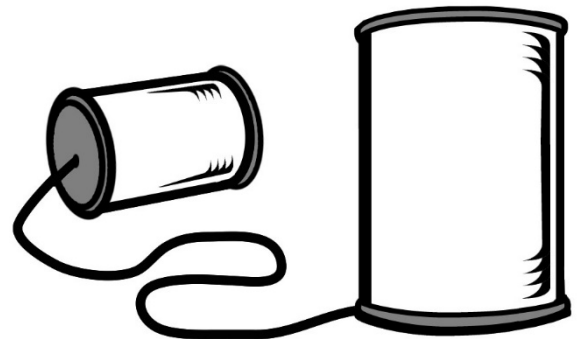
Jesus is walking down the road when he hears a blind man named Bartimaeus crying out for help. People tell Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he keeps calling out. Jesus stops, asks the man to come to him, and then heals his blindness. Just as Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cries, Jesus hears us.

*“And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him”  
(1 John 5:14).*

### Family Together Time

Try this fun family activity to practice listening!

- Clean two empty tin cans, or get disposable plastic cups. Remove the labels and tape sharp edges.
- Mom or Dad: use a hammer and nail to poke a hole in the bottom of each can or cup.
- Cut a 10-foot piece of string, and poke each end through the bottom of the cans. Knot the ends so the string stays in place.
- Have two people each hold one end and stand as far apart as they can so the string is taut. One person will talk into the can, and the other person will listen through his or her can.
- Experiment with it! What happens if you use a wire instead of string? What happens if you just tape the string to the bottom of the cans instead of poking holes? What if the string is longer or shorter? See how you can use this device to be the best listener.
- Talk about how it's like or unlike Jesus listening to us.



### Talk About This...

- What's something you want to talk to Jesus about more?