READ Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ 49 Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ 52 Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

NOTES:

- In the game Taboo, there are rules that say you aren’t supposed to say certain words. Are there similar rules in the environments that you live in – are there certain expectations that say you must say and act in a certain way? If yes, what are some of those expectations?
- People were telling Bartimaeus to be quiet because of the difference in social status between him and Jesus. Bartimaeus did not listen or believe what these people told him. Instead, he believed Jesus would have mercy on him. And Jesus did.
- The result of Bartimaeus crying out was to be able to see again.

Weekly Challenge

Put a name to some of your problems and then tell/pray those problems to God, asking for help and guidance.