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**For Throughout the Day:**

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! (Mark 10:47)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May the Lord Jesus hear your all your prayers, meet all your needs, and give you faith to always follow him. Amen.*  
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**Faith Talk:**

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- Share about a time when you felt “put down” by others.
- When blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, others told him to be quiet (Mark 10:46-52). What did Bartimaeus do? What did Jesus do?
- Is it sometimes hard for you to stand up for your faith? Explain your answer.

**Devotional Practices:**

Saturday, October 31 is “Reformation Day”. As part of your household devotional times this week, look together at the life story of Martin Luther. Discover how he took a stand for the truth of the Gospel (a good website to look at is: <http://www.luther.de/en/leben.html>). Give thanks to God for people who have influenced members of your family through their Christian witness.

**Service:**

There are approximately 50 million people in the world who are blind. Ninety percent of these people live in the world’s poorest countries. One-and-a-half million children in the world are blind and another half-a-million go blind every year – many because of vitamin A deficiency. Founded in 1908, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) is an independent Christian development organization dedicated to preventing and curing blindness and to the education and rehabilitation of people who are blind or have other disabilities. CBMI has over 1000 ongoing projects in about 110 countries. Visit [www.cbmi.org](http://www.cbmi.org) to find out more the work of this organization, and how you can support their work as a household.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

In celebration of the Reformation, make this week “RED WEEK” in your home. Decorate your home with red and enjoy red drink and food. If suitable, make time to watch the Luther movie together (2003, rated PG-13).

**Parent Toolbox: Martin Luther on Parenting**

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