

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #2

"OF COURSE, I WANT TO! BE CURED!"

(6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather, and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. May I be mindful of those who are sick, abandoned by others and marginalised by society. Help me to always do my best to reach out to them with love and compassion. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read from Mark 1: 40-45. Then, read the information below. Later, as a family reflect on the questions given and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Some thoughts on today's scripture

- "Leprosy" is a term that covered a variety of skin diseases during Jesus' time. In Jewish law, a person suffering from any of these diseases made him or her "unclean". This is why lepers were often sent away or banished from society so that they may not infect others. Even their own family members avoided them.
- For Jesus to touch a leper was shocking to the Jews as he risks being considered to be "unclean" for he touched a man who was seen to be "unclean". But in this way, Jesus shows his closeness even those who are considered as "unclean" by society.
- This man must have been overjoyed with happiness because he was healed. He did the very thing Jesus asked him not to do! He spreads the word and witnesses to Jesus' goodness.

1. Who do you think are the people which our society today considered as "unclean"? Why are they seen as "unclean"?
2. How do you think the leper would have felt when people, including his family members, avoided or kept away from him because they considered him to be "unclean"? Imagine you were a leper during the time of Jesus. How would you have felt?
3. Jesus touched the leper although by the Jewish law, it would make him "unclean" too. Why did not Jesus follow the law? If you were a Jew at the time of Jesus, what would you have thought about Jesus?

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Unscramble the words

BibleWise **Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy**

Read the story of Jesus healing the man of leprosy in Matthew 8:1-4 (NLT).
Unscramble the words in red to discover the 3 steps in the man's healing.

Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."



Step 1

Jesus _____ out and _____ him.
c d e a r h e d h v o e t e

Step 2

"I am _____," he said. "Be _____!"
l g w i n l i a e l h d e

Step 3

And _____ the leprosy _____.
t n a s i y t n l p a d s e r p i a e d

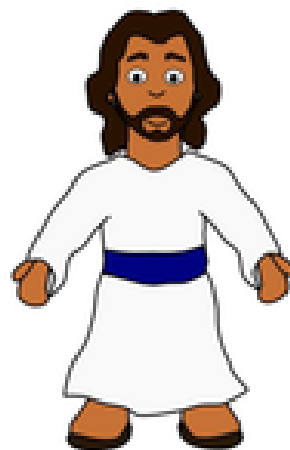
Activity #2: Find the words

Miracles of Jesus: Healing a leper

G X U C G U M T T S X B Z G E
S V H P B I S F E E C K S N S
D C E M R E W C T F Y F W I A
U U H A I I I Y S O R P E L E
Y P C R T F H E A L E D L L S
R L P S I C K N E S S E S I I
E L J R N S H Z A C B P H W D
R D C E C W T F L L I O P M G
E A E L S I O I U E B J X A X
S V E H E U D T A A L U W I N
D A V S C D S Y X N E D N A H
N N C G M U F V Z S W P D Q H
P T F L P U O K I I D U Q E B
T Y W K Q Q F T G N V L Y Y F
T P N H I T P L Z G T Z R U F

BIBLE
CLEAN
DISEASE
HEALED
JESUS
MIRACLE
SACRIFICES
TOUCHED

CHRISTIAN
CLEANSING
HAND
I AM WILLING
LEPROSY
PRIEST
SICKNESSES
TOWN

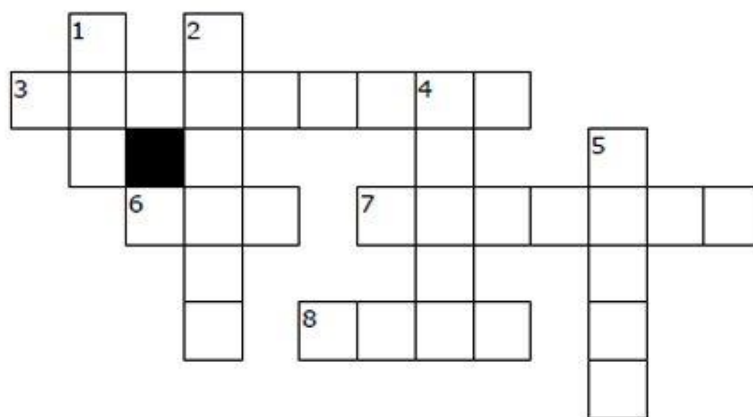


Activity #3: Solve the puzzle

Jesus Heals a Leper

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Puzzle is based on Mark 1:40-45



ACROSS

3. To offer an animal or other material possession to God
6. To plead for something; or to ask again and again
7. A skin disease
8. The part of the body at the end of the arm that includes the fingers

DOWN

1. An adult male
2. A person who has been trained to perform religious duties in some churches
4. To be free from dirt or impurities
5. To come in contact with something, especially with the hands

CLEAN	MAN	LEPROSY	HAND
TOUCH	BEG	SACRIFICE	PRIEST

Activity #4: Break the code.

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Y	F	O	R	W	U	N	P	E	S	C	A	B	D	L	Z	X	Q	I	V	M	J	G	H	T	K

- 21-12-7 _____
- 24-12-7-14 _____
- 5-19-15-15-19-7-23 _____
- 8-4-19-9-10-25 _____
- 26-7-9-9-10 _____
- 25-3-6-11-24-9-14 _____
- 15-9-8-4-3-10-1 _____
- 11-6-4-9-14 _____
- 11-15-9-12-7 _____
- 13-9-23-23-9-14 _____

WILLING	CURED	BEGGED	MAN	TOUCHED
CLEAN	PRIEST	LEPROSY	KNEES	HAND

Activity #5: Find the words.

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N F I G T X F X A R J H F X N
J V C L E A N S S L U A D F Y
U B T R T W E P S B E N T H N
P Y B N Y E S H G E D D O G U
S N S U N L D N U G E Q W O M
L C P K E M I Y B G Q S N V J
C C P N G L A Y I E G T H U O
D U O E L E A N L D E O E K M
A R C I O F H Q E W N S I B A
O E W I W P P K P L S R U V K
H D D B F V L P R T A L K N E
M I M B V S I E O W J F Q S S
V P R I E S T F S P Z P E W H
P Z R B O R D D Y D R H E Q F
C T O U C H E D F M W N P P C

PEOPLE	LEPROSY	NEWS	CURED	KNEES
CLEAN	TOUCHED	HAND	PRIEST	MAKE
TALK	MAN	BEGGED	TOWN	WILLING

Activity #6: Solve the puzzle.

Jesus Heals Leprosy Crossword

1 2

3

4 5

6 7

8

9 10

Word List:

ashamed	touch
disease	healed
cleansed	priest
excited	leprosy
humbled	afraid

Across

1. Jesus healed the man by a quick and miraculous ____.
4. Leprosy is a type of bacterial ____.
6. The man with leprosy was not only healed but ____ on the inside as well.
9. Jesus did this for the leper and didn't get sick himself.
10. Lepers felt this because of the disease and because others thought it was caused by sin.

Down

2. The man was this before Jesus when he fell at his knees.
3. The man went to this person to get permission to live among others again.
5. Jesus asked the man not to tell others of the miracle but he was to ____.
7. Lepers weren't allowed in the city because others were this.
8. This is a disease that can change the way people look.

Activity #7: Unscramble the words.

Jesus Heals the Man with Leprosy Anagram



adeeiss _____

aceilmer _____

eloprsy _____

cdehotu _____

acdeelnS _____

behlmU _____

aeegmss _____

cdorsw _____

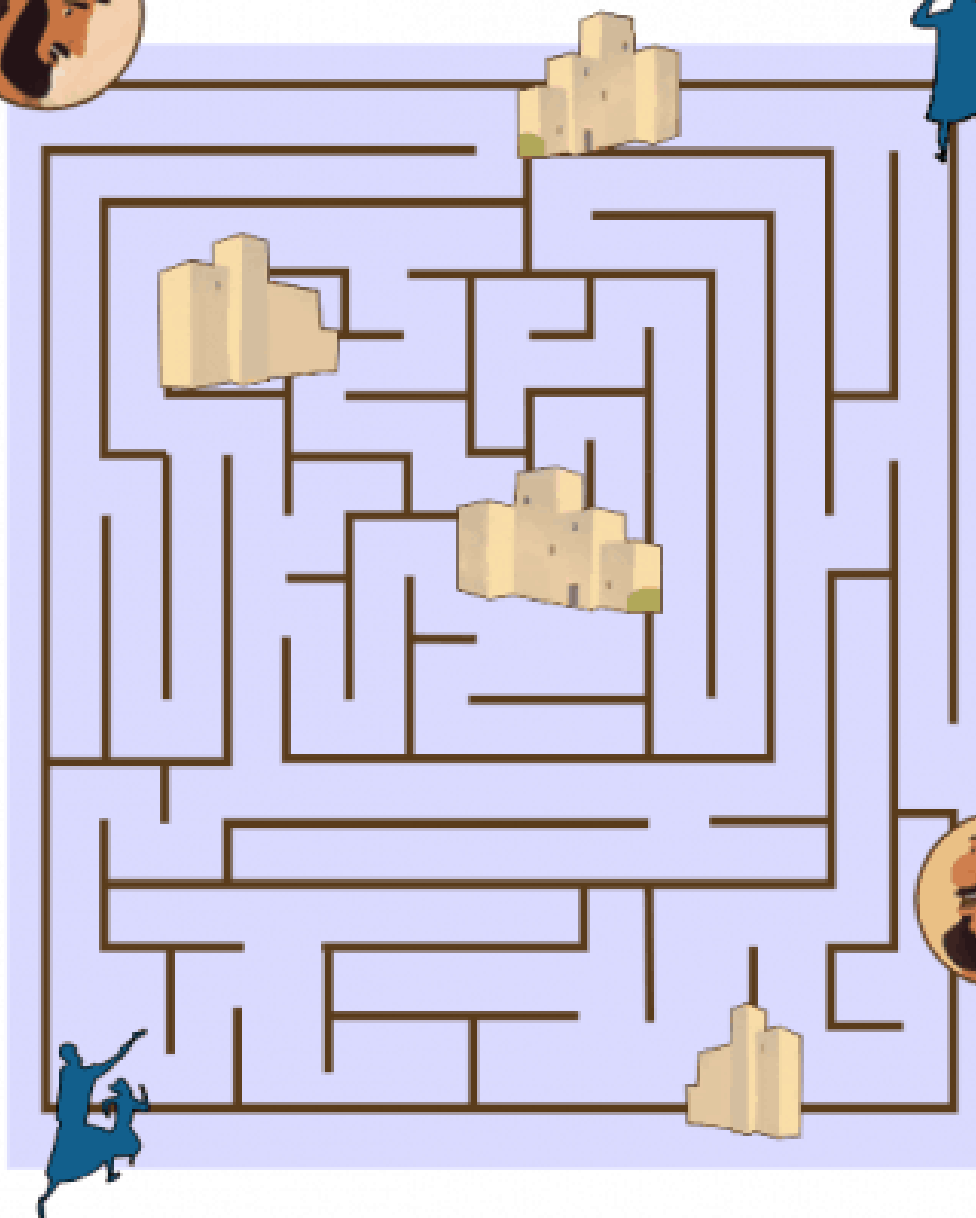
aadfir _____

ceinot _____

Activity #8: Help the lepers find Jesus.

Finding Jesus: The Leper's Maze

Help the lepers find Jesus so they can be healed. Draw the path without crossing any lines.



Activity #9: Colour the picture and tell the story.



Colour the picture and then, tell the story to your parents and/ or other family members.