

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #18

"A PROPHET IS ONLY DESPISED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY"

(14<sup>th</sup> 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 scripture readings of 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here in your presence today. Help us to always recognise and accept Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read 2 Corinthians 12, 7-10 and Mark 6: 1-6. Then, as a family reflect on the commentary given below and share your responses to the questions with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks about a "thorn in the flesh". Usually, a 'thorn in the flesh' is some sort of physical infirmity or limitation. It is a problem or a difficulty an individual may have, which inhibits him/her in certain ways. We do not know what Paul's 'thorn in the flesh' was, but he referred to it as 'a messenger from Satan' which was designed to torment him. However, he further explained that his 'thorn in the flesh' was necessary. to keep him from exalting himself, and becoming proud. Like all of us, Paul needed a constant reminder of his own weakness... his inabilities and his utter dependence upon the Lord.

(Source: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/2-corinthians-12-7>)

1. Is there an area in my own life that I consider to be a "thorn in the flesh? In what way does it inhibit me? What is God saying to me through this "thorn in the flesh"?

Even after all the miracles of healing which Jesus worked, he still was not accepted even in his own town. As he taught in the synagogue there his hearers were amazed that this ordinary man whom they knew as the carpenter could attain such wisdom. And they rejected him. It was difficult for the people of Jesus' town to imagine that he had a wisdom and the divine power that might be of benefit to them.

2. How open am I to listening or seeking wisdom from people whom I am familiar with, especially family members, friends or those whom I meet or see daily?

*Lord, I pray that I may recognise your presence in the ordinary encounters of my day, and in people I know or meet daily. Help me notice the ways through which you desire to nourish me and give me life*

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## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

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

## Activity #1: Find the words

# A Prophet Without Honor

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4

Based on Mark 6:1-6



C U P S I M O N A Z J I Z G M  
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I H Z T S R R T G I E C D L G  
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M A H Q T H L T E A C H U C S  
F R Q S P G R C N H D L R S O  
F Y I O R S Y N A G O G U E Z  
X S R Q H G O H L E D S V N S  
W P S H O Z C A R P E N T E R  
I W A E M J O S E P H P M Q H  
S P B A E A M A Z E D A M T O  
D I B R T B O I M M J C J P N  
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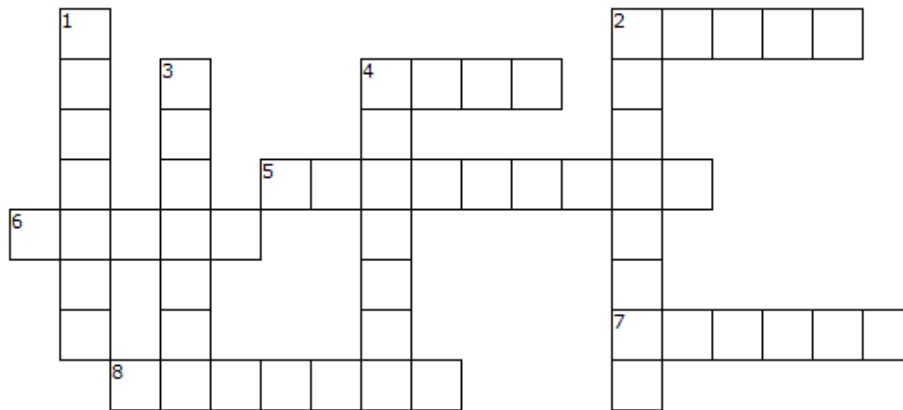
HEARD	HONOR	JESUS	DISCIPLES	AMAZED
JAMES	SISTERS	JUDAS	JOSEPH	MARY
CARPENTER	SYNAGOGUE	WISDOM	TEACH	FAITH
SABBATH	MIRACLES	SIMON	HOMETOWN	PROPHET

## Activity #2: Solve the puzzle

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### ACROSS

2. To treat with great respect
4. The mother of Jesus
5. A person whose job is making and repairing things made from wood
6. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
7. The ability to judge what is true or right
8. One who is a spokesman for God to man

### DOWN

1. The seventh day of the week, the day of rest and worship for the Jews
2. The town or city where a person was born or grew up
3. A man or boy with the same parents as another person
4. An event that can only be done through the power of God

WISDOM	PROPHET	MIRACLE	MARY	CARPENTER
SABBATH	HOMETOWN	FAITH	HONOR	BROTHER

### Activity #3: Match the words

## A Prophet Without Honor

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Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



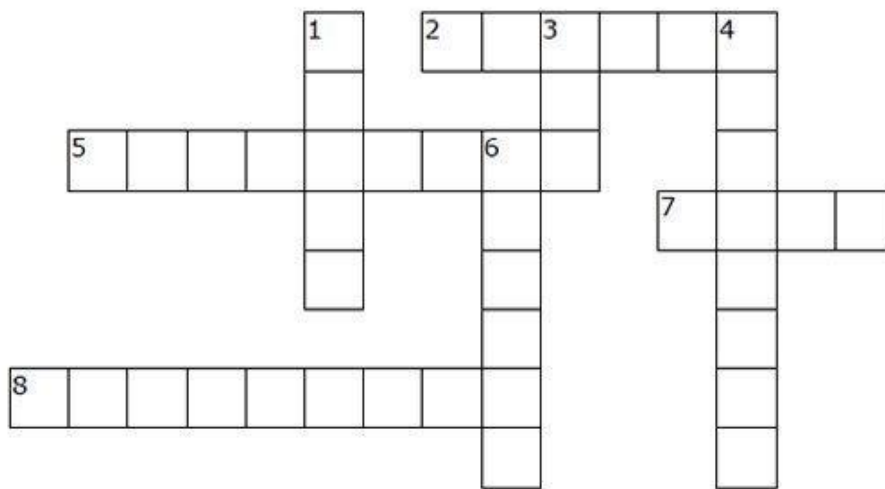
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PROPHET	MIRACLE	SABBATH	MARY	CARPENTER
HOMETOWN	BROTHER	HONOR	FAITH	WISDOM

Activity #4: Solve the puzzle

# Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."



ACROSS

- 2. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. Another word for a doctor
- 7. To make or become healthy again
- 8. The sacred writings of the Bible

DOWN

- 1. An area of high, steep rocks beside the sea
- 3. A person's male child
- 4. The town where you grew up
- 6. To be very surprised

AMAZED	PHYSICIAN	SON	HOMETOWN
HEAL	JOSEPH	CLIFF	SCRIPTURE



## Activity #5: Break the code

# Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." Luke 4:24

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




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

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- 26-7-5-1-8-24-8-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-9-20-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-19-21-9-6-19-22-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-4-25-6-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-4-19-26-7-9-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-24-24-9-26-6-9-12 \_\_\_\_\_
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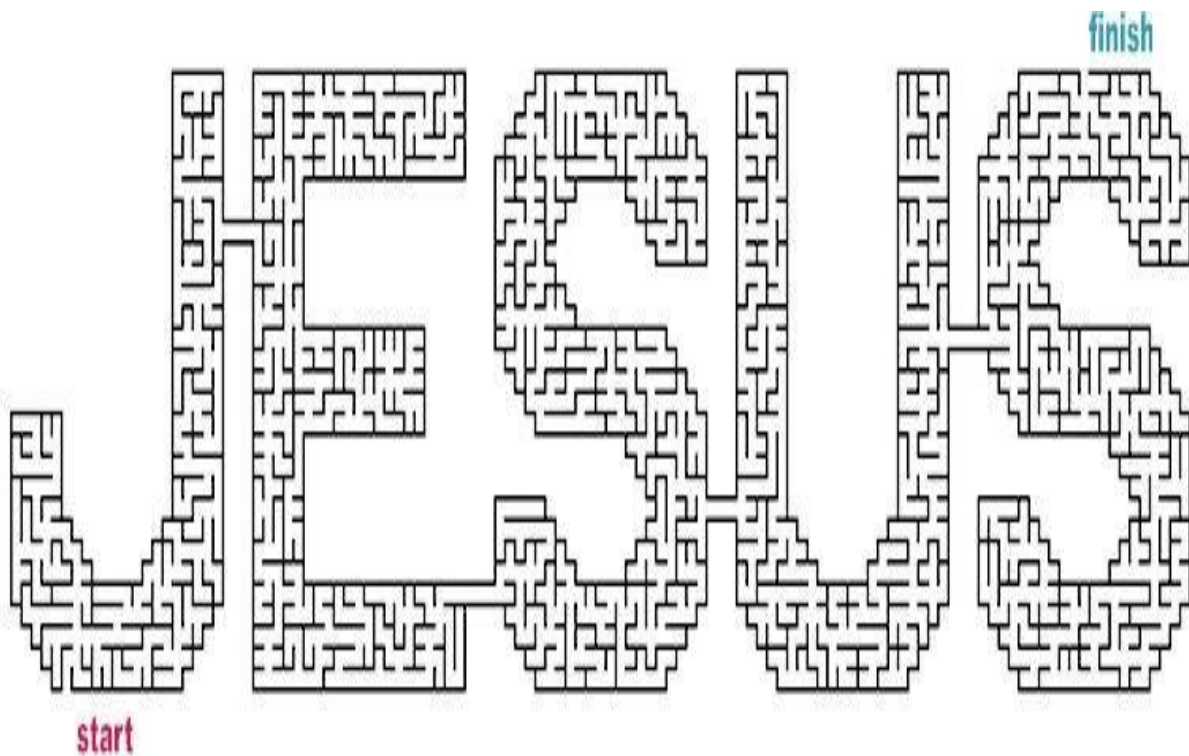
AMAZED	TRUTH	HOMETOWN	HEAL	CLIFF
ACCEPTED	PHYSICIAN	PEOPLE	PROPHET	HILL

### Activity #6: Find the words

E	D	D	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	HOME	TOWN	WISDOM
T	E	E	E	T	J	C	E	M	A	CARPENTER	MARY	JAMES
E	U	H	T	S	O	A	A	S	J	JUDE	JESUS	DESPISED
S	J	S	O	O	I	R	D	U	J	OWN	COUNTRY	HOUSE
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### Activity #7: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.





## Activity #8: Break the code

# Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.  
But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you."  
2 Corinthians 12:8-9a

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

*My Grace is*



*enough!*

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
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- 8-24-2-22-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-14-24-9-14-22-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-6-18-14-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-24-15-25-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-2-24-23-11-1-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-25-24-6-4-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-20-14-2-19 \_\_\_\_\_
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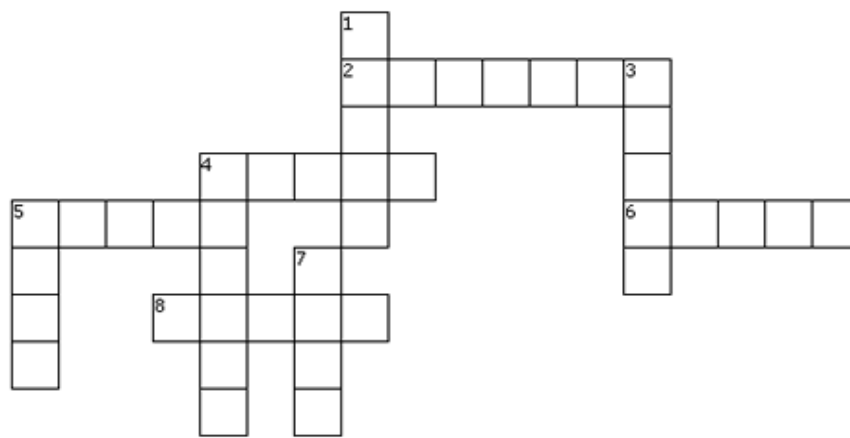
### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

thorn	sufficient	perfect	hardship
flesh	Christ	speak	weak
grace	power	truth	strong

Activity #9: Solve the puzzle

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2 Corinthians 12:8-9a



ACROSS

- 2. To be without faults or defects
- 4. The evil enemy of God, the Devil
- 5. To brag about oneself
- 6. A sharp part on a bush that sticks into your skin
- 8. Strength or force

DOWN

- 1. To express oneself orally
- 3. Something which is proven to be a fact
- 4. Having great physical power
- 5. The physical part of a person
- 7. To lack physical strength

Words Used

boast	thorn	perfect	speak	strong
body	Satan	weak	power	truth

Activity #10: Colour the picture

