



## Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

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to Mass today.

### Jesus Cures A Leper!

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.***

Have you ever had chicken pox? If you have, the key bit you will remember are the itchy red bumps that you can get all over your body. The itching drives you crazy, but you're not supposed to scratch them because that just makes it worse. It can be a very uncomfortable feeling, but it isn't hopeless - there are some lotions and medicines that can help to ease the itching. And in a few days, the sores go away and life is back to normal.

During the time when Jesus lived upon the earth, leprosy was very widespread and was a dreaded disease. When someone had leprosy, they were covered with sores all over their bodies. Unlike chicken pox, these sores didn't just go away. When someone had leprosy, it was hopeless, because there was no cure. Lepers were considered to be 'unclean', and other people were not allowed to touch them. Many people even believed that lepers got the disease because of some terrible sin they had committed.

One day a man with leprosy came to Jesus. The man knelt down before Jesus and said, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus looked at the man and he felt love and compassion for him. He reached out his hand and touched the man and said, "I am willing, be clean." Immediately, the leprosy left the man and he was cured.

Sometimes, we may find ourselves in a situation where we are uncomfortable, but there may come a time in our lives when we find ourselves in a situation that is truly hopeless. When that happens, where can we turn? How do we find hope in a hopeless situation? We can turn to Jesus. When the situation is hopeless, Jesus is our *only* hope!

# Word Search

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!"

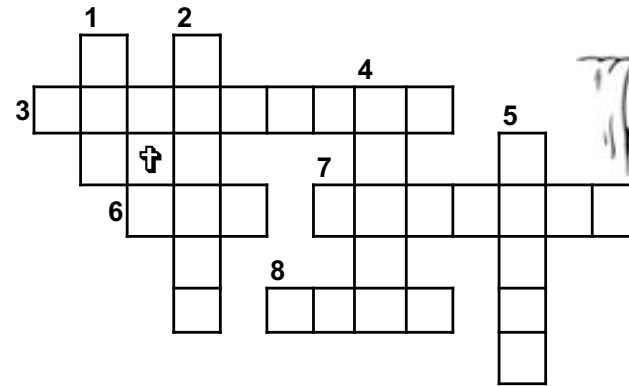


This week's word search is based on Mark 1: 40-41

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 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

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

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

## DOWN

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

Clean	Man	Leprosy	Hand
Touch	Beg	Sacrifice	Priest

# Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. Thank you for coming to bring hope to the hopeless! When we find ourselves in a hopeless situation, please help us to put our hope and trust in you. Amen.

