

Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....

to Mass today.



Jesus Cures A Deaf Man Who Also Couldn't Speak Clearly

Jesus' healing touch that day opened not only the ears and the mouth of the deaf man, but also the hearts and minds of the people who had witnessed God's miraculous power at work!

Jesus Cures A Deaf Man!

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year B.

It's 'back to school' time again! I hope that you have had a good break over the summer, and that you are excited and ready to learn a lot during this new school year.

So what helps us to learn? It's not all about the teacher - we actually have a very important part to play ourselves, don't we? We need to make sure that we understand what is being said, and that we ask questions when we are not so sure. We need to listen well to our teachers, and concentrate in our lessons, and practice new skills a lot (such as reading, and adding up!). 'Good listening' is particularly important, but it does require us to be able to *hear* what is being said in the first place. And today's Gospel story is about a man who couldn't hear, and how Jesus cured him.

The bible tells us that this man was deaf, and that he couldn't speak properly. We learn how to pronounce words and string them together in sentences by listening to the voices of the people around us. If the man had been born deaf and had never heard the sound of people's voices, then the sounds he would have been able to make, would - at best - be very difficult to understand. While our deaf people today have lots of great little gadgets to help them hear and communicate, life was much harder for deaf people in Jesus' day; they often had to live by begging and relying on the help of others. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus took pity on the man, and gently touched his ears and tongue, before praying to his heavenly Father and healing him. In that brief moment, Jesus transformed the man's life forever!

Word Search



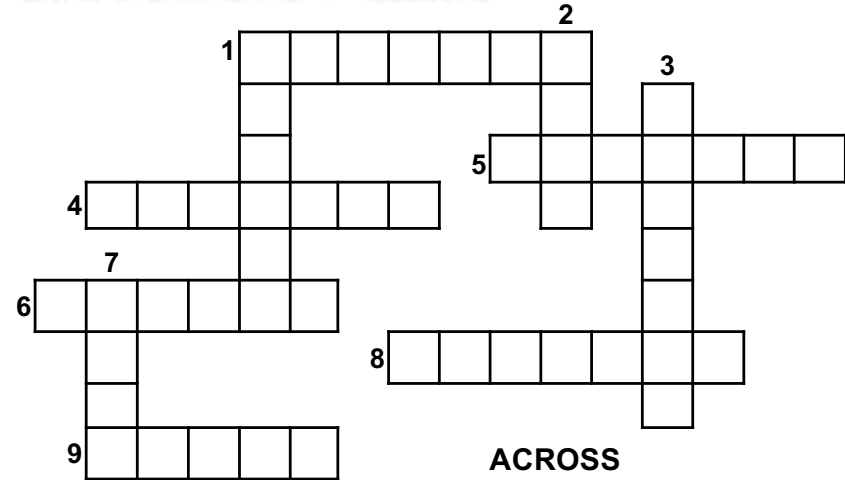
'They told everyone about the miracle Jesus had performed, saying, 'Everything he does is marvellous; he even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak''.

This word search is based on Mark 7:31-37

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DEAF	SPEAK	JESUS
GALILEE	MARVELLOUS	MIRACLE
TOUCHED	EARS	TONGUE
FINGERS	LOOKED	HEAVEN
OPENED	HEAR	CLEARLY

Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

- The moveable organ attached to the floor of your mouth
- Unable to hear
- An extraordinary event that surpasses all human powers
- The organ that enables you to hear

ACROSS

- To have placed your fingertips on something
- Jesus was returning to the Sea of _____
- Where we hope to go when we die
- To speak in a way that others understand, is to speak _____
- The act of talking is to _____

Speak	Heaven	Fingers	Deaf	Clearly
Touched	Galilee	Ears	Tongue	Miracle

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. Thank you for your healing love! Please help us to open our hearts and minds, so that we too can witness your miraculous power at work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

