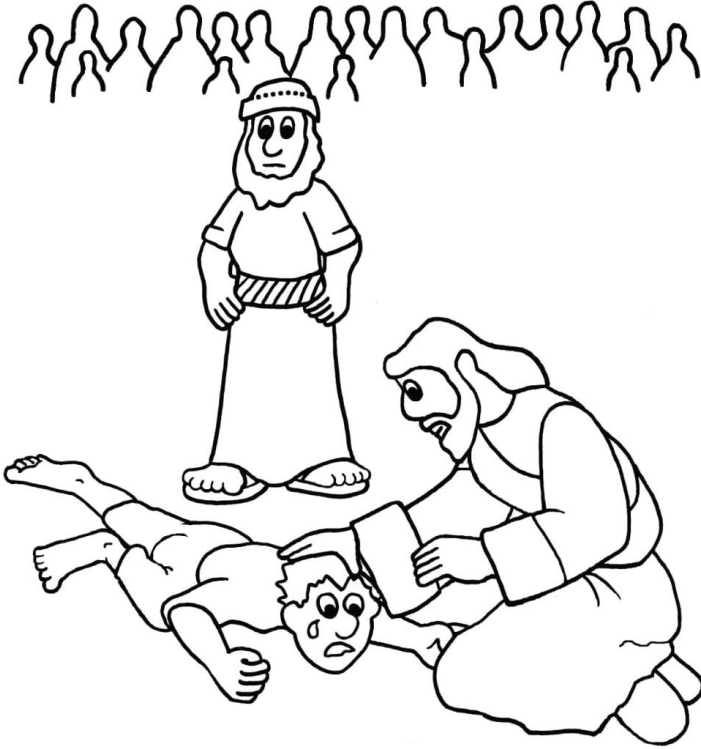


GRACE AT HOME



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HELP MY UNBELIEF

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.— Isaiah 50:4a

Help my unbelief. Can anything more faithful be uttered? We want to believe but cannot do so with our natural reason or power. God must help us, to the point of giving us faith. With these mouths that both bless and curse, we may at least ask for the faith to believe. He will hear and answer. Why? Because he is listening; since he loves us, he wants to hear our prayers. So, we may trust in the name of the Lord, and rely upon God to be faithful toward us, even when we find faith impossible on our own.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In
O lead me Lord, that I may lead The
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The
O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, Un -

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; As thou hast sought so
wan - d'ring and the wav - 'ring feet; O feed me, Lord, that
prec - ious things thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
I may feed Thy hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havengal, 1836-1879, Tune: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856, Sola Online Worship eResource

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 116

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:14-29

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What had happened right before this encounter in Mark 9?
2. Why do you think there was an argument happening between the disciples and the scribes?
3. Why does Jesus get so angry?
4. What is so significant about what the father of the boy says to Jesus in verse 24?
5. Why were the disciples unable to cast out the demon, after having gone on a mission to cast out demons in chapter 6?
6. How was Jesus able to cast out the demon?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of righteousness, you who restores voice to the mute and hearing to the deaf, by the guidance of your Spirit help us to tame our tongues, that our words may uplift our neighbors and glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



TEAM 784

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4



Sundays at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

Sept. 15th...Languages & Versions

Sept. 22nd...The Old Testament

Sept. 29th...NO CLASS

Oct. 6th...The New Testament

Oct. 13th...Bible Helpers

Oct. 20th...The Tower of Babel

DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Amos 9; 1 Cor. 2

Tue. – Jonah 1; 1 Cor. 3

Wed. – Jonah 2; 1 Cor. 4

Thur. – Jonah 3; 1 Cor. 5

Fri. – Jonah 4; 1 Cor. 6

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. – John 20:31

CATECHISM CORNER

BAPTISM – PART III

What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?

It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Help My Unbelief

Find the 37 **bold** words from Mark 9:22-29 (ESV)

G N I N N U R F Y D A O I F S
P P E F K C O L L S H M K T E
Q O A M O R E I K W M E N O L
L E S R A T H E D E T F I L P
D G P S A C D Y D E A D H P I
D S N V I N O I S S A P M O C
E E I I A B A N Y T H I N G S
C R K M S T L Z E U S B A F I
P R M U E L V E N E U E E Q D
F O O L B R U B O T S L L S A
C A Y W O E E V B U E I C P R
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R L T H I N G S A O C V U R S
E H L E E P L E H R C E R I E
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“But if you can do **anything**, have **compassion** on us and **help** us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! **All things are possible for one who believes.**” **Immediately** the father of the child **cried out** and said, “I believe; **help my unbelief!**” And when Jesus saw that a **crowd came running** together, he **rebuked** the **unclean spirit**, saying to it, “You **mute and deaf** spirit, I **command** you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and **convulsing** him terribly, it came out, and the **boy** was like a **corpse**, so that most of them said, “He is **dead.**” But Jesus took him by the hand and **lifted** him up, and he **arose**. And when he had entered the house, his **disciples asked** him **privately**, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but **prayer.**”