



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A – XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56, 1. 6-7; Psalm 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Romans 11, 13-15. 29-32; Mathew 15, 21-28

Jesus cures the Canaanite Woman's daughter.

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Reflection

A woman from Canaan asks Jesus to cure her daughter. The Jews frowned upon the Canaanites for their worshipping of other gods and their bad behavior. Jesus ignores her but the disciples plead with Him to stop her screaming. **How does Jesus respond?** Jesus firsts says He only came for the lost sheep of Israel and it is wrong to give the food of the children to the dogs. **Does this sound like something Jesus, the God of Love, would say to someone?** No, He wants to teach us something. **How does the woman answer?** "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." **What does the woman reveal with this response?** She reveals her extreme humility, perseverance, and faith in Jesus. **What does Jesus answer her?** "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." **Why did Jesus refuse her in such an insulting way?** Jesus wanted to show the apostles and us the importance of humility, perseverance, and faith when we pray; and He wanted to show us He came for everyone, not just the Jews.



Activity

On the following page, read each sentence and circle H if it reflects humility, or P if it reflects pride. Cut out the pictures on the next two pages, color and glue the picture to the back of the prayer. Pray together the Humility prayer.

Prayer

Jesus, you are my God; You can do anything. Help me to grow in humility. Help me to grow in faith. Help me to persevere in prayer. Amen.

Song: I Am Healed-Song by Kids on the Move, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/70jREo9Ke9M>

Magnificat - Mary's Song (with lyrics) https://youtu.be/6_iixWJo-7k

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17AZnHpvd-hvCyhNG4CkkHaZBeho8yvOB/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



Humble or Proud?

(Circle the H for Humble or the P for Proud.)

- He never congratulates me for how well I play basketball. H or P
- I play basketball the best I can, even if I'm not the best. H or P
- I hope they will pick me first. H or P
- I do not need to go first. H or P
- If you had consulted with me, it would have gone better for you. H or P
- Consult with Ed also, he knows a lot. H or P
- I will not sign up to help; they always take advantage of us us. H or P
- I will help in all that I can. H or P
- I do not sing in the choir because they will make fun of me. H or P
- I want to sing in the choir even if my voice is not the best. H or P
- I will not pray at lunch because they will humiliate me. H or P
- I will pray at lunch even if they humiliate me. H or P



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"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." Mt 15,28



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HUMILITY PRAYER

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, **Hear me**
From the desire of being praised, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the desire of being preferred by others,
Save me Oh Lord.

From the desire of being consulted, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the fear of being humiliated, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the fear of being hated, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the fear of being forgotten, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the fear of being ridiculed, **Save me Oh Lord.**

From the fear of being taken advantage of,
Save me Oh Lord.