



Friends of Jesus and Mary

B-IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

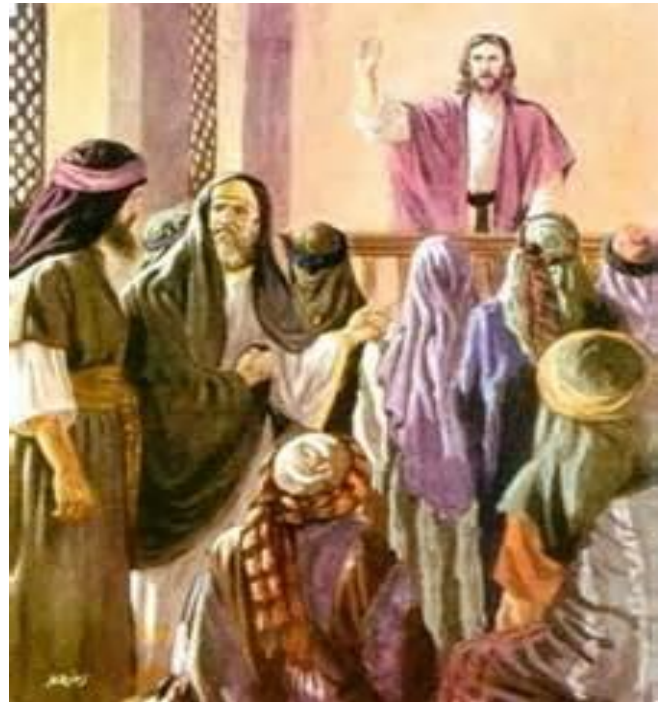
Deuteronomy 18 15-20; Psalm 94 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1, 21-28

Jesus Expels an Unclean Spirit

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—**the Holy One of God!**" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Reflection

Jesus taught as one having authority and not as the scribes. Why? (Jesus is one with his Father, and with the Holy Spirit. Jesus knows perfectly who God is, Himself, and it is obvious in His words. The scribes knew the Law of Moses, but did not know God in their hearts and it was obvious in their words.) **There was a man possessed by an unclean spirit. What did he cry out to Jesus?** (He calls Jesus by name and asks, "Have you come to destroy us?" The evil spirit knows Jesus has power over them.) **Who does he say Jesus is?** (The Holy One of God) **What did Jesus do?** (He was compassionate and expelled the evil spirit from the man.) **How did the crowd react?** (They were amazed at the power and authority that Jesus had and wondered who He was. **What power does Jesus have in our life.** (He teaches, guides, heals, protects, forgives...) **How can we speak of God with more authority?** (Getting closer to God in prayer and in the sacraments; reading the bible; being obedient to his commandments; sharing His Love with others...)



Activity

Color and complete the activity on the next page. On the last chain, Make a chain with colorful construction paper links. On each link ask the children to write one thing that is evil or makes people unhappy. Gather to pray. The children will take turns praying that all will be free from the evil on one link then break that link. All respond: "Thank you Jesus, for setting us free."

Prayer

Jesus, Holy One of God, who is almighty and all loving, help me to know and love you more every day. Help me to trust completely in your love and power in my life. Amen.

Song: My God is Powerful, Life Lifter, https://youtu.be/ddTxcQFAIQ0?si=ecRjt_DzNehlfjFb

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kSErve6wTU5tiBNfNIWD5ifTaAE4NZ6/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



Cycle B

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 1: 21-28



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The people were amazed because Jesus taught them as one who had _____.

Mark 1:22 (NIV)

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ACTIVITY

Cut strips of construction paper links, 1"x4". On each link ask the children to write one thing that is evil or makes people unhappy. Make a chain by gluing or stapling a link into a circle, then consecutively linking each link in the same way. Gather to pray. The children will take turns praying over one link: **Jesus, we pray that all people will be free from _____** (what is written on the link). Then the child breaks that link. All respond: **"Thank you Jesus, for setting us free."**

