



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle B – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45*

### Jesus Heals a Leper

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

### Reflection

**What is a leper?** (A person who has leprosy, a contagious disease that eats the flesh.) **How did a leper live?** (They lived isolated from their family and friends, without working so as not to spread the disease. They were ashamed because everyone thought this was a result of their sins.) **How does the leper in the gospel show his faith in Jesus?** (With much humility, kneeling before Him, he begs to be cured.) **How does Jesus cure him?** (He stretched out His hand and touched him saying, "I do will it..." Touching a leper was very dangerous.) **Jesus approaches those that everyone avoids.**

**Is there someone in your school or neighborhood who has a disability or sickness that makes people avoid them? How can you show compassion for this person as Jesus did? Share. Why does Jesus ask him to present himself to the priest and offer a sacrifice to be purified according to the law of Moses?** (He is thus purified on the inside; also, the priest will permit him to go back to the community.) **The leper went to tell everyone what Jesus had done for him. How do you show gratitude to God for blessings He has given you? Share.**

### Activity

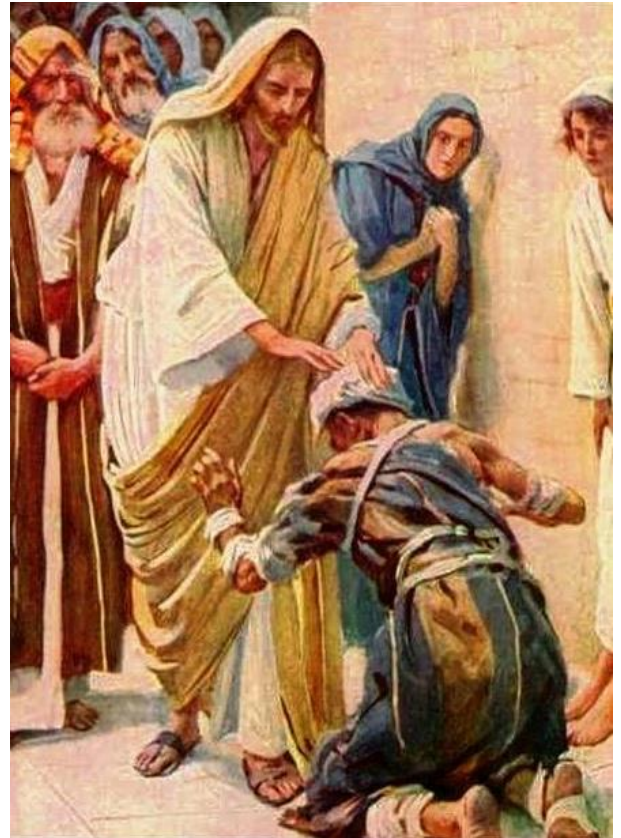
On the following page, make a book of the gospel story following the instructions. On the other page, complete the crossword puzzle with words from the gospel story.

### Prayer

Lord, in your great compassion, you reject no one. Teach us to see everyone as your beloved child so all may feel Your love. Thank you for your great compassion on us. Give us the joy of your salvation so that we can share it with others. Amen

**Song:** Love One Another Lullaby, Dakota Pyle, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/p9diFwUly4M>

**PPT:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AdKiKVefQmG8sHOhdrcyocGcl30iaWiH/view?usp=sharing>





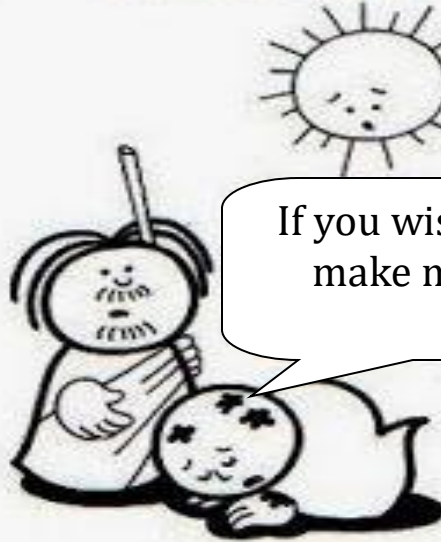
**Instructions to make a book.** Color and cut the 4 drawings with the story. Cut construction paper in half (8"x5.5"). Put both sides together, fold in half forming a book and staple in the middle. Glue the pictures to the pages.

### JESUS CURES A LEPER

When Jesus came down from the mountain, many followed Him.



A leper knelt before him and said:



If you wish you can make me clean.

Jesus told him:

See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

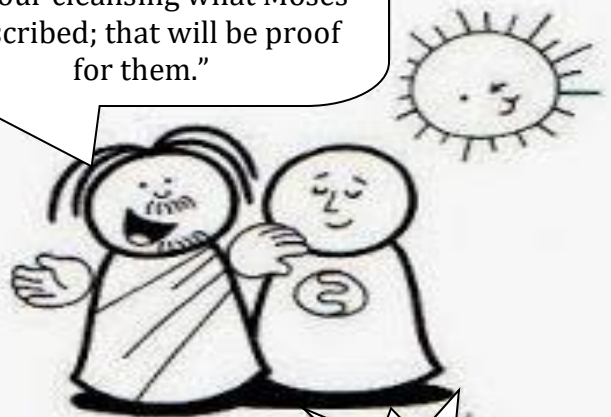
Jesus stretched out His hand, touched him and said:

I do will it. Be made clean.



La lepra desapareció inmediatamente

The leprosy disappeared immediately.



The End



# Jesus Heals Leprosy Crossword

Word List:

ashamed	touch
disease	healed
cleansed	priest
excited	leprosy
humbled	afraid

## Across

1. Jesus healed the man by a quick and miraculous \_\_\_\_.
4. Leprosy is a type of bacterial \_\_\_\_.
6. The man with leprosy was not only healed but \_\_\_\_ on the inside as well.
9. Jesus did this for the leper and didn't get sick himself.
10. Lepers felt this because of the disease and because others thought it was caused by sin.

## Down

2. The man was this before Jesus when he fell at his knees.
3. The man went to this person to get permission to live among others again.
5. Jesus asked the man not to tell others of the miracle but he was to \_\_\_\_.
7. Lepers weren't allowed in the city because others were this.
8. This is a disease that can change the way people look.