

...that is why I came.

Children's liturgy activity February 7th, 2021



VERSE OF THE WEEK

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
-Psalms 147:5-6

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

In the gospel today, we see Jesus, after leaving the synagogue is going with James and John to the house of Simon (Peter) and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was bedridden with fever. Jesus was told about her as he came to their house. Jesus went to her and took her by hand. Immediately the fever left her, and she got up from bed and served them. In the evening, many people of the town came to the house bringing all those who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. Jesus cured all those who were sick with diseases and delivered many who possessed devils, but Jesus would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. He did not want the evil to block him from helping others. In the morning, before dawn, Jesus got up very early and went to a lonely place and prayed there. He spent a long time talking to heavenly father that his companions set out in search of him. When they found him, they told him that everybody was looking for him. Jesus replied, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And so, he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

'...that is why I came'- to preach the gospel and to bring everyone to the love of God, by helping everyone according to father wish. As he preached the good news of forgiveness and salvation, he cured and delivered many physically and spiritually, setting them free to experience God's love and thus to serve him in love. He took our sicknesses away and carried our diseases for us and brought each of us back to love of God and eternal life. Jesus was ready to help as many people as he could. He healed many people, including Simon's mother-in-law and delivered many people from unclean spirits. He was never tired, and everyone was satisfied. He stopped the evil spirits from making him known because Jesus did not want to gain fame for what he was doing but his intention was only to help everyone. Jesus' friends came in search of him as everybody was looking for him. But Jesus was not intending to remain or establish in the same place and create a fame, he wished to accomplish his fathers will by spreading the good news of the kingdom of god to all places.

By healing and delivering many, Jesus aim was to make everyone know the love of God and thus to bring everyone back to God.

How was Jesus able to do such marvellous deeds?

Jesus started off his day by prayer. We find in the gospel that Jesus is waking up early in the start of the day and going to a lonely place to talk to his father. This is prayer. Through prayer he understood his father's will and gained strength by filling in father's love, to accomplish his father's wish that day. He listened to his father in heaven in prayer and did everything in his wisdom the entire day. It is because of this power, that Jesus was able to cure many and help many in love of god. We too must have the same habit, we must start our day in prayer so that before everything that happened on the day, we get wisdom of god to do all in his way and strength. Prayer fills us with love of god and do everything out of god's love, unconditionally.

Simon's mother-in-law began to serve Jesus the moment she was healed. We are also praying to Jesus for many things. When our prayers are answered or when we are waiting in hope for Gods will to be done for our prayer, **are we happily serving Him?**

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta is one who dedicated her life helping the poor and the lepers. She gained her strength filling in God's love from the Holy Eucharist at the start of each day. She says, "without him I cannot be — I am helpless". She was able to do all things in Jesus, for Jesus and with Jesus, who strengthened her through daily reception of the Eucharist. Love for the Eucharist helps us to love the poor

Let our life be surrendered to serve our lord Jesus who gave himself for us and delivered us and cured us from the curse of sin. Let us start our day with prayer, like Jesus. Let us find time to spent with our lord to know his wish and gain strength by filling in His love to accomplish everything in the will of God. Let us be ready and available for everyone who needs our help, helping them and doing everything in love of god and let us do without being fed up or complaining. Let us thus spread the good news of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus by living the Gospel in the power of God's love. ...that is why we are sent in Jesus name.

DRAW YOUR HANDS IN THE GIVEN SPACE BELOW. LIST DOWN ALL WAYS BY WHICH YOU CAN HELP OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE. DECORATE YOUR HANDS TOO.

BE THE HANDS FOR JESUS TO HELP ALL IN HIS LOVE.

SAINT QUOTE



"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa

JESUS HEALED SIMON'S MOTHER-IN-LAW. COLOUR THE BELOW PICTURE.
CAN YOU COMPLETE THE SCRIPTURE PORTION GIVEN BELOW?

He came and took her by the ----- and -----
her up. Then the ----- left her, and she began to
----- them. (Mark 1:31)



**CHARGING STATION- FIND THE WAY TO CHARGE OUR HEARTS IN LOVE OF GOD
TO DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE. (Clue: what did Jesus do early in the morning?)**



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UNSCRAMBLE THE GIVEN BIBLE VERSE

**Christ Jesus always, Rejoice without ceasing, give thanks in pray all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in for you- (clue1: Thessalonians 5:16-18)**



Let us Pray,

"Dear Lord, thank you for giving us Jesus. Thank you for forgiving us, healing us, and delivering us by filling us in your love. Give us grace to spent time with you in prayer, to know your will and live each moment according to Gods will. Fill us in God's love, wisdom and power of Holy spirit to live according to the plans of heaven by helping each other, without complaining or getting fed up. Grant this by your grace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."