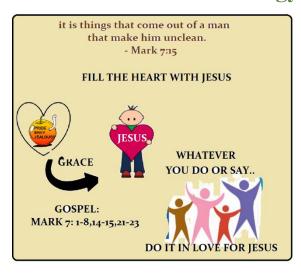
## "Fill our heart with Jesus." Children's Liturgy Activity August 29th, 2021



'Listen to me, all of you, and understand.
Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean
- Mark 7:15

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

In gospel today, we see the Pharisees and Scribes criticising Jesus' disciples for eating with unclean hands without washing it. The Pharisees and Jews had many traditions from elders that they follow. When they asked Jesus the reason for such a behaviour of the disciples, Jesus turn their hearts to the truth by quoting the scripture portion from book of Prophet Isaiah. Jesus through the scripture conveyed to them that their observances are worthless because their hearts are far away from the Lord. They forget Gods commandments by clinging to human traditions and that they observe it even without knowing its purpose.

Jesus then asks them to listen and understand what he is talking to them. Jesus reveals that 'Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean'. The things that come out from a man, comes out from what is filled in his heart. If the heart is filled with evil intentions, all that the man does will make him unclean. Through the gospel, Jesus is asking the pharisees and scribes to examine their hearts before judging of others actions. He challenges them pointing to them the state of their heart.

Jesus challenges us too. Are we understanding the true purpose of observing traditions? Is it really cleansing them both inside and outside? Are we doing it out of Love to God or to show off or to judge others? Jesus asks us to Listen to Him and understand.

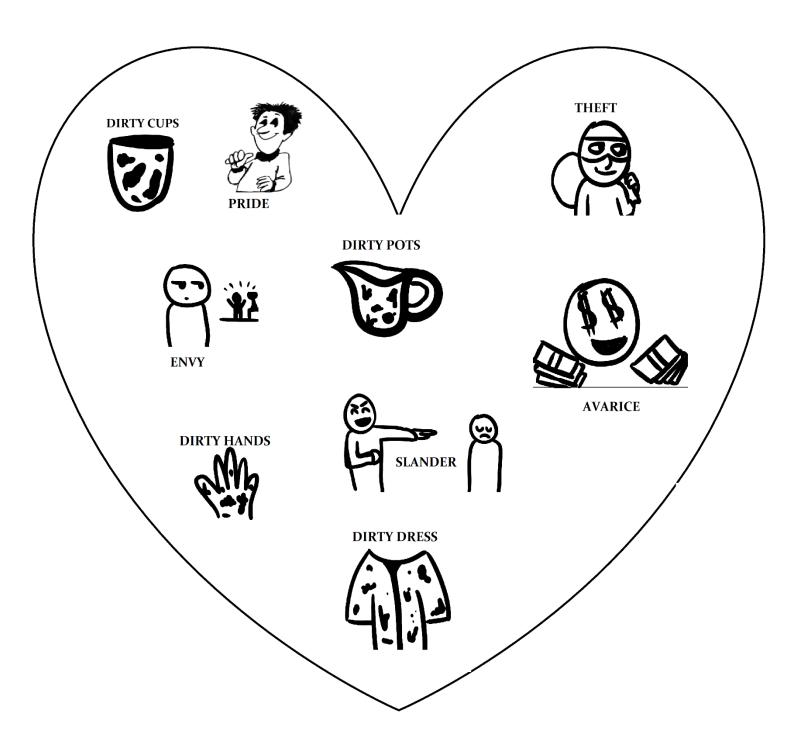
Jesus is asking to examine our self before judging others. What is that filling our hearts? Is there fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, or folly filling our hearts? Are they influencing what we do or say?

How can our hearts be cleansed? By abiding in Jesus who gave his life and redeemed us from all evil. Let us repent of our short comings and believe in Jesus. Let us fill our heart with Jesus. Let us fill in His words that cleanses us. Let us fill in His Holy Spirit who pours his love into our heart. Let us humble ourselves to fill in His grace to conquer our weaknesses and cleanse of our heart. For Jesus says, 'My grace is sufficient for you'

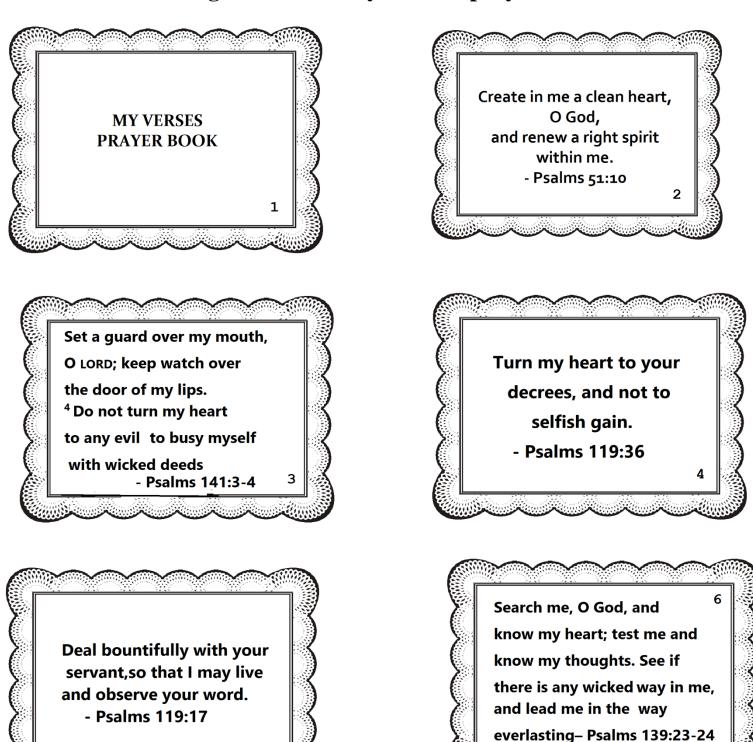
Let us stay closer to Jesus and allow him to cleanse us. Let what all we do to God be done out of love for him and not for the sake of traditions. Let us not criticize others without examining our own heart. Let everything we do or say spring out from a heart filled with Love of God. Let us do it in love for him in his grace.

Let us pray, Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.

## Examine the heart and choose the right things that Jesus said that makes a man unclean.

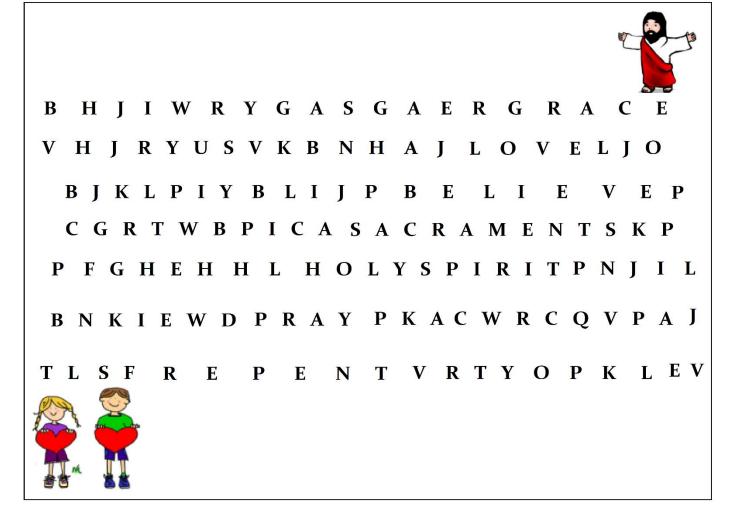


Cleanse your heart daily with the following verses prayer. Cut out the prayer template, colour, decorate it stick it together to make your own prayer book.



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## DRAW THE RIGHT STEPS TO TAKE OUR HEART CLOSE TO JESUS BY FINDING THE HIDDEN WORDS IN EACH LINE.



## Let us pray,

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us and redeeming us by your grace. Thank you for opening our eyes by your powerful word. Give us humility to listen to you and understand the true purpose of many observances that we follow to worship you. Let it not take our hearts away from you by using it to criticize others. But let it fill our hearts by your love through holy spirit, strengthening our weakness by your grace so that we do or say everything in love for you.

Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.