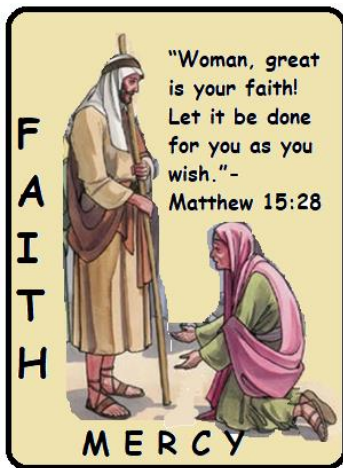


# FAITH OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

Children's liturgy activity August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us about the great faith of a Canaanite woman. In old testament days, Canaanites were considered ineligible for God's salvation. Only the people of Israel were thought to gain salvation. But, through this gospel, Jesus shows us that salvation belongs to anyone who truly believes in Him. He makes us understand that faith in Jesus opens our eyes to God's surprising power and mercy!

When Jesus and His friends came to place of Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman came crying 'have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by evil spirit.' Jesus kept silent. When she kept on pleading to him, his disciples asked him to send her away. But Jesus said, he was sent only to the people of Israel-to save the lost. But the woman kept on crying to help her. Jesus said, 'he will not serve the food of the children to dogs.' Even though the woman knew that she was ineligible for Jesus's help, she trusted in the power of Jesus and she pleaded him for mercy that "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Seeing her strong faith and trust in lord's mercy, Jesus said, "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.

We all are LIKE THE WOMAN; none of us are worthy BUT GODS MERCY, THROUGH OUR FAITH IN JESUS, saves us.

Even if we feel unworthy or feel rejected, remember that it is Gods mercy, through faith in Jesus, that saves us and not our merits. Since God, through Jesus shows us mercy, we too must be merciful to others and make them know about the mercy of God. Salvation through Jesus is for everyone who believes in Him. Hence, we must not reject anyone nor feel rejected ourselves, but with confidence come to Jesus in faith and depend on the mercy of the lord.

JESUS, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS!

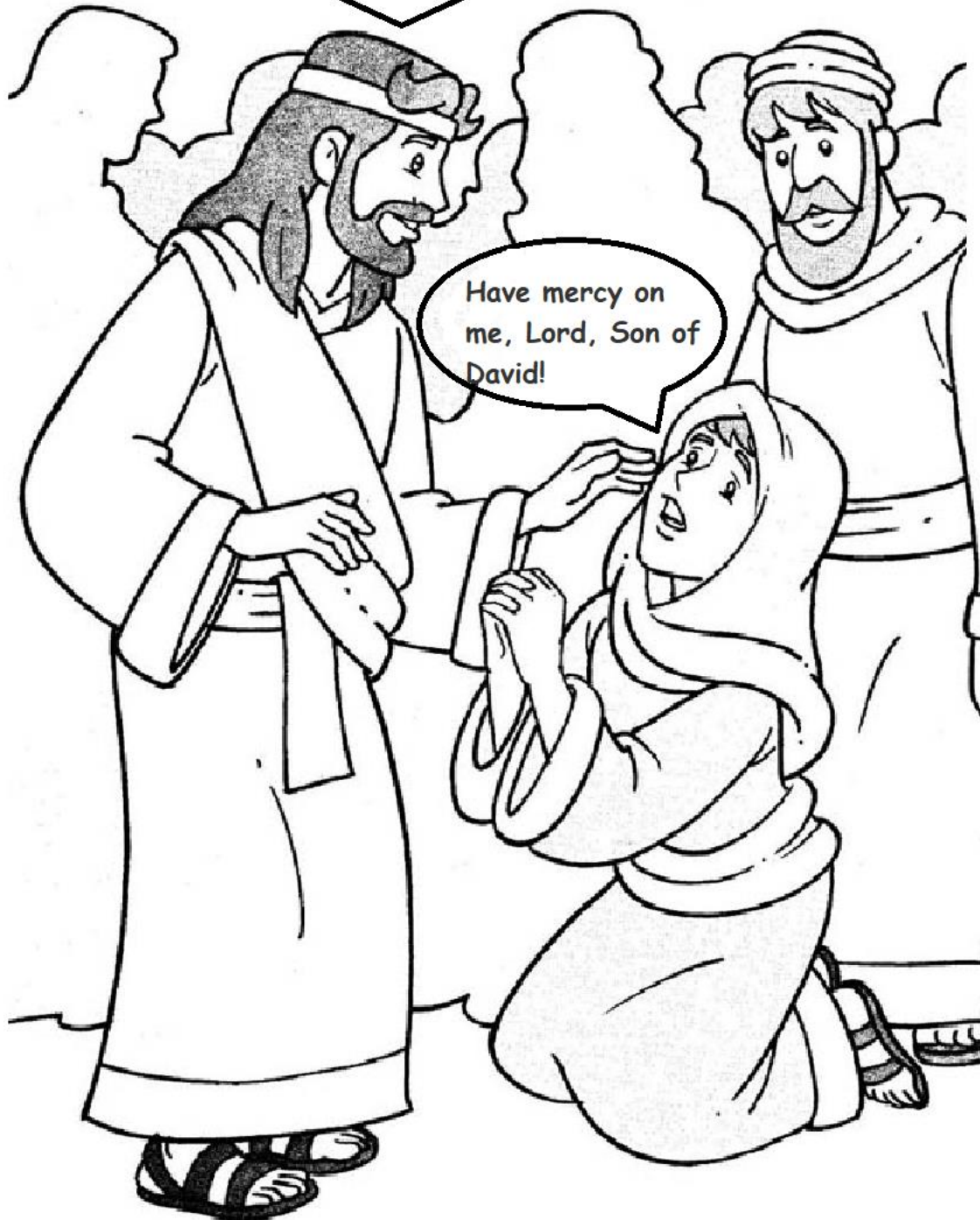
## VERSES OF THE WEEK

"Have mercy on me,  
Lord, Son of David!"  
-Matthew 15:22



COLOUR THE PICTURE!  
LOOK IN THE BIBLE TO COMPLETE THE VERSES GIVEN IN THE BOX.

“O woman, great is your  
-----! Let it be -----for  
you as you -----.”  
- Matthew 15:28



# WORDSEARCH

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## MAKE A 'PAPER PLATE FLOWER BASKET' FOR JESUS

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** PAPER PLATE, GLUE, SCISSORS, COLOURS, FLOWER VERSES TEMPLATES, DECORATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- \* TAKE A PAPER PLATE AND CUT AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE.
- \* CUT OUT THE FLOWER VERSE TEMPLATES AND COLOUR IT.
- \* STICK THEM ON TO THE PREPARED PAPER PLATE BASKET.
- \* DECORATE IT AND HANG IT.



faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
- Ephesians 2:8

faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.  
- Romans 10:17

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.  
-John 6:47

"whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."  
- Matthew 21:22

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. -1 John 5:4

For it is by grace  
You have been  
Saved through faith  
And this is not from  
Yourself it is a gift  
of God - not by works,  
So that no one can  
Boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

**DO YOU KNOW THIS SAINT?  
SHE IS KNOWN AS THE APOSTLE OF GOD'S  
MERCY.**



**A quote from her diary:**

**'The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive'. (Diary 1578).**