

Yr 2 Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man, Lesson Mark 2:1-12

Opening Prayer:

+God be merciful to me a sinner.

+God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

+I have sinned without number, forgive me O Lord”

We prayed this over the last few weeks. Praying it again will reinforce the teaching of this prayer. Like the Prodigal Son, the Publican and the Paralyzed Man from today's story we are all in need of forgiveness. This is a theme that is building as we get closer to Pascha (Easter).

Gospel: [Mark 2:1-12](#) - Click to follow link, or listen to the Gospel here:

https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/march_11_2012_mark_21_12_told_for_younger_children

Lesson: Jesus forgives sins.

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man when he saw him? He saw that the man had faith because he got his friends to help him get close to Jesus and He said “Your sins are forgiven”

Do you remember what sins are? Sins are things that we do to turn away from God. When we sin we are not doing as God who loves us so much would want us to do. Do you remember why the men were angry about this? Because they knew that only God can forgive sins. Jesus showed them that he had the power of God because he was God's Son. This means he wasn't just a good guy or just a special healer but God! This is very important for us to remember. He healed the man, to show them that he had power. The healing of the man was a wonderful thing, but the most wonderful thing for us to never forget is that Jesus can forgive our sins. This means He heals our heart/soul. This gives us peace. This helps us to love others. This brings us closer to Him!

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In Church: Like the last few weeks, listen for the prayer before Holy Communion. Pray it with everyone and practice making the sign of the cross three times as you pray. Be grateful to God that He loves us so much that He forgives our sins.