

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

October 2, 2016

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10



Exercising your Faith. Object: None Needed.

How many of you know what faith is? Faith is trusting in God and depending on him. Faith is like a muscle, if you exercise your faith every day, it will become stronger. We are sometimes very quick to say that we have faith in God. We say that we believe that He can do anything, but then we act as if everything depends on us.

One day, Jesus was teaching his disciples about the importance of forgiving others. He told them that even if someone sins against you seven times a day, you must forgive them every time. The disciples thought that would be a very hard thing to do, so they said to Jesus, "Show us how to increase our faith."

Jesus answered them, "If you had faith, even as small as a mustard seed, then you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

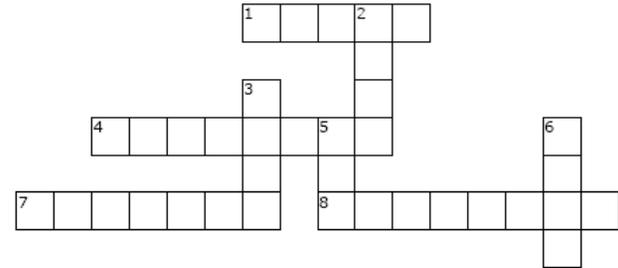
Wow, that is amazing faith, isn't it? Do you know why that is possible? It is because God's power doesn't depend on our strength. It all depends on him! There is a song that we sing that says it all. "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty. There's nothing my God cannot do!" All we need is a just a little bit of faith!

Dear Lord, help us to exercise our faith each day. Help us to remember that your strength is enough for anything we need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The word of the Lord endures forever.
That word is the good news that was announced to you. Alleluia
(1 Peter 1:25)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

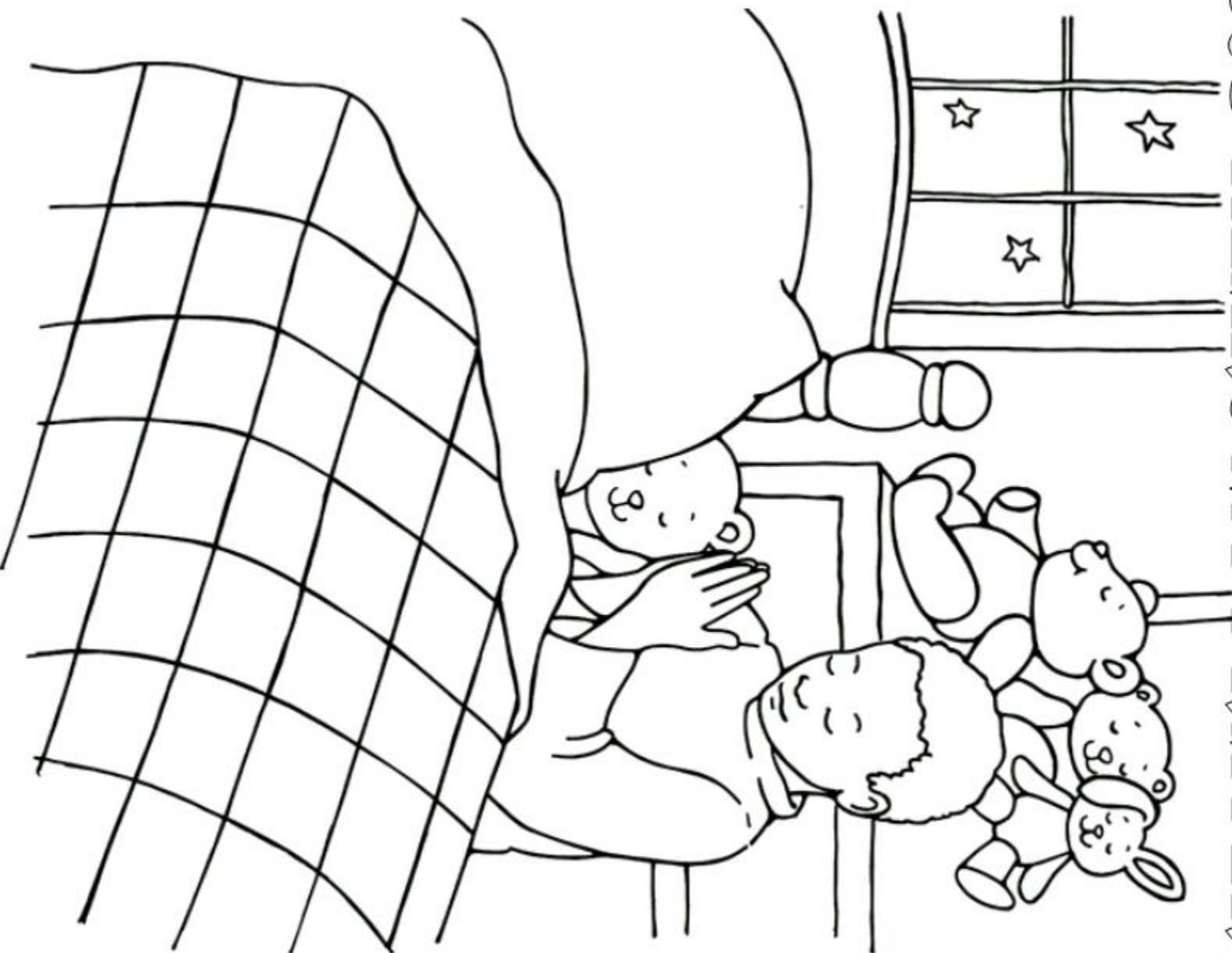
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| mustard | tree | seed | obey |
| faith | increase | sea | apostles |

FAITH BANNER: Cut a long piece of felt or cloth or even a long rectangle poster board and draw FAITH with markers going down the left side. Make the acrostic of F -antastic; A -dventure; I -n; T -rusting; H -im! Decorate with stickers or sequins, etc for a wall hanging.

MUSTARD SEED NECKLACE: Draw and cut out a small circle about the size of a medallion. Have the child draw a mustard seed on one side and on the other side of the medallion necklace, the child can write: WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.



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