

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



January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111 (10)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Following Jesus' Example of Love. Object: Rock, Scissors, Paper game.

"Rock, Scissors, Paper" is a game about who is the stronger. The Rock is strong, so it can break scissors, but scissors can cut paper, and the paper is stronger than the rock because paper can cover rock. Since each thing is stronger than something else, the stronger one wins.

In real life, some children may try to show that they are stronger than others by acting tough, by saying mean things, or picking on others that they think are weak, or even by beating up on other children.

In our Bible lesson, Jesus shows us how strong he is. One Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. There was a man there who was possessed by an evil spirit.

Jesus spoke to the evil spirit, "Come out!" The evil spirit did exactly what Jesus told it to do. The people couldn't believe that Jesus was stronger than the evil spirit.

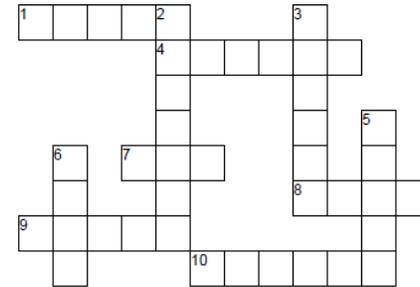
Jesus showed that he has power over evil. Jesus never uses his strength to hurt people. Jesus came to earth to show God's love for us. When we follow Jesus' example, we will use our strength in a loving way to help others.

Dear Father, help us to show Jesus' love as he showed your love and to follow his example and use our strength to help others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:16)

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

1. The Son of God
4. To be extremely surprised
7. An adult male human being
8. Immoral, bad, or wicked
9. To instruct or train someone
10. A supernatural being such as a demon

VERTICAL

2. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
3. Human beings; men, women and children
5. Making very little or no noise
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

TEACH	PEOPLE	SABBATH	EVIL	QUIET
JESUS	MAN	AMAZED	OBEY	SPIRIT

POWER BOOK MARKER: Give the child a strip of card stock. Punch a hole in the top of the strip to insert a piece of colorful yarn. Write the letters P- O-W- E-R vertically down the strip of card stock. Give the child stickers, markers, and glitter to decorate the book marker. Share that the bookmarker will help to remind them of Jesus' love and power and strength.



FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE OF LOVE



Jesus is more powerful than anything!