

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

August 21, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



Jesus Heals on the Sabbath. *Object: None Needed.*

In today's Bible reading, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath when he saw a woman who was crippled. She had been bent over for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over to him, touched her and said, "Woman, you are healed!" Instantly she could stand up straight. She was so happy that she began to praise God!

You would think that everyone in the synagogue that day would be happy and join the woman in praising God. Not so! The leader in charge of the synagogue was very angry that Jesus had healed the woman on the Sabbath day. He told the crowd, "There are six days of the week for working. Come on those days and be healed, but not on the Sabbath."

Jesus answered the leader of the synagogue, "You hypocrite! All of you work on the Sabbath! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey and lead it out for water? Doesn't this dear woman deserve to be healed, even on the Sabbath?" The leader was shamed, but the other people were happy and rejoiced at all of the wonderful things that Jesus did.

Jesus knew that rules are important, but he knew that the needs of people are more important. You and I need to learn that lesson as well. Whenever we see someone in need, the most important thing is to help them, no matter when or where it may be.

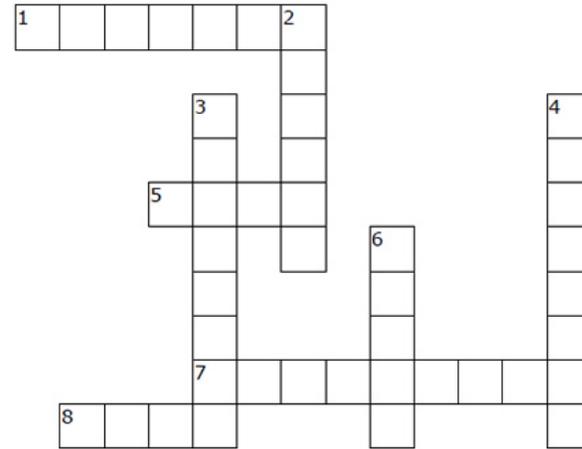
Father, help us to follow the example that Jesus has set for us. Help us to place the needs of others ahead of any rules we may have. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The crowd was rejoicing at the wonderful things that Jesus was doing. Alleluia (Luke 13:17)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The day set aside for rest and worship
5. Not limited or controlled by anything
7. A person who pretends to be what he is not
8. To be changed from an originally straight position

DOWN

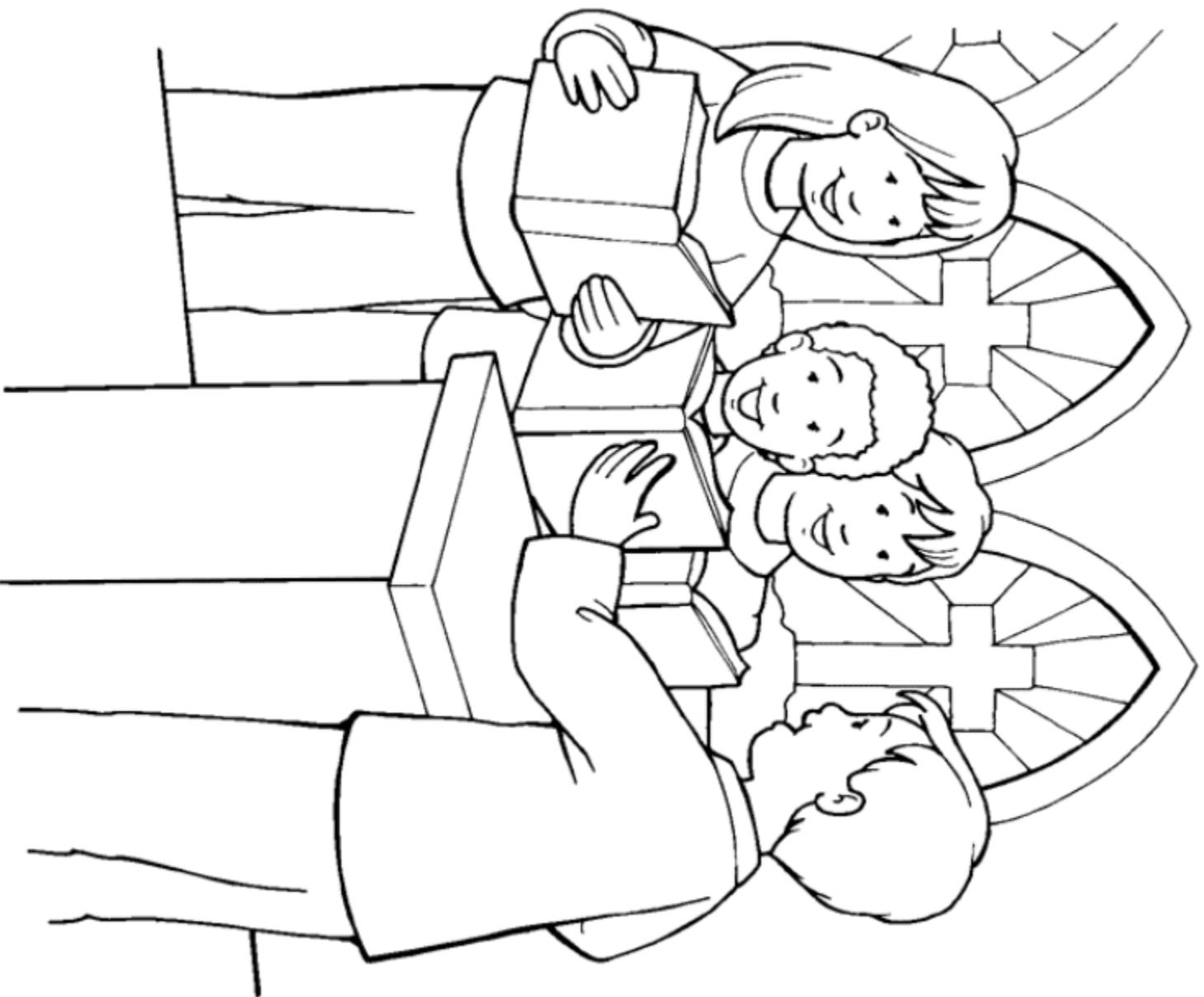
2. To be cured from illness or injury
3. Not bent or curved
4. To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
6. To instruct or give knowledge to another person

FREE	TEACH	HEALED	STRAIGHT
BENT	HYPOCRITE	SABBATH	CRIPPLED

PAPER BAG PUPPET HELPERS: Provide the child with a small paper lunch bag, markers, yarn, stickers and pieces of cloth or felt, to make a "paper bag puppet helper". Encourage the child to write on the bag puppet "Be a Helper for Jesus", or "I am Jesus' Helper". The child can decorate the bag puppet to look like themselves with yarn for the hair, buttons for the eyes and cloth for the clothing.

HELP TICKETS: Give the child small pieces of paper, stickers and markers to make HELP TICKETS, to give to others to let them know they are willing to HELP them, such as "this ticket is good for one clean bedroom, or this ticket is good for washing your dishes, or cleaning the garage, or sweeping the floor, or putting the trash out, or wiping off the table, putting the dishes away, or reading the Bible to you," etc.

LET'S PRAISE JESUS!



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