

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



September 9, 2018

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125 (1)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37



Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

Object: You might like to learn and demonstrate a few simple signs

used by the deaf.

Can you imagine what it would be like to be deaf? Just imagine all of the things you would miss. You wouldn't be able to hear the voices of your family, your friends, the barking of a dog or the meowing of a kitten. You might be able to feel the vibrations, but you wouldn't be able to hear the sound of music. (If time permits, you might let the children name some other things they would miss.)

Many people who are deaf or hearing impaired are able to communicate with others through the use of sign language, but, not everyone you meet does know sign language. The deaf community can enjoy going to the movies if they have subtitles or watch television if it has captions, but otherwise, it can be difficult. If a person is not totally deaf, hearing aids can help. I guess the best solution for a deaf person would be a total cure for deafness. That is what Jesus did for a deaf man in our Bible lesson today.

One day, Jesus was in an area of the Sea of Galilee called the Decapolis. (That means Ten Towns.) A man who was deaf and could hardly talk was brought to Jesus by some of his friends. They begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man and heal him.

Jesus led the man away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit on his own fingers and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be Opened!" What do you think happened? Immediately, the man could hear perfectly, and he could speak plainly!

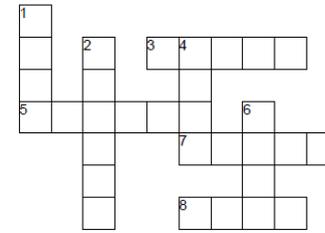
The people who had brought the man to Jesus were totally amazed. They said, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

These friends cared for the man so much that they wanted him to see Jesus. We, too, can help our friends to know Jesus. Who can you tell about Jesus' love?

Healing God, we are thankful for all that you have done for us. Help us to tell our friends about Jesus, the one who does everything well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. The Son of God.
5. One of the four extremities of the hand, other than the thumb.
7. To use the voice to say words or converse with someone.
8. To say, or to give information to someone.

DOWN

1. Unable to hear.
2. The fleshy part inside the mouth used in tasting and in speech.
4. The two organs on each side of the head which people use to hear.
6. To make someone healthy again.

SPEAK	HEAL	TONGUE	TELL
JESUS	FINGER	DEAF	EARS

Activity: With the help of an adult, use the internet to learn a few words in sign language. Please and thank you are great words to begin with. See if you can use them, and then teach the rest of your family.

Family Table Prayer for September

Thank you for the earth so sweet.
 Thank you for the food we eat.
 Thank you for the birds that sing.
 Thank you, God, for everything!

September Memory Verse: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!
 ~ Philippians 4:4

JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN

MARK 7:31-37

