

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
MARK 1:29-39

NAME: _____



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Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark and Jesus continues to perform miracles everywhere he goes. Today Jesus helps the mother-in-law of Simon who is sick. Jesus shows his compassion by healing her. Jesus then goes on to heal all those who seek him out. He shows his love for ALL those who need God's healing.

This is as important today as it was when Jesus walked the earth! Jesus came for *ALL OF US!* Not just one group of people or another. *God loves us all* - and his Son Jesus Christ cured anyone who believed and asked for his help!

Why is this important? Jesus walked the earth during the time of the Roman empire - people were identified and separated by their religion (Jew or Gentile) and their citizenship (you were either a Roman citizen or not). Even within his Jewish faith, there were many rules and customs you had to follow to be in "good" standing with God! As the Son of God, Jesus shows us by his words and actions that we are called to love and show compassion to EVERYONE.

FOR MORE FUN

- ★ What did Jesus do after he cured many people?
- ★ How do you think Jesus felt to have crowds of people trying to touch him and be cured? How did he stay strong in fulfilling his mission on earth?
- ★ While miracles occur everyday through prayer, sometimes we can get discouraged *when our prayers are not answered as we would like!* It is important to remember how Jesus always persevered in prayer, even when His life became difficult! We too must do the same. When you find yourself discouraged say, "*Jesus, I Trust In You!*"

