

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NAME: _____

MARK 1:40-45



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Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and in the Gospel Jesus continues his public ministry by performing one of his most famous miracles – *the curing of a man with leprosy*. When Jesus walked the earth, people who had this disease were “banished” - they were not allowed to live near other people. While this was partly because leprosy is highly contagious (easy to get from another person if you are near them), people with this disease were outcast because they were also hard to look at! Most times they had huge sores all over their bodies and many of them were blind as a result of the disease.

Lepers (people with leprosy) would often be found outside a village or city begging for food or money. Jesus sees a man with leprosy, “takes pity” on him and touches him! Again, Jesus shows us by his life and example that *we are called to love everyone the way God loves each one of us!* This act also showed Jesus' disciples that he is not afraid, for he has complete trust in God as he fulfills his mission on earth.



FOR MORE FUN



- ★ What does Jesus do in this Gospel that is radical? Jesus wants to touch us too! He is with us every time we receive the Eucharist!
- ★ What does Jesus tell the Leper to do? Why do you think the Leper did not listen to him? Put yourselves in his shoes, what would you do? Do you witness your faith to others when your prayers are answered?!

- ★ This Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent begins! Print out the Lent calendar on CatholicMom.com under the Sunday Gospel Activities and post it someplace you will see it everyday (like an Advent Calendar). Make this Lent the best one ever for you and your family!