

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NAME: _____

MARK 7:31-37



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Jesus continues his mission to bring hope and healing to all those he meets during his time on earth! In today's Gospel passage, a man who could not speak or hear is brought to Jesus by his friends and family. They plead with Jesus to heal him! Jesus takes him away from the crowd and touches the man's ears and tongue and prays to his Heavenly Father to open the man's ears and allow him to speak. God answers his prayers, and the man is healed. All are amazed! While Jesus instructs them to tell no one, they cannot contain their joy and go on to share the Good News of this miracle!

FOR MORE FUN

- ★ *God answers our prayers!* Is there someone in your life that needs the healing touch of Jesus? Pray for that person, and ask your family to pray for them too. We must have faith that **all things are possible with God!**
- ★ Just as the healed man's friends and family witness and share the good news of the miracle, *we are also called to share when Jesus helps us!* If you have an opportunity to tell someone something amazing Jesus has done for you – be brave and speak up! You might be planting the seeds for someone else to deepen their relationship with Jesus!
- ★ We receive the living body of Jesus every time we receive the Eucharist! The next time you receive communion, *pray to Jesus to open your ears so you can hear what he is asking of you, and to guide your words and actions so others might come to know him through all that you do.*